

MINUTES

Called to Hear

1. Morning Gathering Worship – led by Kristen Hamm-Epp

2. Morning Business Session 1

- a. Welcome by Terry Stefaniuk, MC Saskatchewan Moderator, and introductions of guests.
 - i. 119 persons registered: 75 delegates, 25 guests and 19 non-delegates.
 - ii. All 25 MC Saskatchewan churches are represented.
- b. Approval of Minutes of 2020 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions (as presented in Report Book page 45- 48)

**Motion: To adopt the minutes from the 2020 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions.
Moved by MC Sask Council; Seconded by Claire Ewert. Carried.**

- c. Reports:
 - i. Moderator’s Report, Terry Stefaniuk (page 8)
 - ii. Executive Minister Report, Ryan Siemens (pages 9-10); also note Regional Church Minister Report, Kirsten Hamm-Epp (page 11) and Church Engagement Minister Report, Josh Wallace (page 12)
 - iii. Greetings from Leah Reesor-Keeler (MCEC); greetings from Doug Klassen, MC Canada;
 - iv. Note Slate of Nominations (page 5). Call for further nominations.

3. Small Group Break-Out Rooms:

Questions for Discussion:

“How has the pandemic forced your congregation or organization to expose your limitations and vulnerabilities in the light of Christ?”

“In this time of wilderness journey where have you heard God calling your congregation or organization to help shine Christ’s light.”

4. Morning Business Session 2

- a. Finance Report, Gordon Peters, Chair of Finance (page 13 and forward)
 - i. Highlights and information regarding having a review engagement instead of an audit.

- ii. Despite COVID-19 all MC Sask operations ended up in the black/positive financially due to hard work, innovation, and subsidies.
- iii. Questions and discussion.

Motion: That the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Council be authorized to approve the December 31, 2020 Financial Statements when released by McKenzie and Co. Moved by Gordon Peters; Seconded by Allan Laughlin seconded. Carried.

- iv. Gordon highlighted on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.

5. **Approval of Reports** – Terry Stefaniuk

Motion: To approve MC Sask reports as presented in the 2021 Report Book. Moved by MC Sask Council; Seconded by Peter Nicolson. Carried.

6. Ryan Siemens, Executive Minister, led sharing from congregations closing:

- Lois Siemens, Superb Mennonite Church closed May 31, 2020
- Gary Peters & Steve Kroeger, Hanley Mennonite, closing April 4, 2021
- Liz Baerwald, Zoar Mennonite, closing April 11, 2021

Prayer of Celebration and Blessing by Ryan Siemens;

Song VT 553 *How Many Times We Start Again*

Celebration and Worship – Baptisms, Memorials

7. Break for Lunch

8. Gathering Songs

9. Break-Out Rooms x 2 – facilitated discussions.

Options included:

- Camps (Camp Elim, Shekinah, Youth Farm Bible Camp)
- Restorative Justice (Micah Mission, CoSA South Saskatchewan, Parkland Restorative Justice)
- Schools (RJC, CMU, AMBS)
- MC Canada Programming (International Witness, Indigenous-Settler Relations, CommonWord)
- MC Sask Programming (PLC, Ministries, Youth Farm Complex)
- Partner Agencies (Mennonite Historical Society, MCC< Canadian Mennonite)

10. Approval of Nominations

Motion: To accept the nominations slate for 2021.

Moved by Anna Rehan, Chair of Nominations Committee; Seconded by Dave Feick. Carried.

11. Approval of Budget and Auditor Review – Terry Stefaniuk

Motion: To accept the 2021 budget as presented. Moved by Gordon Peters; Seconded by Myrna Wiebe. Carried.

Motion: That McKenzie and Co. be appointed to provide Mennonite Church Saskatchewan with a Review Engagement for the fiscal year, 2021. Moved by Gordon Peters; Seconded by Ted Janzen. Carried.

12. Announcements – Kristen Hamm-Epp
 - a) MC Sask Office – 3 additional worship services will be available for April 18, May 2, and May 23.
 - b) Song Fest of Thanksgiving is being planned for October 15 & 16.
 - c) Youth Retreat will be virtual on March 27th.
13. Closing - Terry Stefaniuk thanked all that were involved in making the session today successful. Thanks to all guests and delegates for your participation and commitment.
14. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM
15. Closing Worship – Josh Wallace

/minutes recorded by C. Epp