



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2021

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

1. PRAYER / SHARING TIME: 7:08pm

- a. Shared feeling of exhaustion and tiredness

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. Council Meeting – July 13, 2021 Special Council Meeting - August 6, 2021
- b. Monica has begun the church renovations and is doing a great job.
- c. Old blueprints have been found of the original church
- d. Sunday service sound has improved.
- e. Membership request
- f. It was decided we could create summarized minutes to email out. Jesse sends minutes to Mike, Mike sends summary to Kelvin for emailing.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pastor's Reports

a. Pastor Josh

Josh thanks the congregation for years of faithful support and steadfast encouragement. Encourages us to remain united...

b. Pastor Kelvin

a. Grateful for time off, excited for a 24hr prayer event.

b. Monica notes that using Alan and Harvey instead of the worship team for the 16/17th would make the church accessible on Saturday for groups who desire to use the church.

c. Pastor Jesse

- a. Talk to Alan about getting Joann a ride

B. Financial Committee

for July 2021

Outer Mission Income \$360.00

Outer Mission Expense \$0.00

Outer Mission Balance July 31 \$6,124.50



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Inner Mission Income \$122.60
Inner Mission Expenses \$1,113.99
Inner Mission Balance July 31 \$50,868.09

Total Mission Balance July 31, 2021 \$56,992.59

Church Account

Income for July \$8,815.60
Expenses for July \$20,508.44
Net Loss \$11,692.84

Church Account Balance - July 31, 2021 \$495,422.38

for August:

Outer Mission Income \$200.00
Outer Mission Expenses \$0.00
Outer Mission Balance \$6,324.50

Inner Mission Income \$200.00
Inner Mission Expense \$0.00
Inner Mission Balance \$51,068.09

Total Mission Balance August 31, 2021 \$57,392.59

Church Account

Income for August \$15,085.41
Expenses for August \$24,451.67
Net Loss \$9,366.26

Church Account Balance August 31. 2021 \$486,056.12

C. Property Committee

- a. A stove was permanently moved to camp Evansburg. A new stove will be purchased for the church kitchen.
- b. Dead trees in ditch area at camp; work bee being arranged.
- c. Parsonage; sewage relining done. No backwater valve installed.
- d. New library arranged



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- e. Monika a new mailbox. Dumpster and mail keys in an orange tub.
- f. Lease is up for another year for the Spanish Church.
- g. Jesse suggests a Library committee

D. Women’s Ministry & Events Committee

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E. Worship Committee

- a. Planned until December
- b. Ian Cleaned up sound desk and wants to put a panel there
- c. Ian would like to catalogue sound room

F. Other Committees (as needed)

a. Constitution Committee

- i. Mike would like to have 10 copies of the revised constitution visibly displayed at church where the interested congregants can help themselves.

b. Education, Youth & Sunday

School (inactive)

c. Evangelism & Social Justice

(inactive)

d. Pastoral Care Committee

- i. A written report was provided. The committee met with Glen Peterson to talk about the care search process and go over ECCC pastoral care documents that Glenn provided. One idea that Mike suggested was for all facets of the church to be evaluated annually, not just pastors.

5. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Date	Attendance
1-Aug-21	45
8-Aug-21	74
15-Aug-21	Evansburg
22-Aug-21	42
29-Aug-21	69
5-Sep-21	40
12-Sep-21	49



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6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fall Covid Discussions

- a. Currently we recommend folks wear masks and Edmonton is requiring them in churches also. Continued cleaning.
- c. Make coffee and put it outside until it's too cold. Jesse will talk to the coffee crew. Usher/greeter can help with cart.
- d. We decided to follow our prior procedures for lockdowns.

B. Communion Discussions

- a. Mike was hearing that the traditional method made many people are uncomfortable. Ingrid reminds us the traditional way of doing communion is also very special to some in the church. It was noted that the individual cups are hard to use.
- b. Dorothee asks that the minister use the symbolic elements, generally agreed that this is preferable.
- c. Stuck with kits until after COVID. People's openness to change is a positive sign.

C. Evansburg Farewell Review & Discussion

- a. The fact that people are voicing their concerns and preferences to council members and seeking change is a sign that communication is improving. People's openness to volunteer may be encouraged via;
 - i. Sign up sheet with clear beginning and end times.
 - ii. 'Closing' the Camp Evansburg building at the end of an event so it can be cleaned. .
 - iii. Outside bathrooms only after a certain point... locked doors.
 - iv. Clear expectations about what's closed when.
- b. Donations need to be emphasized so that funds are not depleted.
 - i. Ingrid points out how meals bring people together and are worth people's time and money.
 - ii. An official donation box!

D. Pastoral Search Committee Update

- i. Simon, Ian, and Mike met with Glenn who provided some helpful documents and practices. He offered himself as a resource. Encouraged us not to rush and to make an ECC Church profile.
- ii. Our Call document we answer many of the things a profile would ask of us. The 24 hours of prayer are a great opportunity to ask what God is calling us into.



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- iii. Gratitude expressed for the old board of Elders who were able to prepare so much for us.

E. Fall Announcements- Jesse and Kelvin will try to make as many as we can.
-Lady’s birthday lunch not happening due to COVID

F. Membership Requests & Updated Form

G. AGM Planning

- a. AGM date: Oct 17. Same service time.
- b. Vote re Jesse hours-Postponed
- c. Discussion re PJ & sabbatical vs hours-Postponed

H. Other Business (as needed)

- a. Pastor’s Desk & Cabinet
- b. Pastoral transition plan; publicly available. Jesse will dress it up and send it out.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pre AGM meeting Tues. 21 Sept. & October 4

8. BUSINESS WITHOUT EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

No Business

9. ADJOURNED-10:28PM