

MC Sask Council Minutes
January 19, 2021
Via Zoom

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

Absent: Zahara Alli

1) **Welcome:** Terry Stefaniuk

2) **Opening:** Gordon Peters

3) **Approval of the Agenda:** approved by consensus.

4) **Adoption of Minutes:** adopted by consensus.

- a. Amend: Minutes re motion re coffee sales/revenue – the motion should be presented later in spring (not now in January), after audit.

5) **Business Arising:**

New hymnal freight charge – cost was forwarded to churches via invoice.

6) **Reports:**

a. **Moderator:** Terry Stefaniuk (verbal)

- i. RJC updates - has lost several students, new students (international) registered for fall 2021; etc.
- ii. Shekinah updates - ended year in the black; etc.
- iii. Youth Farm updates – snow maze opening end of month; etc.
- iv. MC Canada meetings coming soon.
- v. AMBS meeting coming up.

b. **Finance:** Gordon Peters

- i. Review 2021 Budget document and 2020 actuals and noted that we ended the year in the black; there are some updates since the spreadsheet was published due to slow Canada Post delivery in December. Info forthcoming. Share the good news with the churches.
- ii. Discussion about the reserve fund.
- iii. Discussion about other revenue and new reporting process.
- iv. 2021 Budget approval process:

Motion: Gordon Peters moved that Council accept the presented draft budget to be presented to the ADS for approval on March 13, 2021. Andrea Enns-Gooding seconded. Carried.

c. **Executive Minister:** Ryan Siemens (as in docket) includes Regional Church Minister and Church Engagement Minister activity updates.

- i. Appreciation for MC doing online services.
- ii. By-Laws – how our second rep gets appointed – lack of clarity.

- iii. ADS draft agenda in the works – planning for a total of 4 hours of meeting time.
 - morning session will focus on congregational life (with break out rooms) including pre-recorded worship; communion, memorial, business session and the afternoon will focus on program areas and response/discussion through break-out rooms
 - 30 minutes break for lunch
 - Council and PLC members will be appointed to sit in each room and take notes.
 - Plan for acknowledgement and thanksgiving re closing churches – Zoar (Waldheim), Superb, Hanley – in the morning
- iv. Discussion re need to revamp the MC Canada Sexual Misconduct Policy

7) New Business

- a. Jeanette Hanson with International Witness (7:00-7:30 PM) joined meeting. See link for information related to the presentation. A document is also included in the docket. <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/witness-support-networks>.

Jeanette highlighted:

- i. International Witness Support Networks
- ii. China ministry
- iii. Upcoming Learning Tours

- b. Motions to be developed: Gordon and Ryan
 - i. Reserves: annual draw percentage of 10% - wait until after audit
 - ii. Transfer between lines to SMYO Reserve: two amounts

- c. Policies: Finance will be looked at first; link to current policies below <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/Policies-By-laws-PDFs/Finance-Policy-MC-Sask-2011.pdf>

Gordon led discussion on MC Sask Finance Policy and proposed about changes to make re policies to bequests, development, and special projects funds, pass through donations, etc.

Action: Gordon, with Ryan, prepare updated wording for our next meeting to review prior to going to ADS. Consult with Kirsten re SMYO & youth program related policies.

- d. **Other items:**
 - i. Council meeting attendance. **Action:** Terry will follow up; Terry and Ryan will draft a policy for consideration.
 - ii. ADS update

- e. **Information items:**
 - i. Sabbatical for Ryan: currently planning is on hold.
 - ii. Camp/Infrastructure Reference Group: Ryan will bring thoughts to the February 23rd meeting for discussion and next steps
 - iii. Bylaws: We will need to be updated regarding selection of the representative at large to MC Canada Joint Council; the selection should go through the nominations committee and be approved at MC Sask ADS.

8) Future Meeting Dates and Times:

- Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 6 pm
Opening: Pauline Steinmann
- Saturday, March 13, 2021 – ADS Zoom Call
- Tuesday, April 13, 2021
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021
- Tuesday, June 15, 2021 (+ maybe??? BBQ at Ryan's house)

9) Closing Prayer/Song VT 553: Executive Minister Ryan Siemens

10) Adjournment @ 8:20 PM

11) In-Camera with Executive Minister - none

12) In-Camera without Executive Minister - none