

MINUTES of MEETING

FAITH COUNTRY SHARED MINISTRY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 16th, 2015

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On Thursday, April 16th, 2015, the Faith Country Shared Ministry Council met at Bethania Lutheran Church, Sedgewick, at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Pastor Rick Laurendeau; Chairman, Rick Bergseth; Treasurer, Jeanette Herle, and seven (7) Council Members for a total of ten (10) people present at the meeting.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING:

Pastor: Pastor Rick
Chairman: Rick Bergseth
Treasurer: Jeanette Herle
Bethania: Mary Ann Lewis, Denise Schweitzer, Joan Djos
Hope: Karen Kruger
St. John's: Sandra Rosiechuk
Trinity: Allen Ness, Brenda Snethun

Absent: Carl Jahns, Sheila Tanton, Carolyn Hartung

CALL TO ORDER [#1]

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

OPENING DEVOTIONS [#2]

For opening Devotions, Pastor Rick shared the "Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi"

VOTING MEMBERS [#3a]

- ◆ There were six(6) Voting members for this meeting including:

Bethania: Mary Ann Lewis, Joan Djos
Hope: Karen Kruger
Trinity: Allen Ness, Brenda Snethun
St. John's: Sandra Rosiechuk

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AGENDA (#3b – approval/acceptance of agenda)

Motion: Allen moved that "we approve and follow the presented agenda"
Carried

MINUTES [#4]

- The Minutes from the Thursday, January 15th, 2015, FCSM Council Meeting, were read by Secretary, Karen Kruger.
- **Note:** one error was pointed out regarding the "voting" members from Bethania for the Jan. 15/15 mtg. and was corrected.

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

➤ **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Re: Annual Meeting at Bethania: This meeting was cancelled.
- Re: 5th Sunday Joint Special Event: On Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday, the Shared Ministry Congregations were invited to attend a Worship Service and Potluck Dinner at Trinity, Loughheed. Those who attended reported it was a great success!

TREASURER'S REPORT [#5]

- Treasurer, Jeanette Herle, handed out printed sheets with figures as of March 31, 2015... {including January, February and March}

Opening Balance - January 1, 2015		\$ 750.06
> Income: Jan/Feb/Mar/15	<u>\$15,991.69</u>	
		<u>\$15,991.69</u>
> Total Income Balance:		\$16,741.75
> Expenses: Jan/Feb/Mar/15	<u>\$14,061.63</u>	<u>\$14,061.63</u>
BALANCE as of March 31st, 2015		<u>\$ 2,680.12</u>

Motion: Jeanette moved that "the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented." **Seconded by Joan. Carried**

BUSINESS [#6]

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a) Canada Revenue Agency Payments:

The Council decision made at the January 15th/15 meeting under Concensus was confirmed.

b) SUMMER 2015 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

❖ Pastor Rick's 2015 Holidays: July 5th to 24th

- Bethania/Trinity: > no Worship Services all of July or Aug. 2nd
> first service will be August 16th/15
- Hope: > July 12th - TBD
> July 26th - Regular Worship Schedule begins
- St. John's: > July 4th Pastor Rick will conduct a wedding
> July 26th - Pastor Rick will conduct a Worship Service at All Saints Anglican, in Lougheed at 11:30 a.m.
> Aug. 9th - Regular Worship Schedule begins

C) PASTORAL CONCERNS [PASTOR'S REPORT]

- i) Website called "The Table": this one also failed miserably as he could not send attachments. Looked at something else called "Reach Mail" – but looks like it only sends one way. He wants it to go "back and forth" so he can reach people and receive feedback or replies. So still working on finding something that will work.
- ii) Bible Study: "Find Your Purpose" > Weather caused some difficulties so took awhile to complete the lessons.
- iii) 2015-16 Bible Study: Beginning in the fall, Pastor Rick will introduce a study called "Animate". It is a three section program with 6-7 weeks in each one. It discusses basic – practical things like the Bible, Faith, Practices and so on. The student journal is \$15.00 each. More details will be announced in September.
- iv) May 4-8th - Annual Study Conference at LTS, Saskatoon: Pastor Rick will attend and Susan is going along so they can visit friends. There is no cost to the FCSM as it will come out of the Continuing Education Fund.

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- v) Upcoming 5th Sundays - 2015:
 - * May 31st - Hope planning to host a Worship Service/ Picnic. They are looking to find an appropriate site
 - * August 30th - No joint Service-Pot luck on this day
 - * November 29th – This will be discussed and planned at next meeting
- vi) Conventions: Pastor Rick brought up the “fees/expenses” incurred to attend the Lutheran Synod Conventions and the Anglican Conventions. The upcoming Anglican Convention is April 24th-25th and will cost \$40.00 plus mileage. Suggested these fees be covered by the FCSM Budget.
- vii) Synod Program called “Participating in Hope”: There will be an opportunity to participate in one of these discussions at Hughenden on Saturday, April 18th. If anyone interested in attending, please let Pastor Rick know. Will have to leave Bethania at 9:00 a.m. so leave Hope earlier than that.

d) OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) St. John’s:
 - > hosting a Garage/Bake Sale on May 8th – 9th. There will be barbequed hot dogs from 4:00 – 8:00 pm on the Friday and at lunch time on Saturday. The Proceeds will go to REACH – an Anglican Program
 - > There are plans as well to put a Community Garden behind the church. One half will go to self and the other half donated to the Food Bank.
- 2) Clergy Meeting:
 - > Pastor Rick hosted a meeting at Hope for the Sedgewick/Forestburg Clergy with regards to the Big Knife Villa and the Flagstaff Lodge. Both are operated by the Bethany Group. Presently the Clergy take turns conducting worship services in both facilities.
 - > Pastor Rick asked: “Should the FCSM Council write a letter to the Housing Authority Board to “encourage” a “Common Meeting Place” in the new Sedgewick facility to accommodate meetings such as this?
 - > [BKV has a multi-purpose room so something similar would be good]
 - > Discussion followed and a motion was made...

>> for motion see page 5...

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Motion: Mary Ann moved that "the FCSM Council write a letter to the Housing Authority Board to encourage they include a common Meeting Space in the new facility in Sedgewick... such as a multi- purpose room". Seconded by Joan. Carried

> Rick Bergseth will write the letter

3d) Please keep the Brodie Family in thoughts and prayers on the weekend of April 18th-19th as they have a wedding which will be both joyous and difficult.

CORRESPONDENCE (#7) - none

NEXT MEETING (#8)

The next FAITH COUNTRY SHARED MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING
will be held on
Thurs., October 22nd/15 at 7:30 p.m
at Hope, Forestburg

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 Bethania.*
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*Respectfully Submitted,
Karen H. Kruger,
Secretary*