



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

“We strive to follow, love & share Jesus”

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2021 (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. PRAYER / SHARING TIME

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. **Motion** to approve April 12, 2021 and April 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Monika Kosheiff **motioned**. Terry Neumann **seconded**. **Carried**.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pastor's Reports

a. Pastor Josh: report submitted

- i. Annual reports will be ready to be handed out and sent out via email by this weekend.
- ii. Both bible studies will continue meeting weekly. Groups are under the 15 person limit.
- iii. Interview completed with a Lutheran church in Vancouver. Waiting for next steps.

b. Pastor Kelvin: report submitted

- i. 1 very successful in-person meeting with youth was held this past month before increased covid restrictions.
- ii. Planning a meeting to discuss camp options this month.
- iii. Taking three Briercrest courses, which are going well.
- iv. **Motion** to approve vacation requests (July 23-30 and August 23-30). Terry Neumann **motioned**. Dorothee Hauf **seconded**. **Carried**.

c. Pastor Jesse: report submitted

- i. When coffee time after services is open again, announcement requested that homemade snacks will not be handed out by coffee servers. Snacks will be shared at individuals' own risk.
- ii. Shepherd's Guide offering upgrade option to add website address on print and online. Pastor Jesse Kane will confirm proceeding with Shepherd's Guide representative.

B. Financial Committee: Ingrid Maier

a. Outer Missions

- i. Income: \$4,405.00

- ii. Balance: \$5,372.50
 - b. Inner Missions
 - i. Income: \$225.00
 - ii. Balance: \$51,681.13
 - c. Church income: \$9,106.04
 - d. Church expenses: \$16,360.25
 - e. Net loss: \$7,254.21
 - f. Church account balance: \$533,052.16
- C. Property Committee: Monika Kosheiff
 - a. Spanish church has decided not gather in person to have church for the next three weeks and will record services off-site.
 - b. AED needs new pads and battery.
 - c. Sister's suite has new tenant moving in in June.
 - i. Light fixtures need replacing, painting needs to be done, curtains need replacing, new washing machine needed.
 - ii. \$1500 for above expenses expected.
 - d. Continuing to organize camp bookings for the summer.
- D. Nomination Committee: Pastor Josh Mueller
 - a. Still waiting to hear back from Karin Fech.
 - b. Suggestion: develop guidelines of what to expect to be on council.
- E. Pastoral Care Committee: Terry Neumann
 - a. Pastoral review/evaluation development
 - i. Documents from ECCC reviewed as a committee and with pastors; no major changes expected.
- F. Constitution Committee: Mike Ettrich
 - a. Some minor edits suggested such as to modernize language in some points. Minor changes will be saved for our next constitution update. Current proposed constitution has already been reviewed and approved by ECCC.
 - b. People generally seem content with the changes and are showing thankfulness for the committee's work.
- G. Other Committees (as needed)
 - a. Music & Worship Committee: Christa Ettrich
 - i. Ian Wood will be stepping on to act as council liaison. Prayer requested that the transition of Christa Ettrich stepping out goes well.

5. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

- a. April 18
 - i. 1st service: 17
 - ii. 2nd service: 28
- b. April 25
 - i. 1st service: 23
 - ii. 2nd service: 32
- c. May 2
 - i. 1st service: 19
 - ii. 2nd service: 25
- d. May 9
 - i. 1st service: 14

- ii. 2nd service:
 1. Bylaw officers attended and approved service.
 2. Note: pastor is not included in 15 person limit.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. April review & Covid contingencies
 - a. May 9 was the first week of 15-person limit restriction.
 - b. Attendees were respectful of the new restrictions and the service ran smoothly.
 - c. Difficulty maintaining internet connection, especially during second service. Suggestion to get ethernet.
- B. ECCC AGM Overview & Membership Update
 - a. Pastor Jesse Kane and Simon Winkelmann attended online AGM.
 - b. ECCC has an effective online voting system that we could look into adopting.
 - c. EFC has been officially accepted by ECCC!
 - d. We still need to be approved by the denomination in the States.
- C. Spring AGM Preparation
 - a. AGM feasibility due to Covid restrictions
 - i. Members will be given the option to drop into the church to vote for the changes to the constitution.
 - ii. Discussion portion of the AGM and the vote to increase Pastor Jesse's hours will be postponed until we can meet more freely again.
 - iii. Drop in dates/times to vote on changes to the constitution:
 1. May 25 9:00am-11:00am (supervised by Pastor Josh Mueller)
 2. May 26 9:00am-11:00am (supervised by Pastor Josh Mueller)
 3. May 28 8:30am-2:00pm (supervised by Pastor Kelvin Kehler)
 4. May 29 evening (supervised by Pastor Jesse Kane or Josh Mueller)
 5. May 30 after either church service
 - iv. Pastor Kelvin, Monika Kosheiff, and 2 non-council members will count votes on May 30.
 - v. Mike Ettrich will write letter to send out to the congregation to explain decision to postpone AGM and voting process.
 - vi. Paul Budinski will write ballot question and print ballots off.
 - vii. Christa Ettrich will forward membership list to pastors to keep track of votes.
 - viii. Proxies will be provided for those unable to vote in person. Note: council members and pastors can act as proxies.
 - ix. Note: we will still operate under the current constitution until the updated constitution passes.
 - b. 2020 Reports
 - c. Agenda: to be drafted by Simon Winkelmann.
 - d. Ballots & questions
 - i. Approval of Revised Constitution
 - ii. Increasing Pastor Jesse's contract to full-time
 - e. AGM procedures (see November 2, 2020 Minutes)
- D. Set-up of Pastoral Search Committee

- a. Committee will be made up of 1-2 council members and 1-2 congregation members.
- b. Duties:
 - i. Review roles & duties of lead pastor
 - ii. Create job description
 - iii. Sort applicants
 - iv. Conduct interviews
- E. Other Business (as needed)

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGM - May 30 (tentative)

Council Meeting - June 8 (Tuesday)