



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLIES

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Connecting to Advance God's Kingdom

ELDERS' MEETING **Thursday, April 18, 2019**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Glenn Breitzkreuz, Chairman
Trevor Hoskins, Vice Chair
Gene Enns, Secretary-Treasurer
Beverly Fawcett
Glen Forsberg
Paul Reich
Duane Siemens
Autumn Sellen, Recording Secretary
Bryan Swash
James Humphries

REGRETS: Earl Toews (Regional Coordinator of Manitoba & North-Western Ontario)

The meeting was called to order at 9:07am.

EM 19.04.18-01 **Roll Call & Prayer:** Bryan Swash shared a devotional on, "what is God saying to the FCA?" As we reflect on Holy Week, what is God tearing down that we are trying to reconstruct? After Palm Sunday, Jesus cursed the fig tree. He was upset because of the appearance of fruit but there was none. There seems to be a connection between the recent burning of the Notre-Dame in Paris and how Jesus was upset with what the Temple had become. Jesus knew that it was all passing away. However, those that were the custodians of the Temple were missing the point. What needs to burn to the ground in our lives? What have we established among ourselves, that if God were here today would he dismantle? There's this notion that we are missing what God is trying to do. We need to keep asking, "what am I missing?"

Beverly Fawcett led in prayer.

EM 19.04.18-02 **Approval of Agenda:** It was Moved and Seconded that the agenda for the April 18, 2019 meeting be approved.
Moved: Duane
Seconded: Trevor
CARRIED

EM 19.04.18-03 **Acceptance of Minutes:** It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting be accepted.
Moved: Beverly
Seconded: Bryan
CARRIED

EM 19.04.18-04 **Updated Envisioning Meeting:** Bryan Swash gave an update on the development of the Envisioning Meeting agenda. He asked for feedback from the Elders about what has happened at previous Envisioning Meetings. The draft agenda appeared to be a list of to-dos. Whereas the notes from the Elders' Retreat had envisioning items.

Bryan noted some of the issues that Ontario is currently facing. They have 175 FCA ministers but only 26 endorsing churches. Churches like Brad Montsion have nearly 50 endorsed ministers under them. Who is accountable to who? A family feel involves relationship.

After the recent breakfast in Ontario, there are few questions that have been raised:

1. What are the obligations to the Regional Coordinators?
2. What is the pathway to License/Ordination? And are we consistent?
3. Can we have an FCA Pastor to care for pastors in Ontario?
4. How do we articulate the difference between Ontario and Alberta pastors? Ontario pastors are often bi-vocational, in rented facilities, don't have money to go to convention, and not first-born Canadians. How do they understand FCA?
5. What are the Privileges and Responsibilities for being in the FCA?

Glenn shared on what the Envisioning Meeting has been previously. The Envisioning Meeting was started to give time for discussion of issues facing the FCA. However, what it was in the past is not relevant. What it needs to be for us now is what's most important. We need to be clear what the Envisioning Meeting is for. It is about pushing a new agenda forward and these are the keys to do it.

Bryan's suggested structure:

1. Worship (a few moments to get our hearts in tune)
2. Video (grabs attention)
3. Easy buy-in issues (things that are well accepted)
4. Stretch points (here is where we need to go)
5. Discussion
6. Lunch
7. Go over anything that pertains to easy buy-ins, stretch points, and discussion— what business do we need to quickly address so we are ready for ABM tomorrow?

Duane suggested that we start off with, "We have listened carefully. This is what we have come up with from listening to your heart at previous Envisioning meetings."

1. Equipping Spiritual Leaders
2. Teaching Biblical Worldview
3. Cultivating personal and relationship well-being
4. Encouraging kingdom partnership and networking

ACTION: Autumn (1.) check with Jim Reimer to see if we can make Tuesday lunch a working lunch for Envision Meeting. (2.) Send Bryan a list of items for EM.

ACTION: Everyone - Bryan is going to tell us where he needs us in the EM.

(Bryan Swash left the meeting)

EM 19.04.18-05 **Fellowship Pastor Report:** Glen Forsberg shared that in Alberta they are rejoicing for the election. Pastor Glenn asked to put together some thoughts on vision for the FCA.

What could the FCA look like in the next five years?

1. We have a History
2. Ingredients for Renewal – Genuine relationship with God through Spirit-anointed Prayer, Power, & Purpose.
3. Cry for Fellowship instead of Isolation. Unity is happening in Canada.
4. Practical Connectors – Regional Coordinators, the Fellowship Pastor, and many outbound ministers. We are all connectors.
5. Serving our vast Nation. Could a connecting agenda be aided with an Associate Fellowship Pastor?
6. It is time to recognize, mentor, and release young and women ministers in ministry in our Fellowship.
7. Due to the over-burden of large numbers of ministers in some regions, we need a fresh wineskin for the sponsorship of ministers and churches.
8. Release the Eldership to move to
 - a. Vision-casting
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Words of God for the movement
 - d. Fatherhood
 - e. Develop a convention planning core committee to work with regional hosts and sites
9. A return to what “seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us”

Glen will be sharing more on the future at the ABM.

EM 19.04.18-06 **Missions' Coordinator Report:** James Humphries gave an update on a couple of items. Someone donated a tower which gives them direct unlimited internet. They can now connect better with others over the internet. Overseas they are working on leadership building. Building leaders that will build other leaders. The Missions Committee will meet at the Convention. They look forward to what will come out of those meetings. Bev will be the Elder liaison of missions. Gene will be helping as well. James is willing to advise, if needed.

