

MC Sask Council Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2018

6.00 pm at MCC Centre

Present: Ken Warkentin, Terry Stefaniuk, Pauline Steinman, Sharon Schultz, Gordon Peters, Ryan Siemens

Regrets: Craig Neufeld, Myrna Wiebe, Berny Wiens

1. Opening: Ryan
2. Adopt Minutes of Jan 10 meeting,
Approved by consensus.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
None
4. Reports
 - a) Moderator's report, as per written report, This will be Ken's last meeting as Moderator, thanked all for being able to work with him. Many thanks
 - b) Chair of Finance, Gordon provided Council with an updated Budget following personnel committee's decision to recommend Marianne be moved to full time.

M/S Terry/Gordon that Marianne be moved to full time, effective April 1, 2018; carried.

Gordon also reported on his meeting with Tom McKenzie of McKenzie and Co concerning using them as our auditors for this year. They are offering a good price and are familiar with non-profit audits.

M/S Gordon/Terry, that MC Sask and on behalf of our camps, retain McKenzie & Co to act as auditors for the next 5 years, carried

- c) Executive Minister's report, as per written report, with the following additions; Ryan will be part of a workshop known as New Leaf, meeting in Saskatoon in April with 3 different foci for church rejuvenation, a business approach, a reboot, and a traditional one. Ryan will be spending 3 days in the Wymark area working through options with Emmaus church. Kirsten is scheduled to return to her regular job at the beginning of April.
 - d) Nominations report; as per written report, a number of openings still on the Shekinah board
5. ADS update, parliamentarian needed, the rest of the meeting is planned and ready for Swift Current in March.
6. Renew, Refresh, Refocus, a full report submitted to the ADS report book, consists of a 3 year plan for churches and MC Sask to work through
7. CMU update, CMU is reviewing the support that exists to create a Master's of Divinity program. Since very few Canadian students are studying at AMBS, they need support from their constituency to go ahead with the planning needed to create the program. **Agreement in principal that MC Sask Council write a letter of support to CMU to create a M Div program.**

8. Shekinah Update; a program director has been hired, Craig Friesen, Ken will contact Shekinah board chair concerning the status of Matt Wiens as board member, would be seen as conflict of interest. Council is recommending that he resign from the board. The search for an Executive Director continues. The ad hoc committee reviewing the long term financial condition/stability of Shekinah has almost completed its work and is almost ready to deliver their report.
9. Youth Farm Bible Camp, Riding Area update. Mark Wurtz has completed his consultations with MC Sask, the Youth Farm Complex Board to get approval to build a riding barn for a new equestrian program.
M/S Pauline/Sharon that MC Sask supports this initiative, and that it be presented at the ADS for final approval, carried.
10. Witness Support Teams (WST) Proposal, further discussion on this is tabled for the next council meeting. The proposed WST document needs a lot of work before workers and churches can fully support it.
11. Job Descriptions update; Work has been done on Ryan's job description, it clarifies his role as Executive Minister for MC Sask. With Kirsten returning in April, her work will be split into 2 areas, ½ as Youth minister and the other half as congregational engagement. A new role for MC Sask and will take over some of the Executive Minister's work when dealing with congregations. Ryan is looking for comments on the draft descriptions included in the docket.
12. Ryan received an invitation from MCC Sask to join in a learning tour of Israel and Palestine in Oct 2018. Council felt that this was not the year to undertake this particular learning tour.
13. Next meeting dates, April 11 and May 30.
14. Adjourned