



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

*SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE*

**1. Welcome and Opening**

President Odell Olson called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

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

**Regrets:** Worship Liaison Darlene Dahle

- a. **Devotions:** Dave Larson reflected on favorites hymns, noting one of his is 'This is My Father's World.' Dave provided some of the history around the hymn, then played the hymn with an accompanying visual presentation. He spoke to his experiences with the amazing diverse moths in Costa Rica in 2012 and 2017. The beautiful detail and creativity in God's world is tremendous, and sometimes we overlook it. He concluded with a prayer. Council members shared/reflected on what is going on in their lives in the next little while.

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

- **M/S/C (Gail, Dave)** to approve agenda. Odell circulated another letter to add to correspondence.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Council Meeting February 20, 2018:
  - **M/S/C (Jonathan, Carolyn)** to accept minutes as submitted.

**4. Forward Planning and Opportunities**

- a. 2018-2019 Budget Process:
  - M/S/C (Ivar, Dave)** that the Executive plus Committee Chairs and/or Council reps for each committee meet to review the Budget and the Designated funds each year as part of the Budget preparation process.
  - Council liaisons will determine with each committee who will represent them. Once this is determined, Odell will arrange a meeting. Calvin will also be invited to attend. The group will report back to the Council.
  - This committee will also discuss:
    - i. Staff pay increases: Support recommends 1.5% across the board, but there is some question about how this is applied to rostered staff.
    - ii. There are new government regulations which will mean increased expenses for our contract staff.
    - iii. The questions about Garage Sale income reporting and income and expenditures related to each Congregational Retreat
- b. Annual General Meeting (AGM): Planning:
  - AGM will be held June 10. Reports should be submitted at least four weeks before (May 14) so they can be distributed on May 25. Calvin will confirm timelines with Lori and Doreen.

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

- a. Nominating Committee:
  - Committee is making progress. The Committee submits its report to the AGM.

- b. On-screen announcements:
  - A suggestion was made that Support send someone to Worship to discuss this. Odell will ask Dave and/or Darlene to arrange the discussion between Worship and Support.
- c. TV Ministry Upgrade Update:
  - the Telus proposal for free public Wifi proved more complicated than initially presented but there have been cost savings. Support encourages people to experiment with WiFi connections in various parts of the building. The Sunday School area in particular needs more checking.
  - Streaming equipment is ready but recordings will not be posted until after Easter.
- d. Synod Convention June 14-16 at Augustana:
  - no one has approached Odell about being a delegate. Odell asked for suggestions about people to approach.
  - We are not sure if the Synod office is using 'baptized' members or 'confirmed' members to base our delegate numbers on. They have told us that we are allotted one lay delegate and all of our rostered active or retired members. Calvin has made an enquiry.
- e. National Synod Convention Delegates:
  - no one has approached Odell about being a delegate. Calvin is willing to have his name put forward and will apply.
- f. Congregational Life Event on Sat April 14 in Red Deer: "No One is Immune" – talk about mental health. Council will pay expenses for anyone who wishes to attend on Messiah's behalf.
- g. Mutual Ministry Committees:
  - no updates.
- h. Insurance Claim Update:
  - no updates.

## 6. Correspondence

- a. Pre-Clay 2018:
  - Bev felt our youth were not likely to be interested.
- b. CCCC Communications regarding 'attestation' on grant applications:
  - part of an ongoing discussion.
- c. Letter from Neil Soggie, seeking support for travel to an academic conference in June. Council opted not to follow up.

## 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: spoke to her report and responded to questions.

## 8. Standing Committees

- a. **Learning – Sharon Gilbertson**
  - i. **Revised Minutes of Meetings February 6, 2018**
  - ii. **Minutes of Meeting February 28, 2018**
    - Rick Bergh is being brought to Camrose by another church, so we will try to get this added to announcements for Palm Sunday and Easter.
- b. **Service – Art Pfeiffer**
  - i. **Minutes of Meeting February 26, 2018**
- c. **Support – Dave Larson**
  - i. **Minutes of Meetings of March 1, 2018**
- d. **Witnessing – Carolyn Andersen**
  - i. **Minutes of Meeting March 8, 2018**
    - Witnessing forwarded communication from Clark Banack from the Chester Ronning Institution about supporting a grant application for a project about the

integration of refugees into rural communities. **M/S/C (Gail, Sharon)** that Messiah agree to support the grant application. Odell will contact Dr. Banack and Alan Ford.

**ii. World Mission Reports from February 12, 2018:**

- e. Worship – Darlene Dahle**
  - i. Minutes of Meetings**

**9. Finances**

**a. Financial Statements**

-Ivar spoke to the submitted statement from January 31, 2018 included in the package and February 28, 2018 (circulated at meeting).

**10. Other Business**

- a. None.**

**11. Next Meeting:**

- a. Regular Council Meeting April 17, 2018**
- b. Devotions: Gail Stolee**

**12. Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** Odell adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m., and we prayed the Lord's Prayer together.