

**Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting  
Wednesday January 20, 2021 7:00 pm  
Online with Zoom**

**2021 -1**

PRESENT: Julie Hutton, Wilf Taylor, Barry McNabb, Carol Frost, Lorna Hislop, Barb Kingdon, Alf Iverson, Maxine Gray, Michelle Gunderson, Kathy Platt

REGRETS: Olive Cameron

Quorum present.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Julie Hutton.

REFLECTION: by Maxine Gray

Maxine read about Leadership from a book called "God is in Small Stuff and It All Matters".

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this January 20, 2021 meeting.

**Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Maxine Gray**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Agenda for the January 20, 2021 Zoom meeting as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 01, 2020 Zoom meeting.

**Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Barb Kingdon**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the December 01, 2020 meeting as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

Minutes from the December 15, 2020 Zoom meeting.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Alf Iverson**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Church closure updates (Covid Red Zone): the current Red Zone order is in effect until January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The tentative plan announced yesterday is for a continued Red Zone for 3 more weeks, with an easing of some restrictions. The church would remain closed during that time period.
- Annual meeting/budget: It was discussed and a decision was made that Council go ahead and plan for an Annual Congregational meeting on Wednesday March 24, 2021. At our next Church Council meeting in February, we will know what the current Covid orders are and perhaps what they are likely to be in March, so will then decide whether to go ahead with the Annual Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, either in person or by Zoom – or a combination, OR to delay the meeting again. The UCC has said the Annual Meetings need to be completed by the end of June 2021. In the meantime, the church governing authority (our Church Council) is approved to pass a proposed budget for 2021.  
Council committees and church groups are asked to submit their 2020 reports and their requests for the 2021 budget before February 5<sup>th</sup> – in order to prepare an Annual Report document and our finance committee can complete a draft budget.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre – please consider a contribution. Refer to Finance Committee to consider for budget.
- St. Andrews College – invitation to designate a “College Vocation Sunday”. Forward to Worship Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**REPORTS:**

**OFFICE:** Michelle has been coming into the office (behind locked doors) about twice weekly. Seems to be lots to keep busy with.

**FINANCIALS:** FS 20-12

Barry McNabb reviewed the statement for December 2020.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Wilf Taylor  
“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church  
accept the Financial Report for the month of December 2020 as  
circulated, including the cheque register for the above month.”  
CARRIED**

**REGION 5: PRAIRIE TO PINE**

Barb highlighted a few items from the Prairie to Pine weekly newsletter: McKenzie United in Portage recently became an Affirming congregation, there is an Ash Wednesday online gathering being offered as well as other webinars available.

**FUNDRAISING:** on hold

**NOMINATIONS:** committees are asked to review the terms for each of their members and recruit new members as needed in preparation for the upcoming Annual meeting.

Julie is willing to continue as Chair for another year, with the hope there will be a Chair Elect nominated in 2021, to step in as Chair for 2022.

**COMING EVENTS:** nothing planned due to Covid regulations.

**MINISTER:**

Worship continues to be online with Zoom. Kathy is very appreciative of Alexis, Jim and Clark for their faithful participation and encouragement.

Kathy has started a weekly email “Retreat”, with about 23 people signed up.

Weekly Zoom “Coffee” gatherings continue – an average of 8-10 folks come to chat.

Going forward there will be some other singers come in to record a few songs for worship. Mary Dalton is helping to plan Lent videos about gardening.

Kathy is accessing some support through biweekly Minister’s Zoom gatherings, and she is enjoying regular phone conversations with a retired minister she was paired with for individual support through this unusual Covid pandemic experience.

Kathy has been approved for a week off from February 9 to 15<sup>th</sup> to plan for the Easter season. Arrangements will be made for worship leadership on Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy emphasized once more that regular communications at all levels are extremely important to help all members feel connected and valued.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**PASTORAL CARE:**

No report.

**CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH:** Lorna H.

No report.

**PROPERTY:** Alf I.

Painting in the corridors is complete, with just the front entrance vestibule to be done – Liz will get that done soon. Alf had Liz look at the Sanctuary as a possible next painting project. She felt the ceiling height was beyond her capabilities, so perhaps the lower sections of the walls could be done (the main area that bumps and dings occur)? They will include the cost of some painting in the 2021 budget.

Clark Mc will follow up with Ted Good's as to the speaker repairs. Floor repairs and chimney install are still pending.

**MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL:** Maxine G.

Eleanor Taylor has submitted her formal resignation in writing.

The M&P Committee recommend that we hire someone to fill the position on an indefinite term. (Alexis is volunteering short term until a replacement can be found.)

The M&P committee would like to have the opportunity to communicate with the broader church family to acknowledge the many people who have "stepped up" during this unpredictable pandemic.

**FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP:** Barry Mc.

There is another UCC Finance webinar coming up on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

Finance committee will plan to meet via zoom to begin the process of putting together a draft budget for 2021.

The UCC would prefer if Pastoral Charges paid their Denominational Assessments via internet transfer or pre-authorized remittance. (Cheques sent by mail require more staff handling, which is not easy under the current Covid restrictions when staff are working from home.)

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Wilf Taylor  
"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church  
agree to pay our Denominational Assessment quarterly by internet  
transfer."**

**CARRIED**

**HOLY MOMENTS**

Kathy asked each person to share a meaningful moment for them from the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (likely online by Zoom)

**CLOSING PRAYER** by Kathy

**MOTION: moved by Wilf Taylor  
"That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this  
meeting at 8:49 pm."**