



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council
Tuesday January 23, 2018 at 4 p.m.
Messiah Nursery
MINUTES

SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

1. Welcome and Opening

President Odell Olson called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

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

Regrets: Vice President Gail Stolee, Witnessing Liaison Carolyn Andersen and Worship Liaison Darlene Dahle

- a. **Devotions:** Sharon Gilbertson: Shared Richard Rohr's reflections on a New Year – religion should help move us forward; faith is alive while dogma is dying. Council reflected/discussed and Sharon closed devotions with prayer.

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

- **M/S/C (David, Sharon)** to approve agenda as circulated.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Council Meeting November 21, 2017:

- It was suggested that meeting minutes should primarily focus on motions and tasks. Council agreed to proceed in this fashion.

M/S/C (Art, Jonathan) to accept minutes as submitted.

4. Forward Planning and Opportunities

- a. Increasing spiritual growth, expanding our relationships within the congregation:
- look for more opportunities to invite/involve partners in other churches/congregations in our events/activities and look for opportunities to be involved with them.
 - December multi-generational event was very successful – exploring having another one in February or March.
 - a request has been made to consider taking money from Lunch-fest to have a pizza lunch or something similar for Wednesday Workers and Support for all their hard work. Targeting Wednesday February 21. Council encouraged the initiative to proceed.
 - look for opportunities to appreciate and affirm individuals/groups for activities at Messiah.

5. Items arising from the previous minutes

- a. TV Ministry Upgrade Update:
- Still concerns associated with upgrading TV ministry – issues continue to arise and Support is monitoring developments.
- b. Conventions
- i. Reformation Challenge: no updates. Activities have wrapped up.
 - ii. Report on the National Synod Convention: A report will be given to the Adult Sunday School class by Ruth sometime in March – Cheryl Nestor will coordinate dates with Ruth.
- c. Food Services Policy:
- **M/S/C (Ivar, Sharon)** to approve updated policy as included in Pastor Calvin's report.
- d. Mutual Ministry Committees: no updates.
- e. Insurance Claim Update – Discovery Interviews
- last Friday there was a visit from lawyer to the members of the signatories of claim letter – they are now on call for Discovery in Edmonton this week.

6. Correspondence

- Canadian Council for Christian Charities is holding a Board Governance web cast on January 31 if anyone is interested.

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. Minutes of Meetings January 9, 2018

- some requests have come for more options for Bible Studies. Learning is exploring possibilities

b. Service – Art Pfeiffer

i. Minutes of Meeting November 27, 2017

- no further updates from minutes supplied.

c. Support – Dave Larson

i. Minutes of Meetings of December 7, 2017 and January 4, 2018

- still exploring basement chair replacements and funding sources. Some suggestions offered on dealing with drums that continue to be stored in basement.

d. Witnessing – Carolyn Andersen

i. Minutes of Meetings of December 6, 2017 and January 3, 2018

- directory work is ongoing.

ii. World Mission Reports: Minutes of Meetings of November 13, 2017, December 11, 2017, and January 8, 2018. – no further updates.

e. Worship – Darlene Dahle

i. Minutes of Meetings December 5, 2017

1. Updated Usher Guidelines approved by the Worship Committee and the Executive. **M/S/C (Ivar/Dave)** to approve Executive decision

9. Finances

a. Financial Statements

- the 2016/2017 Financial Statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.
- Ivar circulated updates from November and December and spoke to the numbers. Net deficit is looking much better after December.

10. Other Business

a. None added.

11. Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Council Meeting February 20, 2018
- b. Devotions: Carolyn Andersen

12. Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Odell adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m. and we prayed the Lord's Prayer together.