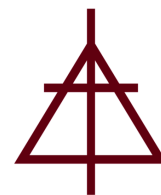




BETHANY BUGLE



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Council Bugle Report Meeting: Wednesday, 19 March 2014

Attendees: Elders: Rudy Boverhof, Kevin DeBoer, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Ray VanHuizen, Tim VanHoffen, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Nate Anjema, Rob Bouwers, Louis Dam, George Gritter, Ken Langendoen, Staff Liaison: Ed Roorda

Absent with Notice: Peter Bulk

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from Romans 8:1-10 with devotional. A discussion on what it means to acquire "the mind of Christ". What things can we do to "set our minds on things above vs things on earth" and what disciplines help us attain this including being in the word daily. Time spent in prayers of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.
- Minutes from Council meeting held 19 February 2014 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.
- Matters arising from the minutes - none.
- Deacons Report - no report.
- Finance Team Reports - received for information. George Gritter walked us through the Draft Comparative Income Statement, Draft Comparative Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flow and Finance Team Minutes of 14 March 2014 with notes. Appointment of Auditors will be arranged by the Finance Team.
- Fellowship Team Report - received for information. Possible movie evening in April. Strawberry Social planned for June.
- Buildings and Grounds Team Report - received for information. Jeremy DeRoos has been tasked with inspection and monitoring of our defibrillator.
- Library Ministry Team Report - no report.
- Safe Church Team Report - no report.
- Bethany Summer Day Camp Report - received for information. Registration has begun. Final staffing is in the works. Summer Day Camp Sunday is planned for 24 August 2014.
- Correspondence Report - received for information with appropriate action with incoming and outgoing correspondence.
- Membership. In: from Living Hope CRC, Abbotsford, BC. VanderPloeg, Rev Colin, Anita, Jonathan, Derrick and Joseph. District assignment(s) to happen at a later date.
- Transition Process Followup. #6 Organizational Structure - Council studied and discussed this portion of the final report with relating steps of action. Council sees problems associated with "organizational charts" within a church context. Leadership should be vision casters with subsequent ministries identifying with the goals and visions of the church.
- Miscellaneous.
 1. Upcoming special Classis Niagara Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2014. Elder Alfred Kiers and possibly Pastor Colin to attend.
 2. Nominations for office bearers.
 - Next Meeting(s): Elders' Meeting 2 April 2014, Spring Congregational Meeting 9 April 2014, Council Meeting 16 April 2014, Leadership Training 6 September 2014 (tentative).
 - Adjournment 9:50 pm
 - Closing prayer: Elder Kevin Twomey

School News

N.A.C.E. Spring Dinner Details: This fine dining, live music, and great fellowship all happens on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Smithville Christian High School, 6488 Smithville Road, Smithville. Amazing violinist, Trevor Dick, will entertain and engage us. The dinner is being coordinated by Desjardins Catering and will be served by the N.A.C.E. Board of Directors. Doors open at 6:00, dinner begins at 6:30. Please call Wendy Colyn at our Covenant Campus (905-957-7796) or email ccs@nace.ca to reserve a seat or a table. Call soon or you may miss out! J Only 128 seats are available - tables seat 8. A free will donation will be taken at the end of the evening. Reservation Deadline – was March 22, call immediately or you will miss out!

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL

Grandparents and Friends Day If you are a grandparent or a friend of Smithville Christian High School please mark Friday, March 28 on your calendar. Plan to be at Smithville Christian High School from 9 a.m. to noon (lunch included) to hear teenagers raising their voices in praise, to see student work, to enjoy delicious food, and soak up the happy atmosphere in our school. You don't have to be a grandparent or even connected to anyone in our school to come: all friends of any age are welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what's happening in Christian education. We look forward to seeing you then.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Ukraine: Caught Between East and West -- a panel discussion on what has been happening in Ukraine, its background, and how Ukrainians themselves are affected by it. Redeemer University College, Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 pm in Room 213. All are welcome to this free presentation featuring Redeemer faculty and alumni from Ukraine.

Jazz Ensemble Concert: Some of Redeemer's finest jazz ensembles and soloists will be performing in Redeemer's Auditorium on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 905-648-2131 x4211, or online at www.ticketwindow.ca.

