

MC Sask Council Minutes
June 9, 2020
6:00 PM
MCC Centre Saskatoon

- 1) Welcome & Sharing: Terry Stefaniuk
 - 2) Opening: Andrea Enns-Gooding
 - 3) Approval of the Agenda – passed by consensus.
 - 4) Adoption of Minutes: pages 3-4; passed by consensus
 - 5) Business Arising:
 - a. Acknowledgement of the following actions taken by email:
 - i. MC Sask ADS Registration fees: Approved by electronic vote that fees for MC Sask Council members not covered by congregations will be reimbursed by MC Sask.
 - ii. Shekinah CEBA loan application: Approved by electronic vote that the Shekinah Retreat Centre has permission to apply for this federal government program.
 1. It is noted that Shekinah has applied for the CEWS.
 - 6) Reports:
 - a. Moderator: Terry Stefaniuk
 - i. Thank you to all those that have worked extra hard on behalf of MC Sask
 - ii. MC Canada: Update from Joint Council
 1. MWC: COVID19 support
 2. Regional churches: COVID19 support
 3. International Witness: Janette continues to reach out
 4. Finances: remain a concern
 5. Staff largely working from home
 6. MC Canada: annual delegate meeting
 - a. Thoughts on inviting those that attended in Abbotsford to be guests at the meeting and ask questions they may have
 - iii. RJC Board Meeting: discussion
 - b. Finance: Gordon Peters pages: 5-8
 - i. Federal Government funding applications: CEWS was successful and we are receiving funds to help cover payroll. Suggestion to update congregation how MC Sask is doing financially. (normal patterns, up to date with commitments and therefore show a deficient currently)
- Item 8 a – inserted here*
- c. Executive Minister: Ryan Siemens pages: 9-10
 - i. Regional Minister: Highlights visit with Kristen; leaning to returning as 0.6 FT; youth program needs evaluation.

- ii. Consider grants & bequests ad hoc committee; a stewardship or legacy committee. **ACTION:** Ryan and Gordon will meet to move the process forward with ideas and share with council.
 - iii. Visioning Day – originally planned for April – thought we should move this to November 2020. Discussion: should we bring in Betty Pries? Should we meet in person vs. Zoom as a small group? November or wait until 2021?
ACTION Council decided that Ryan will call Betty to explore leading us, remotely, in November. Ryan will update Council after that conversation.
 - iv. Camps: Update Elim and Shekinah have cancelled. Rosthern might run day camps later in summer.
- d. Regional Church Minister: on maternity leave
- i. Executive Minister will report

7) New Business

- a. RJC: Ryan Wood, Principal and Tammy Forrester, Board Chair, joined us at 7 PM. Ryan shared a document to start conversation.
 - i. Questions and discussion:
 1. Students from Mennonite background 20% vs 80% not – why would this be?
 2. Turn Around strategy is a bold campaign – how have things changed since COVID19? What is the bottom line if things do not progress as planned?
 3. How do you foresee the relationship between MC Sask and RJC moving forward?
 4. Would it be easier to be in a bigger city like Saskatoon vs small town like Rosthern?
 - ii. Terry thanked Ryan and Tammy for coming.
 - iii. Discussion and reflections
- b. Auditor: Gordon Peters shared concerns about our current auditors and audit vs review of books. Discussion. **ACTION:** Gordon and Ryan will discuss this further, gather data, provide options and will follow up with Council.
- c. Canadian Mennonite: Discussion of attached letter (Ryan Siemens) pages 11-15
 - i. We (MC Canada and MC Sask) need a renewed covenant with Canadian Mennonite. Discussion of proposal. **ACTION:** Ryan will bring our perspective and share our ideas and concerns.
- d. ADS: Feedback (Ryan Siemens) – Highlight was congregational engagement and sharing but needs to be more respectful of time. Perhaps we will use Zoom again but have additional assistance with tech.
- e. Ministries Commission: Ryan Siemens – with new budget structure did we give them more funds than previously? What was our intent with giving them \$9000? Some of it (\$4000) for church plants (with Josh and Cindy). We were not clear about what this meant. **ACTION ITEMS:** Sharon will follow up with committee. Ryan will go to the Ministries meeting in fall to clarify budget expectations and communication.

f. Other items: none

8) Future Meeting Dates and Times: tentatively set for Tuesday August 25, 2020

a. Opening: Terry

9) Closing Prayer: Executive Minister Ryan Siemens

10) Adjournment @ 9:10 PM

Minutes recorded by Christine Epp, Council Secretary