



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada Affiliate

“We strive to follow, love & share Jesus”

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

1. SHARING TIME - PASTOR JESSE

A. God is always present and active

2. PRAYER

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

A. **Motion** to approve Jan 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Monika Kosheiff **motioned**. Terry Neumann **seconded**. **Carried**.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Pastor's Reports

a. Pastor Josh

- i. Report submitted.
- ii. Feedback on sermon topics requested.

b. Pastor Kelvin

- i. Report submitted.
- ii. One youth has been joining the youth zoom events from the States.

c. Pastor Jesse

- i. Report submitted.
- ii. Working on a “map to belonging”: a tool to help people get involved in programs and get to know people at EFC.
 1. A surprising number of new people have come into EFC since COVID and have not been formally welcomed and have no way of knowing how to belong.
- iii. Coffeehaus idea: relocate to library.
 1. Feedback: experiment with popup locations throughout the church before committing to a permanent location that requires renovations.
- iv. Church satisfaction survey discussed. Pastor Jesse Kane will revise.

B. Financial Committee

a. 2020 report

- i. Mission income: \$40,054.76
- ii. Church income \$205,220.19

- iii. Church expenses: \$243,218.48
- iv. Loss: \$37,997.29
- b. January
 - i. Mission income: \$370.00
 - ii. Church income: \$8,875.00
 - iii. Church expenses: \$15,925.28
 - iv. Net loss \$7,050.28
 - v. Balance: \$556,670.86
- C. Property Committee
 - a. Jason MacQueen continues to work on magnet hooks and pew barriers.
 - b. Elevator oil leakage to be addressed.
- D. Worship & Music Committee
 - a. Guideline to choosing new songs discussed.
- E. Other Committees (as needed)

6. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

- A. January 3
 - a. 1st service: 11
 - b. 2nd service: 33
- B. January 10: online only
- C. January 17
 - a. 1st service: 15
 - b. 2nd service: 22
- D. January 24
 - a. 1st service: 12
 - b. 2nd service: 29
- E. January 31
 - a. 1st service: 14
 - b. 2nd service: 27
- F. February 7
 - a. 1st service: 10
 - b. 2nd service: 28

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. January review & COVID contingencies
 - a. Continue as is until we have to turn people away.
 - b. Make it known that the contemporary service is popular but that the traditional services is often available.
- B. Briercrest Courses
 - a. Pastor Kelvin Kehler
 - i. Goal is to obtain a masters of counselling, which would be beneficial both working with youth and with the church as a whole.
 - ii. Two courses already completed.
 - iii. Two courses offered at present: Pastoral Counselling and Old Testament Survey. Pastor Kelvin Kehler would prefer taking the pastoral Counselling course.

- iv. **Motion** to grant permission for Pastor Kelvin Kehler to sign up for the Pastoral Counselling course and for EFC to share in the cost of the course. Terry Neumann **motioned**. Paul Budinski **seconded**. **Carried**.
 - b. Pastor Jesse Kane
 - i. Interested in obtaining Leadership Certification: Change Management
 - 1. 5 classes are required to get the certificate.
 - 2. Interested in joining the April class.
 - ii. Would contribute to a masters of divinity
 - iii. **Motion** to grant permission for Pastor Jesse Kane to sign up for the leadership certificate and for EFC to pay for \$700 of the cost of the course. Paul Budinski **motioned**. Mike Ettrich **seconded**. **Carried**.
 - c. ECCC
 - i. Courses offered by ECCC are independent of schooling that Pastors Kelvin and Jesse are pursuing.
 - ii. Orientation classes will be required to be taken by the pastors at EFC after membership is approved.
 - iii. Timeline of required courses is approximately 3 years.
- C. Nomination Committee Update
 - a. No one new has come forward to be part of the nominating committee yet.
 - b. Sonya MacQueen still considering. Pastor Josh Mueller will still approach Adrian Wanke, Melissa Wood, and Cynthia Lazarenko.
 - c. By the spring meeting, we should have an idea of any new council members who are willing to have their name stand.
 - i. Paul hopes to get a teaching position in Edmonton after his Master's, in which case he will be able to stay on the council.
 - ii. The usual term to serve on council is two years. A council member may then serve for another 2 years before 1 year is mandated off.
- D. Request from Fred Mueller (tuba)
 - a. **Motion** to gift the tuba to Fred Mueller. Dorothee Hauf **motioned**. Ingrid Maier **seconded**. **Carried**.
- E. Future Meeting Topics
 - a. March: Constitution & membership
 - b. May: Vision planning
 - c. June: AGM prep
- F. Helbig Letter
 - a. Suggestion to email out announcements/bulletins.
 - b. Technical difficulties of live streaming makes accessing sermons very difficult.
 - i. Pastor Kelvin Kehler will send out song lyrics weekly and focus the live streaming camera on the worship team.
 - ii. The worship team plans to continue posting videos to the EFC Facebook group.
 - c. Concern that pastors are when a tech team could be taking charge
 - i. Pastor Kelvin Kehler is training select young congregational members on the sound booth.
 - d. Feedback received by council members as follows:

- i. Many congregation members are not interested to the point of fully reading all of the content we have available (i.e. meeting minutes, sermon summaries etc.).
- ii. There is no substitute for attending church in person.
- e. Suggestion: distributing care packages to those unable to attend church in person. Will include treats, announcements, printed out sermons, photos. Ingrid Maier will assist with organizing care packages.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council Meeting - March 8