

MC Sask General Council Meeting

April 14, 2020 via Zoom

Minutes

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

1. Welcome & Opening – Terry Stefaniuk
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved by consensus
3. Check in and round-table introductions
4. Adoption of Minutes of February 5, 2020 – approved by consensus
 - a. Notes
 - i. Ryan Wood, RJC will be invited to a future date
 - ii. Visioning Retreat scheduled for April 25th is postponed
5. Reports:
 - a. Moderator's Report - Terry (verbal)
 - i. Decision to postpone ADM
 - ii. RJC – fundraising has stopped; some student applicants for next year; some staff have been laid off and some have taken reduction in pay; made decisions re insurance of property and vehicles; foreign students have all returned home; online classes and chapels.
 - iii. Shekinah – bookings were great however now cancellations have taken place; have mortgage deferral; staff laid off except co-executive directors.
 - iv. Thanks to Ryan for this work during this challenging time.
 - b. Finance Report – Gordon (verbal)
 - i. Review of the Budget vs Actuals January – March 2020 as provided
 - ii. Observation – our income is better than last year year-to-date
 - iii. Partner ministries payments are suspended, except MC Canada, at this time.
 - iv. Wage subsidies have been applied for.
 - v. Audited statements discussion – overall a good year
 - c. Executive Minister Report – Ryan (as provided in docket)
 - i. Reflections on attendance at MCBC ADS and speaker Daniel Whitehead of Sanctuary Ministries re mental health. Idea – bring him to Saskatchewan sometime in the future.

- ii. Reflection on MCBC's ability to strengthen and revitalize of church vs participation in national church
 - iii. Financially, MC Canada is doing OK
 - iv. Staffing – as presented
 - v. Donations to camp received – pass it on as an addition to conference amount; let's make policy about these types of designated donations. We need to educate our constituency about how this works and challenges.
 - vi. Urgent needs at RJC – a concern.
 - vii. Fundraising during this time – we need to be collaborative and make a collective plan during this time.
 - d. Discussion from reports - none
6. Other Business:
- a. Tentative Draft ADS agenda for April 25, 2020 meeting (in docket) – review; we will have a “test” session to work out technical issues; discussion of how we can have a hope-filled experience. Ryan and Terry will discuss further.
 - b. Idea – if this virus and social isolation continues for the long-term we need to reach out to churches to encourage and build capacity to meet as small groups/meet alternatively.
 - c. No in-camera meeting tonight.
7. Next Meeting Dates:
- a. June 9th. Details to come closer to the date. Andrea has opening.
8. Closing Prayer: Ryan Siemens

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes recorded by Christine Epp