



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

"We strive to follow, love & share Jesus"

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2021 (7:30 p.m.)

Members Present: Jesse Kane, Terry Neumann, Ingrid Maier, Monika Kosheiff, Dorothee, Kelvin Kehler, Simon Winkelmann, Ian Wood, Mike Ettrich.

1. PRAYER / SHARING TIME

- a. Jesse shared that his mentor saw evidence of successful change and transition in EFC's past, just by looking at the building.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Terry motions to approve, Monika seconds.

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Terry Motions to approve, Monika Seconds.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Pastor's Reports

- i. Pastor Kelvin- Wants to host a men's retreat, has scanned old camp files. Agreed to put them on a drive and lock it up, as well as to store them in two places (Two solid state hard-drives will be purchased.) Old documents to be shredded once they have been scanned. Ingrid will share old documents that she has with Kelvin. Pastor Kelvin wants to use sharing time at the January Council meeting to talk about the culture of EFC - changes we've seen & how change happens.
- ii. Pastor Jesse- Is looking forward to teaching on Revelation in a Sunday School class. He is grateful for everyone's generosity and support for his recent wedding.

b. Financial Committee

- i. Outer mission
 1. Income- \$10,425.00
 2. Expenses- \$0.00
 3. Balance- \$20,962.00
- ii. Inner Mission
 1. Income- \$100.00
 2. Expenses- \$0.00
 3. Balance- \$51,030.50
- iii. Mission account Balance- \$71,992.50
- iv. Church
 1. Income -\$14,247.28
 2. Expenses-13,767.36
 3. Net Gain -\$479.92
 4. Church Balance- \$468,556.41

c. Property Committee

- i. The Spanish church requested to implement food as a part of their New Year's Eve service on Friday, December 31: Monika is wondering if they could be allowed to eat in separate areas of the Church. Monika will talk with the Spanish

Church to say that EFC Council would like them to serve food in a way similar to the way it was done during EFC's recent Ladies' Retreat.

- ii. Library area is being converted. The mailboxes will be reinstalled before Christmas. Chairs will be reupholstered next. Removing the flooring in the parsonage could be done cheaper with volunteer church members in the future (as per Nov 8 minutes).

d. Other Committees (as needed)

- i. a. Women's committee- Draft of "The Music of Christmas" has been shared. Concluded that bottled water is permissible for Dec. 13 vs. Coffee, which is an instrument of socialization.
- ii. b. Worship committee- We only have very few people willing to sing for a traditional service. So far Kelvin and Becki and Pastor Sather and Evelyn have volunteered to provide music. Other people will be asked personally if they would consider also providing music.
- iii. c. Pastoral Care
 - 1. Dec 18th meeting overviewing review materials.
- iv. d. Pastoral Search Committee- The ECCC's Church Profile online form asks for a lot of information. The committee decided they needed to talk to Glenn Peterson to understand who will be able to see the info, what depth we need to include, etc. Many people are very eager to hear if we've found a pastor, but Mike warns that the process with ECCC is very involved and will take some time. However, much of the thinking and work involved in our pastoral search process is accomplished through working through the ECCC's church profile tool and ECCC's process.
- v. e. Constitution Committee (inactive)
- vi. f. Education, Youth & Sunday School (inactive)
- vii. g. Evangelism & Social Justice committee (inactive)

5. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

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| NOV 8- 40 |
| NOV 15- 47 |
| NOV 22- 41 |
| NOV 29- 33 |
| DEC 6- 43 |
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-Ingrid asks that we put the names of those who made cookies and stuff in the announcements to thank them as a church/council

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Concerns over COVID- Simon spoke with Fred over a letter of concern he wrote. Some people have been staying away from Church events in order to be safe and they would feel more comfortable if everyone participating were vaccinated.
- b. Christmas and Holiday Services
 - i. What do we do if more than 72 people come to our 6:00 pm Christmas Eve service? We can have members of Council step out, but that may not be enough. We could create a sign up sheet. Concluded that we will create a signup sheet. Depending on demand, we will also consider having a second Christmas Eve service at 4:00 pm. At this time, we will not mention anything to the congregation about a possible additional 4:00 Christmas Eve service.
 - ii. Council members will use the phone call list to ask whether people plan to attend

the Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm and if they plan to bring others along. Monika will send a link to an online form that Council members can fill out to show who plans to attend the Christmas Eve Service. Council members will also tell everyone they call that the next services will take place on December 26 and January 2 and that Communion will be the second Sunday in January.

- iii. Christmas Eve Service; typically tells the Christmas story, involves lots of music, otherwise similar to a similar service. Make sure Silent night is sung at the end with at least one stanza in German/English. Candlelit, so make sure those are included too. Simon will bring candle lanterns.
- iv. Sidewalk Snow Removal- Volunteer basis. Mostly Kelvin and the Maiers have been shoveling up to now. Mike is available from time to time. There are shovels just inside the door of the Church. The Snowblower needs more gas (preferably before it runs out.) Paul will show folks how to use it after Church. It would be nice to get the Neighbor (Mike) a gift-basket. Council members will pay attention to when it snows and will be in touch with each other via the EFC Council Facebook Messenger thread to ensure someone is available to shovel the walk around the church and parsonage. When there is a heavy snowfall, at least 2 council members or other volunteers should be present at the same time to shovel snow (for efficiency and safety).
- c. Associate membership application by Charles Loebenberg. Mike Motions, Ingrid Seconds. Unanimously approved.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a. Council Meeting – January 10th at 7:00 pm. Unless COVID restrictions prevent it, this meeting will be face-to-face at church.

8. BUSINESS WITHOUT EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

- a. Christmas gifts discussed

9. ADJOURNED