



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLIES

Connecting to Advance God's Kingdom

ELDERS' MEETING Thursday, May 16, 2019

MINUTES

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

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Cory Rosenfeldt

REGRETS: Bryan Swash

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am.

EM 19.05.16-01 **Roll Call & Prayer:** Glen led us in a devotion. He mentioned that there are several things that stand out with the responsibility and celebration of eldership. The Lord has called the Elders to be servants and overseers. The Elders are to take care of the flock. The flock here is the Fellowship across Canada. We need to recognize the true pastor of the flock, which is the Lord. We are to humble ourselves and cast our cares on Him. Anxiety is an easy hole to fall into when we compare our ministries and churches to others.

Glen Forsberg led in prayer.

EM 19.05.16-02 **Update of Elders:** James Humphries is no longer an Elder and Gene Enns was welcomed as an official Elder, voted in at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting.

EM 19.05.16-03 **Approval of Agenda:** It was Moved and Seconded that the amended agenda for the May 16, 2019 meeting be approved. Amended to include: 5.2 Convention Debrief.
Moved: Duane Siemens
Seconded: Trevor Hoskins
CARRIED

EM 19.05.16-04 **Acceptance of Minutes:** It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting be accepted.
Moved: Glen Forsberg
Seconded: Beverly Fawcett
CARRIED

EM 19.05.16-05 **Regional Coordinator:** Regional Coordinator Cory Rosenfeldt of the Peace Region shared with the group what is happening in their area. Cory is a pastor in Manning

Alberta. The church in Manning is three churches that have come together. His has a heart for unity. Every year at Christmas he organizes the churches in his community to come together, including the catholic priest. There are 5 FCA Churches in the Peace region. Things seem to be going well for the Peace Region. Cory mentioned that having the website up and running fully would be a huge resource. He also extended an invitation to an event in July called IT IS TIME CANADA. It will be held in Deadwood, AB.

Paul Reich prayed over and blessed Cory Rosenfeldt and the Peace Region.

Cory Rosenfeldt left the meeting at 9:46 am.

EM 19.05.16-06 **Fellowship Pastor Report:** Glen Forsberg gave an update on feedback from the convention. He felt there was a great balance in the presentation and focus of "Get a life" message and a spiritual and practical understanding in "Addressing anxiety". The response to Heritage honour for the Trekofskis was wonderful. They were overwhelmed by the presentation and response they received. John Lucas III was absent because of court duties. Bob and Sue Forseth, leaders of the FCA in the U.S. attend the convention, as well as Pastor Jake Toews and family.

Glen gave a brief report on a church in BC. The convention has really helped with the situation at the church. Jim Reimer has agreed to help with the ongoing issue since he is the Endorsing Church pastor. Matt Sampson is interested in a church plant. Pastor Greg Fraser is supporting him. Duane and Glen will be meeting to discuss the Fellowship Pastor Associate role. The elders will need to address the practicalities involving the new role. There is a need for a new Regional Coordinator for lower mainland and Saskatchewan.

EM 19.05.16-07 **Creation of New Region :**

A new Regional Coordinator is needed for lower mainland and Saskatchewan.

Two issues:

1. Do we have a process for selecting a Regional Coordinator?

The region is responsible for choosing the RC. We need to put some thought into formalizing the selection process of the RC.

2. Do we have the funds to give honorarium to another RC? Gene noted that we have \$7000 set aside for regions. Only \$6,500 is used since there is 13 regions currently.

It was moved and seconded to create a new south Saskatchewan region.

Moved: Trevor Hoskins

Seconded: Paul Reich

CARRIED

ACTION: Autumn Add to Elders Retreat Agenda/Add to September Agenda: New Region in South Saskatchewan.

ACTION: Autumn get information from Handbook what we have on Regional Coordinators. Elders will look at restructuring what we have.

ACTION: Glen, Gene and Trevor to work on the revamp of Handbook.

At the convention we received the mandate at the Business meeting. It was recorded that the Elders were given permission to proceed with the revamp of the handbook.

EM 19.05.16-08 **Clearwater College Report:** Paul Reich gave a brief report that the college had a new applicant that wasn't previously expected. They currently have 20 students: 8 ladies and 12 men. There are still 5 that may potentially attend. They are projecting into the 20s for the fall semester. There are several groups that are renting their facilities. Facility rentals are increasing due to word of mouth recommendations. Paul is personally taking a writing sabbatical for the next 3 months to work on a book: Sharing God's Passion - 5 things that God seeks.

