

MINUTES of MEETING

FAITH COUNTRY SHARED MINISTRY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 7th, 2016

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On Thursday, January 7th, 2016, the Faith Country Shared Ministry Council met at Bethania Lutheran Church, Forestburg, at 7:30 p.m. ~ hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Lougheed. Present at the meeting were Pastor Rick Laurendeau; Chairman, Rick Bergseth; Treasurer, Jeanette Herle, and eight (8) Council Members for a total of eleven (11) people present at the meeting.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING:

Pastor: Pastor Rick
Chairman: Rick B
Treasurer: Jeanette H
Bethania: Mary Ann L, Joan D, Denise S
Hope: Karen K, Carl J
St. John's: Deb B,
Trinity: Allen N, Brenda S

Absent: Sandra R, Sheila T Carolyn H

CALL TO ORDER [#1]

Chairman, Rick B., called the FCSM Council Meeting to order and handed out a printed meeting agenda. **No Motion made for approval of Agenda**

OPENING DEVOTIONS [#2]

Before the meeting began, Brenda led the opening Devotions and Prayer – based on “The Power of Prayer”. Prayer allows us to step back from our problems and let God step in to help us. *Philippians 4:6 says: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* Asking God for help in prayer is a great act of faith. By praying, we give God His place in our lives and put Him at the centre of all things. Brenda closed with a prayer.

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VOTING MEMBERS [#3]

- ◆ There were seven(7) Voting members available for this meeting including:

Bethania: Denise, Joan
Hope: Karen, Carl
Trinity: Allen, Brenda
St. John's: Deb

MINUTES [#4]

- The Minutes from the November 19th, 2015, Meeting were read by Secretary, Karen Kruger.
- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
 - Re: Service Times in Minutes: It was pointed out that the Secretary had not switched the service times correctly in the minutes for Trinity and Bethania.
 - Re: Letter to Housing Authority Board: Chairman Rick read the letter from his files which he had written on behalf of the FCSM Council with regards to “ including a common meeting place ” in the new Sedgewick senior housing facility based on being able to continue providing ministerial Services to residents.
 - Re: Church Directory in Community Press: Denise requested that someone put in the new Worship Schedule as she is unable to do it. She will be going to Saskatchewan to be with family as her Mother is ill.

Motion: Karen moved that “**the Minutes be accepted as adjusted. Carried**
* (...based on corrections to the 2016 Worship times at Trinity and Bethania as printed in the Nov. 19th Minutes”)

TREASURER'S REPORT [#5]

- Treasurer, Jeanette Herle, presented a printed sheet as the **2015 Year End Report** for FCSM. The Report showed a Balance (or Cash On Hand) of **\$3,656.54** at year end – December 31st, 2015.

No Motion Made

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BUSINESS [#6]

Note: Items 6a and 6b were switched for Discussion

6b) PASTORAL CONCERNS [PASTOR'S REPORT]

- i) Re: 5th Sunday - January 31st: > this will be cancelled as Bethania unable to be the host and it is too short notice for another congregation to plan and host
- ii) Re: Church Directory in Community Press: > Pastor Rick will see that the Worship times are changed to the 2016 Schedule
- iii) Re: Dates for Annual Meetings: there was a short discussion and the following dates were noted:
 - Hope: Sun. Feb. 28th Worship; Potluck; Meeting
 - St. John's: Sun., Feb. 14th
 - Trinity: Sun., Feb. 21st
 - Bethania: To be determined

6a) BUDGET 2016:

- \$ Treasurer, Jeanette handed out a sheet to the FCSM Council with 2016 tentative figures for discussion.
- \$ It was noted that the January to March figures would be divided between the four (4) partner Congregations. From April to December would be divided between the three (3) remaining Congregations due to the closing of Bethania in Sedgewick.
- \$ The Monthly figures for January to March would be \$1129.79/m/congregation
- \$ The Monthly figures for April to December would be \$1208.42/m/congregation
- \$ Note: These figures indicate a significant cut in salary for Pastor Rick who is willing to accept this cut and continue to serve FCSM.
- \$ However, this cut would also mean a cut to Pastor Rick's workload – which needs to be discussed as to where and how.

\$\$\$ DISCUSSION:

- \$ Mileage: figure may change to \$5,500.00/yr from \$6,000.00/yr. > depending on the amount per km. For 2016, the first 3 months could be \$.54 and the last 9 months could be \$.48. (The 2015 figure used was \$.55/km.)

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- \$ Workload: Re: 5th Sundays: It was suggested that these Services and Potlucks be discontinued and these Sundays be considered Pastor Rick's day off. (It was noted that the attendance was discouraging and had not fulfilled the purpose of having the FCSM congregation members worship and fellowship together.)

Motion: Denise moved that: "The terms of Pastor Rick's Call (employment) by the FCSM (Faith Country Shared Ministry) no longer include preparing services on the 5th Sundays of any given month." Motion Seconded by Deb B. Carried.

- \$ Worship Services at Big Knife Villa, Galahad Care Centre and Killam Care Centre: Presently Pastor Rick takes a turn with other Pastors from the area churches to conduct Worship Services and provide Pastoral Care at Big Knife Villa and Galahad Care Centre. On one Tuesday per month, at the Killam Care Center, he is one of three (3) Pastors who conduct a Communion Service which means Pastor Rick does it every three months. He also takes a turn to be on call – one month at a time - in case of an emergency ~ either in the acute or long term care sections of the hospital. This is about three times/year. His turn is coming up for February 2016. Note: At one time, he took a turn to conduct the 3:00 p.m. Sunday Services at Killam. *This is one Service he will no longer be conducting.

\$ **Budget Discussion:**

- > The figures of \$1,129.79/m were discussed and it was suggested that for the months of January, February, and March there was no point in changing them from the 2015 figure of \$1,160.00/m.

Motion: Denise moved that: "that each of the four (4) Congregations in the FCSM, Bethania, Hope, St. John's and Trinity, continue to contribute \$1,160.00/m for January, February and March 2016; and the remaining three (3) Congregations, Hope, St. John's and Trinity, contribute \$1208.00/m from April to December, 2016." Motion seconded by Carl.

Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE (#7) - none

NEXT MEETING (#8)

The next FAITH COUNTRY SHARED MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING
 will be held on
Thurs., April 21st/16 at 7:30 p.m
 at St. John's, Sedgewick
 Note: Election of Officers for 2016-17 at this Meeting

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER (#9)

> Chairman, Rick B. adjourned the meeting and asked Pastor Rick to close the meeting by leading the Lord's Prayer.

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Following the meeting, we enjoyed fellowship and visiting with the coffee and goodies provided by Hope.

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*Respectfully Submitted,
Karen H. Kruger,
Secretary*

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