

**Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday December 01, 2020 7:00 pm  
Online with Zoom**

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

REGRETS: None

Quorum present.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Julie Hutton.

REFLECTIONS: by Julie H.

Julie and Carol F. are registered for an online retreat, reflecting on having open minds and hearts to all that Christmas means. Julie shared the invocation by Jan Richardson titled "Advent, something is on the horizon!"

Next meeting: Maxine Gray

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this Dec 01, 2020 meeting.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Barb Kingdon**

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

**CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Minutes from the October 21, 2020 Zoom meeting.

**Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Lorna Hislop**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

CHURCH CLOSURE: we continue to be in the Provincial Red Zone until at least December 11<sup>th</sup>. We carefully follow the restrictions and regulations: limit the number of people in the building to 5 for preparing & recording the online service, facility is closed to the public. Each person must sign-in, use hand sanitizer, maintain 6ft distance from others and wear a mask.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERVICES: Advent began on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. After hosting two Sundays of Zoom worship from her home in November, Kathy & her worship team are back recording the services from the Sanctuary again. Mary Dalton is leading the process of families recording portions of the virtual Christmas pageant at their homes and then combining the results for our viewing pleasure during Advent services.

**Motion: moved by Carol Frost and seconded by Olive Cameron**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Worship committee recommendation that there be no Worship service held on Sunday December 27, 2020."**

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from Centre for Christian Studies looking for financial support – will table this discussion until next year, and consider it as part of budget items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Annual meeting and annual budget approval will be postponed until later in 2021, to see how the Covid restrictions evolve in the next few months. It would be best to be able to involve as many members/adherents as possible.

REPORTS:

OFFICE: Michelle would like permission to work from the office as needed, likely a couple of half days each week. Council would like to ensure the congregation understands that the office and building are closed to the public, so will not give any indication of staff being available in the office.

FINANCIALS: FS 20-10 and FS 20-11  
Barry McNabb reviewed the statements for October and November 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 months of October and November 2020**  
**as circulated, including the cheque register for the above months."**  
**CARRIED**

REGION 5: PRAIRIE TO PINE (no report)

FUNDRAISING: Meat Pies have been postponed due to restrictions in the Red Zone, but still getting calls about orders.

NOMINATIONS: tabled

COMING EVENTS: nothing planned due to Covid regulations

MINISTER: Kathy has been working on the Advent services, and appreciates Mary Dalton giving life to the idea of a virtual pageant.  
Kathy has started hosting Zoom coffee gatherings on Wednesday mornings again.  
Kathy has been doing some phone calls for Pastoral Care, and trying to keep in touch with Michelle and others to keep good communication and a sense of togetherness.  
She has been getting good feedback from the congregation which is very nice.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

PASTORAL CARE: Olive C.

It is difficult to tell if their online "well wishes" are getting through to the patients in the hospital and residents of the PCH. If anyone finds out, they would like to know for sure. Otherwise they continue to make phone calls.

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Lorna H.

This committee is meeting via Zoom tomorrow. They are hoping to continue with the music CD's but are investigating some copyright information.

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Carol F.

Had a Zoom meeting to support Kathy with Advent planning, and we continue to be available to help as needed.

PROPERTY: Alf I.

Julie reviewed the info she had found regarding Director's and Officers Insurance – the UCC automatically gets this coverage, we need to download and print a copy of the annual certificate for our records.

Alf stops in at the Church most days to check that all is well. He speaks with Hilton from time to time. Ty Burton was expected to finish with the chimney extension on the rooftop soon. Liz Burton will be in after the New Year to do the painting of the corridors in the

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building.

**MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL**

Maxine expressed sincere appreciation for the staff and volunteers – acknowledging how unsettling it can be when very little is normal.

**FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP: Barry Mc.**

Julie mentioned that there had been reminders from the Regional office that congregations need to have their annual Statistics and Charity Return completed. Ours were finished early in the summer, so all is well.

**HOLY MOMENTS**

Kathy asked each person to share a meaningful moment for them from the meeting. Many enjoyed the face-to-face (Zoom) contact, the sense of community and the love & laughter. Others appreciated the shared commitment to looking after our Community of Faith, and the willingness to try new “out of the box” ideas.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday January 20, 2021 7:00 pm (likely online by Zoom)

**MOTION:** moved by Lorna H.

**“That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this meeting at 8:10 pm.”**

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Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

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Julie Hutton, Chair