



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

"We strive to follow, love & share Jesus"

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Nov 8, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

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

1. PRAYER / SHARING TIME

- a. General agreement that people feel well rested, happy about Josh's Rosemary church and how the anniversary Sunday went. Simon asks for continued prayer for his boss Frank whose son Caleb passed away. Kelvin asks for prayer that Becki would get the new position she applied for. Jesse asks for prayer for snow for the wedding.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Dorothee moves to approve, Monika seconds.

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Council Meeting – October 4, 2021 Annual General Meeting – October 17, 2021
- ii. Terry motions to approve the Oct. 4 minutes, Dorothee seconds.
- iii. Monika motions to approve the AGM minutes, Dorothee seconds.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Pastor's Reports

i. Pastor Kelvin

1. The plan for the Advent service;
2. Question: Are we allowed to serve food for upcoming events? Because we are not a part of the vaccine-exemption program that the gov't. has put in place, we cannot have food under any circumstances, except for communion. The most viable option to allow for the ladies' retreat to have food is to divide groups throughout the church so they can eat safely together. The current registration is under 25 people, so it should be quite safe.
3. The service on the first of Advent will be a bit longer, as it will include the guitar choir.
4. It would be nice to send people home with cookies on the first Advent, also.
5. The First of Advent is also oftentimes a mission-focused day, and the offering is often put toward the missions fund. Money has typically gone to the home in Taiwan.
6. Nov. 21 is Eternity Sunday where we remember folks who have passed in the congregation. Jesse and Kelvin will sort that out.
7. Karen has some items planned out for a Christmas pageant.
8. Dorothee suggests a candlelight service and emphasizes that the lights be dimmed for that.
9. Simon notes Kelvin's suggestions for how we do Council meetings.

- b. Pastor Jesse
 - ii. -Jesse plans to keep the Bible studies less academic and more focused on our personal relationship with Jesus.
- 5. Financial Committee
 - a. Outer mission
 - i. Income- \$4,140
 - ii. Expenses- \$0.00
 - iii. Balance- \$10,537.00
 - b. Inner Mission
 - i. Income- \$150
 - ii. Expenses- \$300.00
 - iii. Balance- \$50,930.50
 - c. Mission account Balance- \$61,467.50
 - d. Church
 - i. Income -\$14,216.02
 - ii. Expenses -\$16539.57
 - iii. Loss -\$2323.55
 - iv. Balance -\$468,076.49
- 6. Property Committee
 - a. Monika read a warm thank-you letter from the Spanish church. They will sign a new lease this Sunday.
 - b. Toastmasters have no communications
 - c. Monika and her family cleaned up the parking lot.
 - d. Telus was contacted by Ingrid to clean up a phone line on the backside of the manse.
 - e. Church Renos are moving along. The old Library will be taken down this week (Nov. 8-15)
 - f. The Manse needs new floors. We can offset the cost by removing it ourselves. It could easily be rented as a commercial office space.
 - g. The Spanish church asked for the church on New Years Eve, and we confirmed yes they may.
- 7. Other Committees (as needed)
- 8. Women's Ministry & Events
 - a. Hoping to have an event called "The music of Christmas" on Dec. 13. They want to have proof of vaccination.
 - b. Concern is expressed about excluding people. It is concluded that bagged food will be the best option.
- 9. Worship Committee
 - a. Meeting on Wednesday Nov 10th to discuss December services; Karin wants to do monologues. They would happen along advent, and happen after the worship set.
- 10. Pastoral Care
 - a. Terry wasn't able to meet with her committee due to a work conflict
 - b. The committee is communicating with experts to make the evaluative tools as helpful as possible.
 - c. Does the church have asbestos? No conclusions drawn.
- d. Constitution Committee (inactive)
- e. Education, Youth & Sunday School (inactive)
- f. Evangelism & Social Justice committee (inactive)

11. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

OCT 3-46
OCT 10- 36
OCT-17 54
OCT-24- 66
OCT 31- 53
NOV 7- 40

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. October Covid Discussions
 - i. No changes
- b. Literature Holders & Communication
 - i. No additions from Mike; there are literature holders around the church that will be consolidated around the coffee area.
- c. ECCC Church Profile
 - i. When Mike is back we will investigate what details ECCC needs to know about our finances. We are curious why they need whatever info they do need.
- d. Pastor Josh Exit Interview
 - i. The meeting was generally quite positive.
 - ii. Jesse expressed concern about being asked not to join but was assured that there was no feedback about/for the pastors.
- e. Membership Update
 - i. Simon has been reaching out to people about their membership
 - ii. Timothy will get a mailbox when the new ones are installed.
- f. Christmas Programming
 - i. More information is coming this week.
- g. Other Business (as needed)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a. Council Meeting – December 6

14. BUSINESS WITHOUT EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

- a. Continued discussion regarding sabbaticals

15. ADJOURNED