



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada Affiliate

"We strive to follow, love & share Jesus"

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2020 (7:00 p.m.)

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

Absent: Pastor Josh Mueller

1. SHARING TIME: Thin Places by Simon Winkelmann

2. PRAYER

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. **Motion** to approve the agenda. Dorothee Hauf moved, Mike Ettrich seconded. **Carried.**

4. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

a. **Motion** to approve August 17, 2020 minutes. Monika Kosheiff moved, Paul Budinski seconded. **Carried.**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pastor's Reports

a. Pastor Josh

- i. Keeping momentum with listening prayer
- ii. Navigating potential areas of divisiveness (i.e., mandatory masking, renewal of Pastor Josh Mueller's contract monthly)

b. Pastor Kelvin

- i. Pastor Kelvin Kehler takes Mondays as his Sabbath day and typically does not respond to texts or online messages. He does take urgent phone calls.
- ii. Sound and audio

1. General agreement among the council to continue livestream during COVID19 season and continue YouTube videos long-term. 1000 subscribers are needed to be able to livestream on YouTube. We currently have 16 subscribers.

c. Pastor Jesse

- i. Monika Kosheiff will draft a rental agreement for the Spanish Church of God of Prophecy. 3 months' probation suggested.
 1. Discussion to adapt Terry Kiss' duties to accommodate a new congregation.
- ii. Document shared with plan to clean up the church
 1. Goal: all spaces in the church should be carefully curated space for a particular purpose

2. First steps:
 - a. Detail out how coffee bar would look like
 - b. Get rid of excess furniture
- B. Financial Committee: Ingrid Maier
 - a. Total income: \$12 223.41
 - b. Total expenses \$15 492.60
 - i. Loss: \$3 269.19
 - c. Mission:
 - i. Outer: \$9 425
 1. \$200 to Marburg
 - ii. Inner: \$57 293.59
 - iii. Total: \$57 493.59
- C. Property Committee: Monika Kosheiff
 - a. Skunk living under parsonage garage; a trap has been set.
- D. Other Committees
 - a. Women's Ministry & Special Events: Dorothee Hauf
 - i. September 8 meeting minutes distributed to council members
 - ii. Church Anniversary celebration: October 25
 1. Proposal to sell tickets for a lunch after a Sunday service to order individual pizzas for \$10 per person. COVID protocols will be followed (i.e., seat in family groupings or 2-3 people per table).
 - iii. Upcoming events: Advent (November 29), Christmas Banquet (December 5)
 - iv. Next meeting: October 1
 - b. Worship & Music: Christa Ettrich
 - i. Harvey Burghardt has been asked to join the committee and he is thinking and praying about it.
 - ii. Allen Hildebrandt is now back and assisting Harvey with the 1st service.
 - c. Camp Ministry: Pastor Kelvin Kehler
 - d. Education, Youth & Sunday School: Paul Budinski
 - i. Sydney Leddy currently living in Whitecourt, but is interested in joining. Linda Helbig is also being asked.
 - e. Pastoral Care: Terry Neumann
 - i. Ian Wood has joined the committee
 - ii. Discussion about reaching congregation that does not have online access: suggested congregation members visit.
 - iii. Discussion about bridging the gap between generations, reconnect, etc.
 - iv. Integration of annual survey with review of pastors by congregation. Pastor Jesse Kane will initiate this.
 - v. Terms of reference to be emailed to council meeting when done
 - f. Nominating Committee
 - g. Evangelism & Social Justice: Pastor Josh Mueller
 - h. Constitution Committee: Mike Ettrich
 - i. Met September 11, 2020: Church membership and pastors' contracts amended

- ii. Next action plan: amend constitution to align with ECCC values

6. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

- A. Traditional service: consistent at approximately 20 people attending weekly
- B. Contemporary service: consistent at approximately 35 people attending weekly
- C. First communion successful

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Council Retreat
 - a. Call to rest and trust
 - b. Simon Winkelmann will update vision planning document
- B. Review EFC startup - August review & fall planning
 - a. Removing tape from floors, take down excess COVID signs, hooks and ropes to close off every second pew, use whiteboard for something uplifting
 - b. Simon Winkelmann received a phone call from toastmasters leader, who is having difficulty enforcing COVID protocols on her group. City guidelines and church guidelines reviewed.
 - c. Cold weather planning and socializing
 - i. Idea: congregating downstairs
 - 1. Masks will be mandatory, council member will be present to monitor COVID protocols are being followed, new cleaning protocol needed
 - 2. Time limit has to be set, because sanitation will need to be completed.
 - d. Discussion of returning to one service
 - i. COVID cases are spiking in Edmonton; therefore, we will continue holding 2 services to accommodate following the 50 person maximum attendance guideline.
 - e. Washroom etiquette
 - i. "Maximum occupancy: 1" sign
- C. Spanish Church of God of Prophecy Update
 - a. See Pastor Jesse Kane's report
- D. Volunteer Scheduling: Christa Ettrich
 - a. Individuals will sign up for month-long blocks
 - b. Asking volunteers from congregation
- E. Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Organizer
 - a. Pastors will announce that a new coordinator is needed for the next few Sundays and provide duty overview
- F. Annual General Meeting Agenda
 - a. There will be one service at 10am with AGM following. Link for a recording of the AGM will be sent out to members.
 - b. Agenda
 - i. Discussion and vote on ECCC membership
 - 1. Members must be aware of vote 2 weeks in advance
 - 2. Need to update membership list prior to vote

- a. Call members to determine if they wish to continue being members
- b. Members get written notice that they are being removed from the membership list, but will be welcome back at any time.
- c. Update mailboxes accordingly
- ii. Petition response and vote
- iii. Present new committees (introduce committee, council member heading it up, mission statement, current members etc.)
- iv. Spanish Church of God of Prophecy discussion
- v. Council retreat
- vi. Feedback on 2 services
- vii. Pastor Josh Mueller's contact extension
- c. Voting
 - i. Send out packages (i.e., agenda, info about ECCC, etc.) in advance
 - ii. Proxy voting

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting - November 1 (tentative)

Council Meeting - October 5

9. EX-OFFICIO BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNED