



# EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada Affiliate

“We strive to follow, love & share Jesus”

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2020 (7:00 p.m.)

Present: Terry Neumann, Mike Ettrich, Simon Winkelmann, Ingrid Maier, Monika Kosheiff, Ian Wood, Pastor Jesse Kane, Paul Budinski, Dorothee Hauf, Pastor Josh Mueller, Pastor Kelvin Kehler, Christa Ettrich

1. SHARING TIME - Simon

2. PRAYER

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. **Motion** to approve agenda. Terry Neumann **motioned**, Monika Kosheiff **seconded**. **Carried**.

4. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A. **Motion** to approve November 2, 2020 minutes. Dorothee Hauf **motioned**, Ingrid Maier **seconded**. **Carried**.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pastor's Reports

a. Pastor Josh: report submitted

b. Pastor Kelvin: report submitted

i. Cost of recommended camera from London Drugs: \$1300 (camera) + \$169 (camlink)

1. Ability to plug sound straight from sound board

2. **Motion** to purchase camera and camlink. Michael Ettrich **motioned**. Monika Kosheiff **seconded**. **Carried**.

3. Receipts will be kept to submit for possible COVID grant.

ii. **Motion** to approve Pastor Kelvin Kehler's request for time off from December 26, 2020 to January 2, 2021. Paul Budinski **motioned**. Michael Ettrich **seconded**. **Carried**.

c. Pastor Jesse: report submitted

i. Career young adults' group is on hiatus with a plan to start smaller more focused groups; however, increased restrictions do not allow for meetings.

ii. Coffee bar brainstorming: upstairs area where Coffeehaus was originally located is not accessible. Options:

1. Stair lift: excludes those who are unable to self-transfer

2. Elevator extension: costly

3. Move Coffeehaus to basement

4. Expand Coffeehaus to encompass multiple areas of the church

5. Pastor Jesse Kane will proceed to initiate a draft plan for the coffee bar.

- B. Financial Committee
  - a. Missions
    - i. Outer mission balance: \$2,050.00
    - ii. Inner mission balance: \$5,7850.89
    - iii. Total: \$59,900.89
  - b. Church income: \$18,833.92
  - c. Expenses: \$15,711.92
  - d. Net gain \$3,121.00
- C. Property Committee
  - a. Evansburg
    - i. Monika Kosheiff and Paul Maier continue to go to camp to complete tasks such as finishing plumbing.
  - b. Sewage backup in parsonage; relining needs to be done (approximately \$8000)
    - i. Roland Neumann offered to look into getting subsidy and get a more accurate quote.
    - ii. **Motion** to approve to spend up to \$8000 to reline the sewer pipe from the parsonage. Dorothee Hauf **motioned**. Michael Ettrich **seconded**. **Carried**.
- D. Other Committees (as needed)
  - a. Evangelism & Social Justice: Pastor Josh Mueller
    - i. Connection with Queen Alexandra community league started:
      - 1. Scona pool plans to close; however, the league's goal is to keep it open and to open a rec center in the long term. Such a facility is missing in the area.
  - b. Women's Ministry & Special Events: Dorothee Hauf
    - i. All meetings have been cancelled.
    - ii. 60 complimentary CDs were received from the Gabriel Trio and are being distributed to congregation members.
  - c. Constitution Committee: Michael Ettrich
    - i. The committee met on November 20 to begin aligning EFC's constitution with ECCC's Model Constitution. The revised constitution will be ready to be reviewed by the council in approximately one month.
  - d. Worship & Music Committee: Christa Ettrich
    - i. Changes to the worship team have been put in place to increase safety of the congregation:
      - 1. Reduction of song list from 5 to 3.
      - 2. Elimination of practices.
      - 3. Worship team will sanitize their own sound equipment/instruments every Sunday.
      - 4. Congregation encouraged to hum rather than sing.
      - 5. Masks will be worn by the team at all times.
    - ii. Isabel Starke, Tana Mueller, and Josh Mueller have decided to step down from their role on the worship team.
    - iii. A devotional explored by the worship team last fall included an overview of the Enneagram as a tool to get to know each other on a deeper level. A concern

has been raised regarding the intent of the tool being used in the church based on its origins and its current influence in the greater church.

- iv. A concern was raised with the committee regarding song selection, specifically songs written by Bethel Church. Bethel Church's teachings do not align with EFC values. The committee feels that the cited songs are doctrinally sound, but has removed the two songs in the worship repertoire written by Bethel to ease this concern.
- v. Further discussion regarding song selection and questioning of theology will be referred to the pastors.

## 6. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

- A. Nov 15
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> service: 19
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> service: 28
- B. Nov 22
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> service: 19
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> service: 22
- C. Nov 29
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> service: 10
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> service: 22
- D. Dec 6
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> service: 15
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> service: 23

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. November review & COVID contingencies
  - a. EFC attendees that test COVID positive will be asked to contact either one of the pastors or one of the council members. Council will then call members on attendance sheets to inform them of their close contact status.
- B. Overview of Fall Congregational Meeting
  - a. Minutes to be written and submitted by Christa Ettrich.
- C. New & Leaving Members
  - a. **Motion** to approve Dietrich Kuhlman and Elizabeth Kuhlman memberships. Terry Neumann **motioned**. Ingrid Maier **seconded**. **Carried**.
  - b. Tana Mueller and Isabel Starke never held membership status at EFC.
  - c. **Motion** to remove Josh Mueller from membership list. Christa Ettrich **motioned**. Monika Kosheiff **seconded**. **Carried**.
  - d. Membership requirements, responsibilities, benefits will be more clearly outlined at a future meeting, as it is still not clear in the current constitution.
    - i. Official membership process started 4-5 years ago.
  - e. Membership acceptance and removal letters will be sent out by Simon Winkelmann.
- D. Christmas & Holiday Services
  - a. December 20 service
    - i. Monika Kosheiff is putting together a video collage of past children's Christmas programs, which will be shown at both services. Pastor Kelvin Kehler will post the video to Facebook.
    - ii. Janelle Budinski is creating a short musical program for the contemporary service.

- b. December Eve service:
    - i. The council members will call members individually to determine approximate attendance numbers by the week of December 14.
    - ii. Contingency plan if we reach more than 1/3 of the capacity of the sanctuary:
      - 1. Live stream to basement, which is decorated for Christmas
      - 2. Alternative option: two services (first at 6pm, second at 8pm)
    - iii. Music will be provided by the worship team
    - iv. (Battery operated) candlelight service
      - 1. Pastor Kelvin Kehler will provide 50 tea lights
      - 2. Simon Winkelmann will provide lanterns
  - c. The Spanish Church of God of Prophecy will have their Christmas service on December 20.
- E. Holiday Letter to the Congregation
- a. Council members may write blurbs and forward to Pastor Jesse Kane, who will oversee the letter.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Council meeting dates for 2021:

- A. January 11
- B. February 8
- C. March 8
- D. April 12
- E. May 10
- F. \*Tentative AGM date: May 30
- G. June 7
- H. July 5
- I. September 13
- J. October 4
- K. November 8
- L. December 6