

MC Sask Council Minutes

November 24, 2020

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Via Zoom

Present: Terry Stefaniuk, Ryan Siemens, Sharon Schultz, Gordon Peters, Pauline Steinman, Rod Suderman, Christine Epp, Andrea Enns-Gooding, Henry Funk

Regrets: Zahara Alli

- 1) **Welcome:** Terry Stefaniuk
- 2) **Opening:** Sharon Schultz
- 3) **Approval of the Agenda** – approved by consensus
- 4) **Adoption of Minutes of September 29, 2020** (Pages 3-5 in Docket) – approved by consensus
- 5) **Business Arising:**
 - a) Council Minutes are now posted on the website
- 6) **Reports:**
 - a. **Moderator:** Terry Stefaniuk (Page 6 in Docket)
 - i. Correction: next MC Canada Joint Council meeting is December 5th.
 - ii. Updates on Mennonite Nursing Home, AMBS, & RJC
 - b. **Finance:** Gordon Peters
 - i. Finance Reports (attached in Docket) – highlights
 - ii. Actions: based upon recommendations from Sean East
 - iii. **Motions:**
 1. Gordon moved to close the Capital Asset Fund and transfer the remaining balance of \$6,822.58 to our General Reserve Fund. Rod Suderman seconded; carried.
 2. Gordon moved to combine the SMYO Coffee Fund and the SMYO General Fund into the SMYO Restricted Fund. Pauline Steinmann seconded; Carried.
 3. Gordon moved to close the Restricted Fund account UPAO and transfer the balance of \$18,479.90 to the General Reserve Fund. Andrea Enns-Gooding seconded; Carried.

4. Gordon moved to transfer \$2000 from the General Reserve Fund to the SMYO Restricted Fund. Pauline Steinmann seconded; Carried.

- c. **Executive Minister:** Ryan Siemens (as provided in docket)
Including: Regional Church Minister and Church Engagement Minister activity updates
 - i. Discussion about congregations leaving or planning to close; change in leadership (RMC)
 - ii. Discussion about a rep for Intercultural Church Steering Committee (ICSC); **ACTION:** Ryan will contact some possible representatives.

7) New Business

- a. Shekinah Report: Phyllis Goertz, Sue and Ron Schellenberg join meeting:
 - i. Documents attached in docket.
 - ii. Ron and Sue and Phyllis shared what various options are for the future of Shekinah, summer camp programs, etc.
 - iii. Council discussed after Shekinah staff and board member left meeting. Ryan and Terry will meet re next steps. Recommendations included robust future communications and marketing.
- b. Camp Elim: Executive Minister Ryan Siemens and Terry Stefaniuk
 - i. Document attached
 - ii. Ryan shared info that Sharon and himself had visited with Elim and subsequent meetings with Zion church; Elim Board is meeting this week. If they have recommendations, they will present to Council. One thing that might be coming is permission to run a deficit to hire an Executive Director for a period of time.
- c. Personnel Committee Report: Andrea Enns-Gooding, committee chair
 - i. Andrea gave an update on Executive Minister's review
Ryan left meeting for council discussion.
 - ii. **Motion:** The Personal Committee asks MC Sask Council to affirm the Executive Minister's review and ongoing ministry within MC Sask.
Moved by Andrea Enns-Gooding Seconded by: Gordon Peters. Carried
- d. Canadian Mennonite: Ryan Siemens
 - i. New Covenant Agreement and Rates (Document in docket)

Items Deferred to next meeting:

- e. MC Canada Civil Disobedience Policy: Ryan Siemens
 - i. Review of policy(Document in docket)
 - ii. Council response to the policyNote: Reference document – 'Request for Joint Council from Steve Heinrichs'

- f. Governance tabled for January 19, 2021
- g. Email Ryan got from Ministries about support for church staff

8) Future Meeting Dates and Times:

- Saturday, November 28 – facilitated session via Zoom
- Tuesday, December 15, 2021 @ 6:00 at MCC Building;
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021@ 6 pm at MCC Building;
Opening: Gordon Peters
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 6 pm at MCC Building;
Opening: Pauline Steinmann
- Saturday, March 13, 2021 – ADS; location TBA
Information: ADS via Zoom – Saturday, March 13th, 2021
: Sexual Misconduct Policy – Ryan Siemens
 - July 28 – August 1, 2022 - Mennonite Church Canada – National Gathering in Edmonton, AB

9) Closing Prayer: Executive Minister Ryan Siemens

10) Adjournment: Prayer - Ryan

11) In-Camera with Executive Minister - none

12) In-Camera without Executive Minister - none