

MC Sask Council Minutes ~ Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 PM ~ MCC Centre, Saskatoon

***Present:** Pauline Steinmann, Sharon Schultz, Terry Stefaniuk, Gordon Peters, Ryan Siemens, Kirsten Hamm-Epp

Regrets: Myrna Wiebe, Rod Suderman, Andrea Enns-Gooding, Berny Wiens

Attachments: December 5, 2018 Council Minutes; Reports: Executive Minister, Regional Minister, Moderator, and Finance.

****Quorum not attained, therefore, at this meeting it is not possible for Council to officially move forward with multiple items. All items still discussed, with recommendations regarding decisions being sent to all Council members for consideration via email.***

1. Welcome: Terry Stefaniuk
2. Opening and Prayer: Ryan Siemens
3. Approval of the Agenda – ***skipped***
4. Adoption of Minutes: December 5, 2018 – ***skipped***
5. Business Arising – ***for discussion only***
 - a. Annual Delegate Session schedule update
 - b. Selection process for MC Canada Annual Gathering delegates
 - c. ***Both items added to New Business below***
6. Reports: *(see attachments)*
 - a. Moderator: Terry Stefaniuk
 - i. Additional speaking engagements: March 10 – Waldheim, March 3 - Laird
 - b. Executive Minister: Ryan Siemens
 - i. Joint Council in Saskatoon; Sip, Sing, and Socialize Jan. 26, 7pm
 - ii. Mission Consultation Attendees, March 29-31 in Calgary: Ryan Siemens, Kirsten Hamm-Epp, Sharon Schultz, Andrea Enns-Gooding, Claire Ewert Fisher, Jeanette Hanson
 - iii. *Request noted for names to be added to reports moving forward*
 - c. Regional Church Minister: Kirsten Hamm-Epp
 - i. Will begin spending one afternoon/week on RJC Campus as a trial period from Feb-June 2019. If all goes well, the plan would be to create an official 'Youth Pastor for all students' position moving forward.
 - ii. *Reminder to be cautious of time allotment and ensuring proper time is spent on donor relations and church engagement*
 - iii. Will be at Tiefengrund on Jan. 27 with SMYO Committee
 - iv. All staff will be at Shekinah on Jan. 22 for a Communications/Planning Retreat, the office will be closed
 - d. Approval of Reports – ***skipped***
7. 2018 Financial Report and 2019 Budget Approval – ***for discussion only***
 - a. Discussion:
 - i. Shekinah Mortgage (approx. \$75,000) came through our books, the auditor will likely remove this from our totals

- ii. \$16,000 draw from bequest reserves in the end was not needed, this will be put back
- iii. MC Canada budget line should show full commitment in expenses of \$127,000 – not accounting for direct donations to MC Canada
- iv. We should continue to aim for \$480,000 of donations, above the 2018 actual donations
- v. AMBS contribution should be discussed at ADS to clarify that we still want to support pastoral training, but that training for ‘our’ people is now happening at CMU (or will be happening very soon)
 - 1. So people are prepared *before* budget is discussed

b. Budget as amended will be sent to the full Council via email for approval

8. New Business

a. ADS 2019 Schedule

- i. March 8-9/2019 at Zoar Mennonite, Waldheim, with Eigenheim
- ii. Speaker: David Fitch
- iii. Ken Warkentin from MCM will be with us, as well as Henry Patkau and Arlyn Epp Friesen from MC Canada
- iv. Pastor’s Gathering and Tours Friday afternoon, done by 5pm Saturday
- v. Revisions from previous years: breakout sessions have been removed/ replaced with times of reporting and discussion with the full gathering
 - 1. Half an hour for schools (RJC, CMU, AMBS)
 - 2. Half an hour for camps (Elim, Shekinah, Youth Farm)
 - 3. Half an hour for MC Sask Ministries (PLC, Council, Ministries)
 - a. Ideally, questions for delegate consideration/feedback would be in the written report in Report Book
 - 4. *Restorative Justice is the one category that’s missing*
- vi. Formal memorial service is not being done; names of all those who have been baptized and deceased will be printed but not read, with candles lit for each
- vii. Question has come up of moving our ADS to May; would this increase attendance?
 - 1. Will be a question in this year’s evaluation forms; do we test this?
 - 2. Make sure we provide explanation – snowbirds

b. MC Canada Delegate Selection

- i. Coming up with a formula for delegates has been difficult
- ii. Council Delegates: Pauline, Sharon, Andrea, Rod, Terry, Gordon
 - 1. Good diversification/representation
- iii. Eight others from MC Sask: suggestions discussed
- iv. Goal to introduce and approve them all at the ADS
- v. Funding – what would we like to cover for all delegates?
- vi. We will put \$15,000 in budget for this (roughly \$1,000 per person), but ask delegates to check if their home congregations would be willing to cover part as well; ideally a 50/50 (\$500:\$500) split
 - 1. The hope is to spend less, but budget for the full amount
- vii. \$400 for flight/travel; \$600 for registration and accommodation

9. Future Meeting Dates and Times

- a. March 21, at 6:00pm, at MCC Centre (note: Thursday)
- b. May 1, at 6:00pm, at MCC Centre

Minutes from MC Sask Council email meeting; February 01, 2019

Present: Gordon Peters, Terry Stefaniuk, Pauline Steinmann, Sharon Schultz, Rod Suderman, Andrea Enns-Gooding, Kirsten Hamm-Epp, Ryan Siemens

Regrets: Myrna Wiebe, Bernie Wiens

Agenda

- A. Discussion and decisions regarding 2018 financial statements and 2019 proposed budget:
 - a. **Motion 20190201-01:** to designate the \$3000 budgeted for MC Canada delegates in 2018 for the 2019 MC Canada Gathering. Gordon/Pauline. **Carried.**
 - b. **Motion 20190201-02:** to approve the updated 2018 financial statements and 2019 budget as amended. Gordon/Pauline. **Carried.**

- B. **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes recorded by Marianne Siemens