



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

“We strive to follow, love & share Jesus”

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 4, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

Present: Jesse Kane, Monika Kosheiff, Dorothee Hauf, Ian Wood, Ingrid Meier, Terry Neuman, Simon Winkelmann, Mike Ettrich, and Kelvin Kehler.

1. PRAYER / SHARING TIME - MIKE 7:05

- a. Mike shares that we need to be aware of the secular perspective of Christianity when it comes to how we show care for the community. While there was concern about COVID and our lack of manpower, we recognized our abundant gifts with which to show hospitality to the community.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Council approved both sets of minutes with the edits that were agreed upon for the Sept. 13 minutes.
- b. Jesse will release an email linked to the minutes with their update.

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting - September 13, 2021

Council Meeting - September 21, 2021

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pastor's Reports

- a. Pastor Kelvin; Kelvin reminds us to sign up for the day of prayer.
- b. Pastor Jesse; a detailed [document](#) exists to help the pastors catch small details that would otherwise be missed.

- B. Financial Committee; Major expenses in Sept. were the sewage relining for the manse. Insurance was paid this year in installments and finished in August.

Outer Mission

Income \$72.50

Expenses \$0.00

Balance \$6,397.00

Inner Mission

Income \$12.50

Expenses \$0.00

Balance \$51,080.59

Total Mission Balance \$57,477.59

Church Account

Income \$7,331.75

Expenses \$22,987.83

Net Loss \$15,656.08

Church Account Balance Sept. 30, 2021: \$470,400.04

- C.
- D. Property Committee; Monica had to replace the lock to Evangsburg, so she has a new passcode. Helen and Rebecca may end up asking for help with cleaning stuff and moving it out of the basement.
- E. Other Committees (as needed)
 - a. Women's Ministry & Events Committee; Discussion about anniversary under item 6 H.
 - b. Worship Committee- No report
 - c. Pastoral Care- No report
 - d. Constitution Committee (inactive)
 - e. Education, Youth & Sunday School (inactive)
 - f. Evangelism & Social Justice (inactive)

5. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

5-Sep-21	40
12-Sep-21	49
19-Sep-21	48
26-Sep-21	41
3-Oct-21	46

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. September Covid Discussions
 - a. Coffee time is really important for people's social wellbeing. Simon notes it would be good to keep that going outside as long as weather permits it.
 - b. We decided that since the provincial government COVID-19 restrictions do not mandate churches to require proof of vaccination, EFC will not ask congregants to produce proof of vaccination to attend any church services or functions. The Church Council encourages members of EFC to get fully immunized, not only to protect themselves but also as well as others they may come into contact with. Being vaccinated should not be viewed as a sign of weakness or a lack of faith in God, but rather an expression of love for others.
 - c. Backups for if Kelvin or Jesse get sick are discussed. Options include; passing a sermon off to the other pastor, using a premade manuscript, doing a liturgical service/singing more, or zooming in to the service to preach. Having gathered a catalogue of options we will make the best decision at the time.
- B. September Pastoral Update
- C. Membership Requests & List Update

- a. Alex MacQueen, Mickey Gore, Allan Hildebrandt, Nick Muggli, Timothy Stronach, and Charles Loebenburg are interested in membership/Associate membership. Allan may also be interested in the associate membership.
 - b. Paul and Janelle have applied for an associate membership due to their distance. They also sent us a letter!
 - c. The Krampitzes have requested to be removed from the list. Christa Ettrich can also be removed. That's it for now! Motion to remove these members by Dorothee, Monika seconds. None opposed. Jesse will begin setting up an associate membership list.
- D. EFC Reconciliations/Transition Plan
- a. Mike notes it will be helpful to have an answer if people want to know what our plan is.
 - b. The document currently called the "EFC Stabilization and Reconciliation Plan 2020-2021"
- E. ECCC Church Profile
- a. Mike is working slowly through the profile because the software is fairly unforgiving if a mistake is made.
 - b. Our profile is an opportunity to describe ourselves to others in the ECCC. Mike will send something out for our perusal and presentation at the AGM.
- F. Pastor Josh Exit Interview
- a. Josh wants a specific set of questions he can answer so that we can utilize the information well. Mike asks for everyone to come up with questions we can ask him that would help us to move forward. Questions due by Sunday this week.
- G. Anniversary Service (not potluck)
- a. The Church anniversary announcement needs to not say 'potluck.' Serving food is not possible due to COVID. Discussion about whether or not to include a vaccine passport with our ladies retreat/services. While we can't do a potluck, a memento or snack may work well. We will also have to cancel the joint service with the Spanish church for the 24th; maybe we can meet for Christmas.
 - i. Ideas for anniversary: Ingrid could talk about the history and Monika will handle the slideshow
- H. AGM Planning
- a. Here we reviewed the agenda and found it favorable.
 - b. 2-3 minutes per report; don't read, just summarize and add what's gone on this year too.
 - c. Chairs will give reports. Jesse asked to talk about the afternoon Bible Study in Isaiah. Mike will cover the constitution committee, Simon will cover Josh's report. Simon will also cover inactive committees.
 - d. Jesse and Simon can cover the ECCC adoption
 - e. Mike can cover the new constitution; Dorothee asks to point out that contracts are now fixed and will not be voted on regularly→ Identify the new process for removing a pastor. Mike will cover the pastoral search committee report.
 - f. Monika can talk about Church renovations; great time to show off the slide show.
 - g. Community of Care; Jesse, bug Simon to see where he's at with this.
 - h. We may need to alert the Spanish church that our AGM could go long.
 - i. Kelvin will put together the Ppt. Slides required by Friday before AGM.
- I. Other Business (as needed);
- a. Rental churches must take an evening slot. We can meet with them if they're still interested.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGM - October 17

Council Meeting - November 8

8. BUSINESS WITHOUT EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

A. Discussion regarding sabbaticals; delayed for November 8th

9. ADJOURNED 10:34