Bethany's Summer Day Camp Schedule 2014



July 2-4 Mad Science ages 5 -10

July 7 - 11 Kids World ages 6 -10

July 14- 18 Cook it Up ages 7-12

July 21 - 25 Cook it Up ages 7-12 (same camp as above and can only attend one week)

July 28- Aug.1 Bethany Olympics- sports ages 6-12

Aug. 5 - 8 Kindercamp ages 4-6

Aug. 11-15 Girls Camp ages 7-14

Aug. 18 - 22 Animal Safari ages 5 - 12

We also have a facebook page that we will be updating regularly and will be taking registrations soon.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-Summer-Day-Camps>

Other News

Coffee Break: On Tuesday this coming week your mission will be to come out to Grace CRC here on Pelham Road and join us for our regularly scheduled meeting. You will need to bring your Bibles and the "Hospitality" study guide along so we can continue our study. Those of you finishing Lesson 6 will be reading Matthew 25: 35-46. If your group is in lesson #7 please read Mark 6: 30-46. Coffee, tea and refreshment will be ready by 9:15 and we will ring the bell at 9:30.

Easter Concert: Easter celebrates the death and resurrection of our Lord. This marvelous gift given to us is majestically recorded in music. Come and celebrate with us in a benefit concert that will support McNally House Hospice in Grimsby. Concert to be held at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby, on April 17, 2014 starting at 7:30 p.m. The Concert will feature the Mattaniah Male Chorus under direction of Herman DenHollander, Organist André Knevel, and Soprano Suzanne Schaafsma.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family (with children under 15 years of age) and will be available at the door on the evening of the concert, or at the Dutch Shop in Grimsby.

5th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – April 12, 2014, DV, Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the 125 voice Hosanna Choir & 45 voice Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, April 12 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of John Vanderlaan (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Joyce Postmus (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Corey Gemmell (Violin), and Marco Hoorn (Baritone from the Netherlands). Tickets are available at \$15 & \$25. To obtain your tickets, contact contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at hdenhollander@yahoo.com. <http://www.hosanna-choir.org/>

WOODSTOCK DUTCH THEATER GROUP PRESENTS "GESTRAND"

EEN KOMISCHE THRILLER IN 3 BEDRIJVEN DOOR MARY BAKKER-SCHOON
Saturday April 12, 2014 at 2:00pm
Great Lakes Christian Collage
4875 King Street, Beamsville, ON.
Admission \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door. Net proceeds go to McNally House-Grimsby. Tickets are available at the Dutch Shop, Grimsby or Gerda & Bill VanDyk 905-562-7157. Door prizes, coffee and cookies at intermission.

Wholehearted Men's Conference – Saturday, May 24 at Mountainview CRC: It's not a men's retreat- it's an advance! Sons, brothers, fathers and husbands – are you experiencing all the life that Jesus has for you? Understand the epic adventure you've been called into. For further details and to register, go to www.wholeheartedmen.com.

Alcoholism/drug addiction within the Christian Community

Alcoholism and drug addiction contribute to breakdown of relationships within our church families. So often these families believe their pain and shame must be suffered in silence and that hope is not available. This is not the case. Come to a Family Outreach information meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 11th at Grassie Canadian Reformed Church, 480 Woolverton Rd, Grimsby, and hear John Kowtecky share his personal story of recovery as a case study for this overview. John has served as Executive Director of Family Outreach Ontario Christian Addiction Support Services for the past three years. More importantly, he has personally struggled with alcoholism and has experienced the healing power of Jesus Christ in his recovery 13 years ago. John is also heavily involved in a Christ-centred recovery program called Celebrate Recovery (CR) for the past 10 years and currently serves as Ministry Leader of CR in Simcoe. 7:00 - Doors open, Refreshments/Meet & Greet; 7:30 - Presentation; 8:30 - Q&A; ~9:00: refreshments/opportunity for talk with

John Kowtecky or Family Outreach members.

Lent and Easter Concert

You are invited to attend the annual Lent and Easter concert at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 342 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 7 p.m. Participating choirs are the St. Andrew's Church Choir and the Cantata Singers under the direction of Dr. Gerzinus E. Hoekstra. The evening includes the Organ Mass by Haydn, the Seven Words from the Cross by Stainer, anthems, spirituals as well as congregational hymn singing, accompanied by organ and brass instruments. A meaningful beginning to the Lent and Easter season. There is a free-will offering and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Andre Knevel and Liselotte Rokyta

Please join us Tuesday April 8th at 7:30 in Dunnville Canadian Reformed Church (109 Inman Rd) for an evening of beautiful organ and panflute music. Joining the concert will also be a trio of local string musicians. Admission is \$10 per person, \$25 per family. Children 12 and under are free.