EM 19.04.18-07 **Clearwater College Report:** Paul Reich reported that they had a youth retreat recently with 200 people. There are a number of groups that come and bring non-Christian youth. There were a number of kids that got saved, and some that were filled with the Holy Spirit. Second item is that they already have 9 new applications for next year. Compared to this time last year, there was only 2 applications. There are 6 students that they are currently dialoging with and of those, several have given verbal indications that they are coming next year. There are 8 returning students. They are praying to hit the 20 students for next year.

EM 19.04.18-08 **FCA Media Report:** Trevor Hoskins gave a brief report that the website has been refreshed and changed. Autumn went over some of the updates which include notifications when someone interacts with you online. There is also now the feature of being able to switch between FCA membership profiles, such as for spouses or pastors of a church.

ACTION: Autumn will send out the promotional video on the website next week.

EM 19.04.18-09 **Financial Statements:** Gene Enns gave a financial update for March 2019. He noted that March was a unique month because FCA was paying Kara her last month as well as Autumn and Gene were taking on responsibilities. Moving forward it will just be Autumn and Gene paid for administration work. Elder's retreat came in under budget. The accounting expense (line 57) was \$3,000 compared to the budgeted \$2,000. The additional \$1,000 was due to extra work. Line 64 was the laptop purchase for Gene. There were also lots of transitional items.

Gene highlighted an item in the equity section: Total Unrestricted Assets. The number on the left is this year (March 2019) \$177,544.45. The number on the right \$160, 910.57 is from last year (March 2018). This is funds that we actually have available to use. Compared to our position last year, our position has greatly improved.

EM 19.04.18-10 **Office Transition Budget:** Gene Enns gave an update on the expense associated with the office transition. The Elders adjusted the budget at the Elders' Retreat to include \$8,000 for transition and development costs. CFA has been scanning and uploading documents so Gene and Autumn have access online. This helps make it more of a virtual office. Susan quoted that it would cost around \$3,000 for CFA's work. FCA will be sending CFA compensation which will come out of the budgeted transition and development costs line.

EM 19.04.18-11 **Convention Budget:** Gene Enns gave an update on the expenses associated with the FCA Convention in Vancouver. Gene spoke with Jim Reimer. There has been positive movement regarding the deficit. It appears there will be a deficit between \$5,000 to \$10,000. There are over 200 people registered.

It was approved that the FCA would send the \$2,000 for the Regional Coordinator dinner and the \$10,000 budgeted convention subsidy. The bottom line will have to be figured out later.

ACTION: If anything needs to be printed, please let Jim Reimer and his team know right away.

EM 19.04.18-12 **ABM Agenda & Schedule:** Glenn went over the chairman version of the schedule for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting at the 2019 Convention in Vancouver.

Convention Planning Committee: This will be brought up at envisioning meeting. We don't need a motion but can ask for one if we want one.

ACTION: Autumn add to the Chairman's script for the ABM meeting:

In light of this, we would like to revamp the handbook to be a more useful tool.

Do you authorize the Elders to make updates according to this new paradigm with accountability to the membership at the ABM?

Vote by show of hands.

ACTION: Finalize who is speaking for each of the business items.

EM 19.04.18-13 **Articles Amendment:** Gene Enns commented that the Article Amendments were submitted by email to members in the Notice to Members on April 5, 2019. In the Articles, Gene separated the 6 articles at the end into several different motions. This helps separate it into similar items.

ACTION: Everyone to be familiar with the content that was sent out to members.

- EM 19.04.18-14 **FCA Plus Board Meeting:** The Elders convened as the FCA Plus Board.
(See the attached FCA Plus Board Meeting minutes.)
- EM 19.04.18-15 **Future Conventions:** *Item 7.2 Elders' Retreat Follow-Up Item – Future Conventions* from the meeting agenda. This item has been discussed before and we will work at developing.
- EM 19.04.18-16 **Prayer Emails:** Based off of feedback received, the FCA Prayer emails are getting to be too frequent. There needs to be guidelines of how often and what type of emails are sent.

Guidelines:

- A prayer page on the website (not emailed)
- Bulleted points
- Clarity of the purpose needs to be identified.
- Ron to go over requests and scrutinize
- Opt-in option not auto subscribed
- Monthly reminder that there is a Prayer Wall on the Website.
- The FCA Prayer email reserved for crisis and emergency.

ACTION: Trevor to call Ron to give update on changes needed.

ACTION: Autumn unsubscribe members.

Trevor Hoskins motioned to adjourn at 11:04 am.

The next Elders' Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM (MT)**. The devotional will be led by Glen Forsberg, and the Regional Coordinator joining will be Cory Rosenfeldt of the Peace Region.



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FCA PLUS BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2019

MINUTES

The convening of the meeting coincided with the FCA Elder Board Meeting.

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Beverly Fawcett
Glen Forsberg
Paul Reich
James Humphries
Duane Siemens
Autumn Sellen, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Bryan Swash

The meeting was called to order at 10:53 am.

FP 19.04.18-01 **Acceptance of Minutes:** It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting be accepted.
Moved: Gene Enns
Seconded: James Humphries
CARRIED

FP 19.04.18-02 **FCA Plus Committee Recommendation:** Gene gave an update on the meeting the committee had on April 9, 2019 with our broker Scott Hanrahan. The current insurance provider is Encon. The recommendation was that FCA Plus stay with Encon. There will be an increase in fees. There were additional quotes provided that were lower than Encon. However, Scott recommended we stay with Encon for the benefits we receive. He advised that companies offer lower fees to get you in the door and then raise them later.

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the recommendation from the FCA Plus Committee to stay with Encon.

Moved: Gene Enns
Seconded: Glen Forsberg
CARRIED

Trevor motioned to adjourn at 10:56 am.