EM 19.05.16-08 **FCA Media Report:** Trevor Hoskins reported that we have received good feedback with the new member website. The collaboration with U.S. has been put on hold for now. Trevor met with U.S. leaders and learned more about the U.S. registration fees and process. The U.S. operates quite differently. The next step is to take a look at the missions side. A lot of missionaries feel disconnected. They see the potential but don't have resources. The FCA needs to make a decision about creating a 3rd arm, a Global and Missions Committee which would facilitate missionaries coming into our Fellowship. The difficulty is how to endorse and connect them without abuse. New organizations would report to the Missions Committee. They would be accountable to the Committee. A good group of people are needed to screen applicants and have knowledge about these organizations.

It was noted that James Humphries has finished his role as Missions Coordinator and that Beverly Fawcett is the Chairman of the Missions Committee.

The Elders agreed by consensus that Bev and Trevor to begin the structuring of the Missions Committee.

ACTION: Gene will look at the role of missions coordinator as noted in the Handbook. Could James Humphries technically be the missions coordinator and not an Elder?

EM 19.05.16-09 **2021 Convention Planning Committee:** (ER 19-06)
Preliminary steps of planning committee - who are the members of the committee.
Referring to the elders' retreat
Suggested Convention Planning Committee:
Chairman – Trevor Hoskins
Financial – Gene Enns
Administrative Support – Autumn Sellen, FCA office administrator
Media – Trevor Hoskins
Elder Representative – Beverly Fawcett

Trevor would like to add Bryan Swash to the committee.

ACTION: Trevor, Gene, Bryan and Autumn to put together an outline on the planning committee.

ACTION: Paul to connect with Bryan on potential recommendations on convention locations.

EM 19.05.16-10 **FCA Missions Committee:** Brought forth from Elders Retreat and confirmed at the Envisioning Meeting and the Annual Business Meeting. Trevor will help identify who our missionaries are and where they are located. Al Pulvis connected with Bev and Trevor. He has done a lot of global work and is passionate. Currently there is Robert Parmenter, Janette Stone, Al Pulvis and Beverly Fawcett. One more person is

needed.

Clarity on roles for the Committee. Bev is the Chair and James Humphries as the go-to person that keeps in touch with missionaries, [providing pastoral care like the Fellowship Pastor. The Committee is different than the structure support that Trevor and Autumn bring. There are 3 parts: Tools (structure), Coordinator (pastoral care) and Committee

ACTION: Trevor will set up the platform and template of Who What Where (notes Glenn took at convention meeting with invested FCA missionary veterans). Autumn will circulate to Elders who can then give feedback on the first draft of this paper.

EM 19:05.16-11 **Convention Debrief:**

Handbook Separation: Trevor and Gene will work on handbook

Website Online Activity: As a result of Tuesday Envisioning Meeting and Wednesday Morning there are a lot more people online.

ABM: Went really well. There were a few specific questions.

Gene gave an update that the Vancouver Convention brought in \$18,000 in offerings and they expect a surplus. Gene spoke with Gabe Carlson on Church Planting. He feels they have a simple model on Church Planting that Canada could use.

ACTION: Autumn Bring forward - Church Planting from the U.S.model

ACTION: Autumn send out Church planting material to Elders.

Envision Meeting: People felt like things are moving. It stood out to the Fellowship that the Elders were willing to be vulnerable. When we presented the 4 focuses it was very well received. The future of Envisioning Day should be vision casting, reinforcing the values, and moving toward goals of what we are called to be. We never want to over promise and under deliver.

EM 19.05.16-12 **“Death And Dying: A Brief Guide” Document:** This is from a group of chaplains in Ontario. We need more information before we put more time into this.

ACTION: Glen and Paul to do research and bring a recommendation.

EM 19.05.16-13 **Group Retirement Plan:** Jim Reimer has brought forward a request to allow a Christian School to be part of the FCA Plus group. This is broader than just allowing one particular group to join but has potential precedent issues.

ACTION: Gene and Duane will work this more and bring a recommendation.

EM 19.05.16-14 **Announcement:** Paul made an announcement that the Castor church made the decision to close. The final service is June 23rd. It will be a celebration and they will have a BBQ.

Also Noted: Wilson Kadival’s church is dedicating their new space on May 25.

Trevor Hoskins moved to adjourn at 11:05 am.

The next Elders’ Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM (MT). The devotional will be led by Duane Siemens, and the Regional Coordinator joining will be Ralph Girard of the B.C.

Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland Region. **It was noted that Glenn may be out of the country for the next meeting.**