

MINUTES of MEETING  
FAITH COUNTRY SHARED MINISTRY COUNCIL

Thursday, JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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On Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Faith Country Shared Ministry Council met at at 7:30 p.m., at St. John's Anglican Lutheran Church, Sedgewick, for a meeting hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Lougheed. Present at the meeting were Pastor Rick Laurendeau; Chairman, Rick Bergseth; Treasurer, Jeanette Herle and six (6) Council Members for a total of nine (9) people present at the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING:**

Pastor: Pastor Rick  
Chairman: Rick B  
Treasurer: Jeanette H  
Hope: Carl J, Karen K,  
St. John's: Sandra R, Sheila T, Denise S  
Trinity: Allen N,  
Absent: Brenda S,

**CALL TO ORDER [#1]**

Chairman, Rick B., called the FCSM Council Meeting to order and handed out a printed meeting agenda.

**OPENING DEVOTIONS [#2]**

To begin the meeting, Pastor Rick led with an Opening Prayer.

**VOTING MEMBERS [#3]**

- ◆ There were five (5) Voting members available for this meeting including:
  - Hope: Carl, Karen,
  - Trinity: Allen
  - St. John's: Sandra, Sheila

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### AGENDA [#4]

The Agenda had the Annual Meetings added to it and was then approved as the Meeting Agenda.

### MINUTES [#5]

- The Minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Meeting were read by Secretary, Karen Kruger

Motion: Karen moved that "the Minutes be accepted as read". Carried

#### ➤ BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Re: Get Well Card to Carolyn: Karen sent a Get Well Card to Carolyn by having Pastor Rick give it to her when he visited her.

† Footnote: There was word that Carolyn had passed away on January 11, 2017, and that a funeral will be held at the Killam Community Hall. The date to be determined and announced.

### TREASURER'S REPORT [#6]

#### \$ FINANCIAL REPORT

- Treasurer, Jeanette Herle, handed out a printed sheet which was the 2016 Year End Statement. It outlined the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, Income and Expenses.

➤ TOTAL INCOME – Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	\$46,692.51
➤ ADD – Opening Balance @ Jan. 1, 2016	<u>\$ 3,656.54</u>
➤ TOTAL	\$50,349.05
➤ TOTAL EXPENSES – Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	<u>\$44,451.25</u>
➤ TOTAL BALANCE (COH) - Dec. 31/16	<u>\$ 5,897.80</u>

\* MOTION: Jeanette asked for FCSM Council "Acceptance of the 2016 Year End Statement". Seconded by Carl Motion CARRIED

#### \$ OTHER FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- 1) MOTION: Carl moves that FCSM give Pastor Rick Laurendeau an "Honorarium" of \$500.00 for the year 2016. Seconded by Sheila. Carried
- 2) > Rick B. will confirm which person, Mary Lou or Deb, will Audit the FCSM Financial Records and let Jeanette know.

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## BUSINESS [#7]

### 7a) 2017 BUDGET

→ Points for Discussion:

- 1) that the Monthly contribution per Congregation remain at \$1,208.00
- 2) that the Rental Allowance increase to \$850.00/month ~ from \$800.00/m
- 3) that the Utility Allowance increase to \$400.00/month ~ from \$350.00/m
- 4) that FCSM add the "Discretionary Fund" of \$500.00 for Pastor Rick
- 5) that for 2017, the Mileage amount can be decreased; and the Office Supplies amount can be increased ~ based on the 2016 total figures in these categories.

MOTION: Sandra moved that " the Proposed 2017 Budget be accepted as presented and that the FCSM Council recommend approval to the Congregations at their Annual Meetngs." Seconded by Allen. **CARRIED**

### 7b) Easter Worship Service Schedule

- > April 9 – Palm Sunday
  - > 9:15 a.m. Worship Service @ Hope
  - > 11:15 a.m. Worship Service @ St. John's
- > April 14 – Good Friday
  - > 10:30 a.m. - Ecumenical Worship Service – Forestburg Community Centre
- > April 16 – Easter Sunday
  - > 10:30 a.m. Communion Service at Trinity

### 7c) PASTORAL CONCERNS

i) > Regarding 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation: Pastor Rick wrote a letter of Invitation to the Roman Catholic Priest, Rev. Fr. Christian Nwaigwe, with an invitation to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation by sharing a Worship Service of COMMON PRAYER – the date still to be determined. The Synod of Alberta and the Territories is encouraging Lutheran-Catholic Congregations to share this Service. To date, Pastor Rick has had no reply/response.

ii) > Regarding 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in October

October 29 is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday > Suggests that possibly the FCSM Congregations meet for a Joint Reformation Worship Service; followed by a Potluck dinner.

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7d) > Annual Meetings

- ♦ St. John's Feb. 12 > Service at 11:15 a.m. (followed by Potluck & Meeting)
- ♦ Hope Feb. 26 > Service at 11:15 a.m. (followed by Potluck & Meeting)  
(\*note: for this Sunday only & that St. Johns will Worship at 9:15)
- ♦ Trinity Mar. 5 > Service at 10:30 a.m. (followed by Potluck & Meeting)

\*\*\* There was no other Business

NEXT MEETING (#8)

The next FAITH COUNTRY SHARED MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING  
 will be held on  
Thurs., APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>/17 at 7:30 p.m  
 at St. John's Anglican, Sedgewick

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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