



# EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

"We strive to follow, love & share Jesus"

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2021 (7:14 p.m.)

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

1. PRAYER / SHARING TIME :
  - a. Simon prays for a new, prosperous and exciting year for us as a Church.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. MIND MAPPING EXERCISE
  - a. What changes have you seen
  - b. How does change happen?
  - c. What would we like to change into/become
  - d. What can we do to change into that?
  - e. [Results are visible here](#)
4. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
  - i. Terry Motions to approve, Monika seconds.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Pastor's Reports
    - i. Kelvin is waiting on a hard-drive for camp report backups.
    - ii. Monika motions to approve Jesse's time off from Feb 7-11 for school, Terry seconds. Motion passes. Time off for July will be revisited at the next meeting.  
**(Confirmed, Camp will not overlap with Jesse's time off)**
  - b. Building committee: Strathmore Community Church is planning to send their youth to visit. Discussion around what they'd like to do, if that's possible with COVID, and whether their visit is viable. We will touch base and get the number of people they want to bring, as well as their vaccination rates. Do we assume any risk if they get infected?  
**Review in 2 weeks time.**
  - c. Financial Committee
    - i. Outer mission
      1. Income \$11,515.00
      2. Expenses \$0.00
      3. Balance \$32,277.00
    - ii. Inner Mission
      1. Income \$250.00
      2. Expenses \$6961.43
      3. Balance \$44,519.07
    - iii. Mission account Balance- \$44,519.07
    - iv. Church
      1. Income \$83,182.81
      2. Expenses \$38,247.89
      3. Net Gain \$44,934.92
      4. Church Balance \$513,491.33
    - v. Total Bank Book balance: \$566,404.96

- d. Other Committees (as needed)
  - a. Women's committee- Positive reviews on the music of Christmas.
  - b. Pastoral Search Committee- Dorothee would like to see the pastoral search report shared with the congregation. Mike suggests an update letter. Simon assigns Mike to put that letter together.

## 6. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Dec 5- 50
Dec 12- 46
Dec 19-52
Dec 26-27
Jan 2-33
Jan 9- 32

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. December & 2022 Covid Discussions
  - i. Are we worried about people mingling? (**Announcement reminder to wear masks over noses and stay distanced**).
  - ii. Have a pastor remind people to keep their distance and wear their masks.
  - iii. HVAC systems run constantly during service- look at upgrading for pandemic?
  - iv. MERV-13 filters are helpful for mitigating the virus. Monika said she would investigate the possibility of using MERV-13 filters because the church does not use standard format filters.
- b. Council Member Resignation – Dorothee Hauf
  - i. Everyone shared their gratitude and appreciation of Dorothee; we love her so much!
- c. Membership Cancellation Request– Christian Starke
  - i. Jesse was able to go for coffee with Christian and reconcile a few of the theological issues.
  - ii. Simon feels like we did the best we could as far as the vote went; he does not share the concern that future votes' legitimacy will be questioned, esp. With all the work we've done to update the constitution.
  - iii. Mike is grateful for the time Christian took to write the letter. Because he took the time to write us a letter we can take some time to write him back. Simon will work on this. Dorothee moves, Mike seconds. All in favor.
- d. Pastor Josh Exit Interview Summary
  - i. Mike suggests reviewing Josh's suggestions in the future, possibly at a retreat.
  - ii. Simon notes Josh's word that 'we're more like a church plant now,' and that requires a change in mindset.
- e. Pastoral Search Documentation Review- (Proposed for special meeting)
  - i. The Church profile is an online form in 5 sections on an ECC website called CovConnect.
- f. Other Business (as needed)
  - i. The sound quality of the preaching was addressed. Multiple solutions were identified including,
    - 1. Voice coaching the pastors a bit
    - 2. Closing the doors at the back
    - 3. Working with the mics.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a. Special meeting, January 24th. 7:00pm over zoom.

9. BUSINESS WITHOUT EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: N/A

10. ADJOURNED: 10:07