



# EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

“We strive to follow, love & share Jesus by being a community of care”

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2022 (7:19 P.M.)

Members Present: Jesse Kane, Ingrid Maier, Monika Kosheiff, Simon Winkelmann, Ian Wood, Mike Ettrich, Gordon Grey,

1. PRAYER / SHARING TIME
  - a. Everybody prayed together
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - a. **Motion:** Terry motions, Ian seconds.
3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
  - a. **Motion:** Mike motions and Terry seconds.
4. DISCUSSION FROM REPORTS
  - a. **Motion:** Monika motions to approve reports as presented, Ian seconds.
  - b. Pastor Jesse's Report
  - c. Financial Committee
    - i. September
      1. Outer Mission: \$ 2055.00
      2. Inner Mission: \$ 33,795.45
      3. Church account: \$438,904.23
      4. Camp Financial report
        - a. Omitted to keep family names private. Note that food was a major expense, especially because the volunteers were fed and didn't pay to be there. Regular cost of camp is shown, although with one week canceled due to low attendance and also noting that food prices are rising.
        - b. This was a particularly expensive month because of the flooring renovation in the manse: Installation was \$4000.00 and the planks were \$7000.00. Thanks to Monika and Paul for their hard work. There is just some plumbing stuff to add; sinks, toilets, and a hot water tank. Jesse can send out his feelers to see if anyone would want to rent it as a business.
  - d. Property Committee
    - i. Jessica and Walter are asking to use the church for a laser tag event. It is discussed and decided that we should designate particular areas for the game for the safety of the property and children.
    - ii. Ed Stover Funeral; Ed was interested in using the building as a rental. Suggested Wednesday night or Sunday Night. Noted that Toastmasters is still meeting here. Suggested to rent out the space for \$100.00 a month, as well as to meet a few members. They asked about advertising; we can put

different churches into the sign outside the church. Manfred wonders why they want to leave the community hall since they can witness there, and suggests paying their rent for them. Monika notes that they may be missing a church building. Decided to also offer to pay their rent and see what they say.

e. Church Attendance

DATE	ATTENDANCE
September 4	44
September 11	ladies retreat
September 18	54
September 25	51

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome Pastor Manfred!

- a. Much talk of Bienesticke ensued.
  - i. Simon notes this the weirdest meeting ever.
  - ii. Manfred asks to be made aware of who needs visiting.
  - iii. Also, he wants to hear about who was hurt 3 years ago and how he can be in conversation with them, listen to them, etc.

B. Anniversary Planning (October 23)

- a. Sign up sheet requested.
- b. Would like to put the focus on Sister Elfreda;
  - i. Food will be handled.
  - ii. If anyone wants to contribute to the program they can talk to Ingrid, and it will be announced.
  - iii. Wondering if we can invite the Spanish congregation; ask how they want to participate.

C. Fall Congregational Meeting

- a. AGM on the 13th
- b. Great opportunity to present the ministry review process to the Church. Everyone is encouraged to review the ministry review process/trello calendar.
- c. Simon wants to remind folks we are looking for volunteers and Council members. If you have anyone in mind now is a good time to suggest it to them.

D. Pastor Manfred Installation Service

- a. Glenn wants to be there personally, so we can do a formal installation service. Glenn has a whole program planned. He will lead the whole thing. Ideally happening in October or November at the latest. Mike will ask Glenn to pick a date.

- b. Simon asks if Manfred would like anything from the service? Manfred suggests a Bible so that the congregation knows what we are about.

E. Follow-up regarding Karl Schulz's Visit

- a. Jesse, Simon, and Mike spend some time talking to Sister Maria to discuss what happened during Karl's visit with regard to a portion of his report being said without a spirit of love.
- b. Sister Maria will receive a video clip of the incident and will discuss it with Karl.
- c. If Karl decides to come back we will have to decide in what capacity he will be allowed to speak. We can tell the congregation that we have addressed his superior and that the conversation is ongoing. We can also tell them that we are taking it seriously.

F. Other Business (as needed)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council Meeting – Nov. 7

Council Retreat– ???

Manfred asks that we have at least one meeting together where we eat together.

Decided to shelf the council retreat until 2023.

6. BUSINESS WITHOUT EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

- A. Pastor Manfred Contract Development
- B. Pastoral Care Committee
- C. Other Business (as needed)
- D. Kelvin regarding record of employment.

7. ADJOURNED