The Supreme Court Decision,

As earlier reported, our high court has ruled as un-constitutional, all prostitution laws in Canada. To fill a vacuum of pending lawlessness, our federal government is asking Canadians for input in drawing up new legislation. You are therefore kindly requested, to sign a petition to that end, (by CFA), this Sunday in our church's vestibule. There are also cards with a message regarding this concert, to go to M.P. Joyce Smith, who is working with the minister of Justice, Peter Mackay, on this issue. All family members can sign this petition, as well as the cards. The latter can be dropped in the mail postage free, but there is a deadline regarding this card, so we thank you for attending this right away.



CRC Denomination

WORLD MISSIONS - It's Poster Time! Christian Reformed World Missions' 2014 poster contest has begun. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM by April 11. Themes, guidelines, and submission forms are available at www.crwmm.org/postercontest.

GROUNDWORK - The Importance of Gratitude: How are you on gratitude? Does the phrase "thank you" come frequently to your lips? Do you often praise God for what he has given you? If you don't, maybe the story we're looking at on this week's Groundwork will help to change that. Join the conversation – find a local station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Out of the Running: Liz wants to finish a marathon and receive the praise for a job well done. But he doesn't want to go through all the work and training! Find out what it takes to be a real champion at www.kidscorner.net. Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email kids@kidscorner.net for great resources for kids and parents.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on Mar. 26 for "Decoding Canadian Charitable Giving for Missions" presented by Trish De Jong. In this webinar you'll discover how compliance with Canadian charitable giving reg-

ulations changes your church's funding of missionaries, short term teams and missions activities overseas. Real-life scenarios will demonstrate what's meant by "supervision, direction and control" in your church's missions activities. For details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit crcna.org/webinars

SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY - Shore2Shore With a Roar 2014: Silence is no solution; we need to begin to talk about it. Shore2Shore roars off in less than 4 months to raise awareness about the devastating effects of pornography. To find out more about the motorcycle route, the rallies along the way, and how you can be involved, visit shore2shore2014.com.

POSITION OPENING - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Staff Developer, located in either Grand Rapids, Michigan or Burlington, Ontario. The position is responsible for the development and management of all World Renew's learning systems and processes that enhance consultants' work with partners and communities. Visit www.worldrenew.net/careers for more information; to apply, send your resume and a cover letter indicating how your skills and experience mesh with the position requirements to Ichiarot@worldrenew.net or submit online at www.worldrenew.net/careers. Application deadline is April 7.

FREE WEBINAR ON CHURCH MISSIONS - Join Wendy Hammond, World Renew U.S. Church Relations Manager, on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, from noon to 1 pm EDT, for a webinar called "Breathe New Life into Church Missions." You and your team will find out how adding a FOCUS to your missions program can result in more people being part of the missions strategy and more effective ministry being accomplished. Find out more and sign up here: <http://www.crcna.org/webinars>.

FAITH ALIVE CURRICULUM - Save up to 20% on orders of Faith Alive Sunday school curriculum (Dwell, Kid Connection, and Walk With Me) for the Fall 2014-Spring 2015 year. Reorder packets are being mailed to CRC church customers. Visit www.FaithAliveResources.org/Curriculum to download free samples or to learn more. We're here to serve you, so feel free to call us at 800-333-8300 to talk about which curriculum option best fits your church!

VBS in the Orient - Millions of children in Asia have not heard yet that Jesus loves them. Will you go and share the good news? If you love kids and VBS, this 3 week volunteer opportunity in July is perfect for you! Additional details can be found at www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

GENDER ISSUES, - Biblical justice, food security, HIV/AIDS care and prevention, trauma healing, environmental issues - Work alongside WORLD RENEW staff for 18 months in Niger, Mali or Senegal and see your BA degree come alive with hands-on experience as you bless others. Details on each volunteer position can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

WHEN SILENCE SPEAKS - Come and be Refreshed with God. InterMission Silent Retreat - May 23-25, Kingfisher Bay Retreat House on Stony Lake (www.kingfisherbay.ca). Registration: \$325.00 before May 1, \$350.00 after. Includes: Private accommodations, all linens, 5 meals, individual times with a certified Spiritual Director, a stunning setting in the Kawarthas. Contact: Tracey -Ann Van Brenk guidepostsministries@gmail.com

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