



**Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose**  
**Church Council**  
Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 4 p.m.  
Messiah Fellowship Centre  
**MINUTES**

*SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE*

**1. Welcome and Opening**

Vice-President Gail Stolee called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

**Present:** Vice President Gail Stolee, Secretary Jonathan Hawkins, Treasurer Ivar Saugen, Pastor Calvin Skriver, Learning Liaison Sharon Gilbertson, Support Liaison David Larson and Witnessing Liaison Carolyn Andersen.

**Regrets:** President Odell Olson, Pastor Bev Swanson, Service Liaison Art Pfeiffer, and Worship Liaison Darlene Dahle

- a. Devotions:** Carolyn Andersen: Based on reflections by author Richard Wagamese on gratitude, and Psalm 126. Praying with gratitude for blessings usually brings realization of more blessings, whereas praying for things one is wanting tends to lead to more wanting. Carolyn led in a prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude.

**2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda**

- David added 'Chair replacement' as item 5.d. **M/S/C (David, Carolyn)** to approve agenda as amended.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a.** Council Meeting January 23, 2018:  
- **M/S/C (Ivar, David)** to accept minutes as submitted.

**4. Forward Planning and Opportunities**

- a.** Increasing spiritual growth, expanding our relationships within the congregation:  
-Wednesday Worker appreciation luncheon is happening tomorrow; Support has been invited to attend as well.  
-a church in Kelowna uses their screens regularly to indicate an interesting activity/group happening in the congregation – occurs for about 3 minutes during the worship service. It is a way of integrating and appreciating a wide variety of service by members into the worship service. Could we do something like this? Who would develop and organize it? Possibly during offering a couple times a month, when music isn't scheduled.  
-**Task:** Council will think about how this could work, consider potential individuals who could help, consult with committees for input, and seek general feedback. Bring ideas/proposals to March meeting. **M/S/C (David, Carolyn)** to add this to the agenda for March meeting.
- b.** Nominating Committee:  
-**M/S/C (David, Carolyn)** to appoint Elaine Taylor, Jim Brager, Marie Brager, and Gail Stolee as the Nominating committee. Council Committees have been approached about vacancies, and potential nominees are being considered.
- c.** Synod Convention June 14-16 Augustana:  
-Messiah needs delegates – 1 lay delegate, and for every 200 confirmed members over 300, congregations may add another lay delegate; by these rules Messiah would only receive 1 lay delegate according to Synod office. We can also send a 'youth' delegate, aged 16-22. Names must be submitted to Synod by April 1.  
-a search/call for interest in being a delegate should be placed in Sunday bulletins and Messenger – Jonathan and Calvin will coordinate this. Calvin will include this in Sunday announcements; notices will be placed on tables at coffee fellowship as well.

-Keynote speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. The theme is 'Faith, Hope, and Love'.

-**Task:** a decision on delegates should be made at the March Council meeting.

**d. National Synod Convention Delegates:**

-occurs in 2019, and names must be sent to Synod by April 14 – we nominate members to Synod, then at June Synod Convention, Synod delegates are voted upon. We can nominate 5 or 6, but only 1 can be sent from each congregation. If 2 are approved from a congregation, the Council of the congregation chooses the 1 who gets to go.

**e. Congregational Life Event on Saturday April 14 in Red Deer: "No One is Immune: Taking Action for Mental Health in Congregations" Workshop.**

-mental health, especially in congregations, is a Synod priority this year. This event is one way of addressing that focus. Anyone interested may attend – registration information is coming soon. Calvin will forward more information to Council when it is released.

**5. Items arising from the previous minutes**

**a. TV Ministry Upgrade Update:**

- moving into second phase – internet streaming – meaning we need a modem with a large enough bandwidth. One has been secured from Telus and will soon be incorporated into our system. Costs will not be much more than for the current modem.

**b. Mutual Ministry Committees: no updates. Mutual ministry document is on the Synod website. Council and pastors will review potential role/purpose at March meeting.**

**c. Insurance Claim Update:**

-no further information at this time.

**d. Chair replacement:**

-a new style of chair has been selected – Support will move forward seeking a quote for 250 chairs at its March meeting and review fabric samples for cushions. They are stackable. Support will also make a recommendation about what to do with the old chairs.

**6. Correspondence**

**a. Kuriakos presentation:**

-Odell received a letter from Joe Stolee, who is helping with fund-raising for Kuriakos. Joe requested to meet with Council – Odell consulted with Executive, and replied indicating that Joe could attend a future Council meeting, though no financial commitment can happen without congregational support.

**7. Status of our ministries**

**a. Pastor Calvin Skriver/Pastor Bev Swanson**

**i.** Pastor Calvin's Report: spoke to his report and responded to questions.

**ii.** Pastor Bev's Report: no updates from circulated report.

**8. Standing Committees**

**a. Learning – Sharon Gilbertson**

**i. Minutes of Meetings February 6, 2018**

- wondering about funding for a special week-end with Rick Bergh, potentially combining with other churches in Camrose for this, possibly on the over-arching topic of 'Grief'. Could apply for funding under Mission Endowment Fund – send request to Support about this, who in turn would need to get congregational approval, likely at the Annual Meeting. Aiming to tie with another engagement for him nearby late next fall.

-Michelle Kennedy Hawkins is hosting first meeting of junior youth – Pastor Bev is organizing.

**b. Service – Art Pfeiffer**

- i. **Minutes of Meeting January 29, 2018**  
- no further updates.
  - ii. **Ministry with Seniors Group:**  
-Council is requested to repeal current portion of the Governance Manual Policy (Section I) for Ministry with Senior Group and replace it with proposed modifications of what activities are occurring at present. **M/S/C (Ivar, David)** that Council accept the recommendations from Service for the mandate for this Group.
- c. **Support – Dave Larson**
  - i. **Minutes of Meetings of February 1, 2018**  
- Support needs financial requests from all committees by March 1.  
-edit in minutes: “Treva’s” should be “Tova’s” under ‘budget planning’.  
-Wi-fi update: Telus will supply and install 1 Wi-fi extender for public non-profit organizations. Since Messiah would install its own, Telus is willing to supply two extender units – no cost to Messiah, other than small costs on our part for wiring. One further unit might be needed for office/Sunday school area due to large amounts of concrete/metal in this building.  
-starting to gather information about what is needed to update website.
- d. **Witnessing – Carolyn Andersen**
  - i. **Minutes of Meetings**  
- did not meet since last Council meeting. Camrose Refugee Centre has sent some material to Carolyn for Witnessing to review. This includes a request from a University researcher at Augustana to work on a research proposal with them, which would require Messiah assistance since the Refugee Centre is not a registered society. More will come from Witnessing once they have reviewed the documents.
  - ii. **World Mission Reports:**  
– no further updates.
- e. **Worship – Darlene Dahle**
  - i. **Minutes of Meetings February 13, 2018**  
- no further updates.

## 9. Finances

- a. Financial Statements  
-no new statements – when received, Ivar will circulate to Council
- b. Garage Sale income reporting  
-no information available at time of meeting.
- c. Income and expenditures related to each Congregational Retreat  
- no information available at time of meeting.

## 10. Other Business

- a. None added.

## 11. Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Council Meeting March 20, 2018
- b. Devotions: David Larson

- 12. **Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** Gail adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m., leading in a prayer of Thanksgiving and then we prayed the Lord’s Prayer together.