

## MC Sask General Council Meeting

January 15, 2020

### Minutes

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Present: Terry Stefaniuk, Gordon Peters, Ryan Siemens, Pauline Steinmann, Bernie Wiens, Christine Epp

Connected by Phone: Sharon Schultz

Guests: Henry Funk, Tim Wiens

Regrets: Andrea Enns-Gooding, Rod Suderman

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Welcome – Terry Stefaniuk

1. Opening – Terry Stefaniuk
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Move Tim Wiens' business re by-laws to beginning to of new business
  - b. Add in other business – reporting council highlights to Ministries
  - c. Add in other business – Camp Elim
  - d. Approved by consensus
3. Adoption of Minutes of Nov 5, 2019 – approved by consensus
4. Business Arising:
  - a. In-camera piece to be approved re Executive Minister role description
5. Reports:
  - a. Moderator's Report – as distributed;
  - b. Finance Report – our internal year-end statement as distributed;
  - c. Executive Minister Report – as distributed; Discussion of proposal of a new position, using MC Canada Witness funds, for MC Sask to hire a Regional Church Mission Minister and the upcoming work of the Joint Council. Idea presented by Gordon: use this position proposal as an Appeal at the ADS in March; Or, Appeal for Mennonite World Conference. Honouring the Earth Day in April – discussion on the planning of this event.  
**ACTION:** Ryan will be sure to assure Scott F. that this is not his responsibility.
6. New Business:
  - a. By-laws and Policy Updates – Tim Wiens
    - i. Process:
      1. Notice has been given to delegates
      2. Recommend that we send the resolution along the package with wording:  
“We accept the changes as presented for MC Sask, Governing Bodies of MC Sask, MC Sask external appointments, MC Sask related organizations.”
      3. Review of documents distributed by Tim. **ACTION:** MC Sask office to send these, watermarked as FINAL DRAFT, to churches as soon as

possible. They will also be included, with the resolution, in the booklet prior to ADS.

4. Under External Appointments and Related Organizations – add MC Canada
  5. Re Nominations – discussion; Confirmed that MC Sask Council to appoint persons (or decide how they are appointed). (see MC Sask External Appointments)
  6. Still work to be done on HR and Finance policies. This will not be completed prior to ADS. These are guiding documents for Council, not for the general delegates to vote on.
- b. Leadership Assembly: Feedback to Terry – Minutes have not been distributed; Have name tags and whom they represent (available to create upon arrival); Discussion of what the purpose of the meeting? We need to be able to communicate, much clearer, what the purpose is. Make it exciting and engaging to people are excited to come and participate.
- c. MC Canada: Purpose Statement responses
- i. Terry emailed us (late December) documents from MC Canada  
**ACTION:** please review and send input back to Terry  
Terry distributed our response to the Goal (in docket) document that came from MC Canada. We are asked to provide feedback on these. Where do we see the regional church fitting into these?  
**ACTION:** Send your feedback to Terry as soon as possible. Suggest edits, prioritize, generate new or alternatives, etc.  
Discussion about how this process is going. Terry will make a draft document reflecting what he has heard in our discussion and send it to us tomorrow for immediate **ACTION** responses and feedback. He will then take it to Joint Council next week.
- d. MC Sask's Purpose Statement work done at Leadership Assembly in November. What are the next steps we would like to do with this? How can we capture this in an engaging and modern way? Infographic? Can we distill this at a meeting? There is a tentative date set for a Spring Visioning Day - April 25<sup>th</sup>, with a facilitator.  
**ACTION** :If you have suggestions for facilitators send name to Ryan.
- e. ADS: Update
- i. Alex Tiessen has been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Council needs to recruit another person for Nominating Committee. **ACTION:** Terry will call Ask Alan Laughlin, Rabbit Lake.
  - ii. Nominations update (from Anna Rehan)
    1. For Executive: Terry Stefaniuk (completing Term 1, 2020) and Gordon Peters (Term 2, 2020) have both agreed to let their names stand for another term.
    2. For Council Members: Pauline Steinmann (Term 1, 2020) and Rod Suderman (Term 1, 2020) have both agreed to let their names stand for another term.
- f. Draft Budget – as handed out in person by Gordon.  
**ACTION:** review and we will discuss at next meeting pre-ADS.

- g. Thank you Bernie – 3 Terms of Service on MC Sask Council
- h. Thank you for Council
- i. Council reporting to Commissions: Sharon asks, as currently filling in for Kirsten (will be replaced by Josh in February), re her role is as liaison with Ministries Commission. We suggest she can tell them talking out by-laws, feedback from Leadership Assembly, outreach, mission, etc. Keep it big picture.
- j. Camp Elim – Ryan noted that the camp periodically gets requests from lake/lease-holders re moving docks, etc. – MC Sask is officially the owner. Practice is that Camp Elim acts on our behalf. Lorna, the Board chair is asking MC Sask for formalization of this process (MOU) and how we will be informed. **ACTION:** Ryan will ask Lorna to make the request to Council in writing.
- k. **Future Meeting Dates:**
  - i. February 5, 2020 @ 6 PM at MCC – **ACTION:** Gordon does opening!
  - ii. March 13-14, 2020 - Annual Delegate Session @ First Mennonite
  - iii. Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – Council Meeting @ 6 pm, MCC
  - iv. Saturday, April 25, 2020 – Visioning Retreat (location to be announced)
  - v. Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Council Meeting
  - vi. August TBA – Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm  
Minutes recorded by Christine Epp

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