

**Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday March 17, 2021 7:00 pm
Online with Zoom**

2021 -4

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 Barry McNabb Next Meeting: Pastoral Care

Barry shared a reading from The High Calling entitled "In Honor of St. Patrick" on Patrick's story. Patrick was called "the apostle of the Irish" and an example of how God can work all things for good, even things which are quite evil.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this March 17, 2021 meeting.

Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Lorna Hislop

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Agenda for the March 17, 2021 Zoom meeting as circulated."

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 20, 2021 Zoom meeting.

Carol Frost mentioned that the Worship, Learning and Membership committee was missed under the list of reports from Council Committees.

Motion: moved by Barb Kingdon and seconded by Carol Frost

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting as amended."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Church closure updates (Covid Red Zone):
Effective March 5th update from Prov of MB: the church office remains closed.
Approx. 5 people are allowed in the building during the week to prepare for worship services. Churches are now allowed to have in-person worship with up to 25% capacity, with appropriate distancing.
It is the recommendation of the Worship Committee that we refrain from in-person worship at least until after Easter.

Motion: moved by Carol Frost and seconded by Wilf Taylor

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree that Minnedosa United Church continue Sunday Worship services online via Zoom, and recording the service for Access TV until re-assessment of Public Health Directives and Covid vaccination rates, given at the time of our next Council meeting in April, at which time we will reassess re-opening for in-person services."

CARRIED

- 2021 Budget
(Copy of Budget attached).
Barry Mc reviewed the proposed budget for 2021.
A couple of questions were answered.

Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Alf Iverson

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the proposed budget for the General Fund for 2021, as circulated."

CARRIED

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- Annual meeting
 - A proposal was made to have the Annual Meeting online via Zoom (vs. in-person or both). Suggested date is Wednesday April 14th. Having pre-registration will ensure that we will reach quorum (20 people). The meeting date will be announced during worship 2-3 weeks prior.
 - The draft of the 2020 Annual Report booklet was circulated. Any changes should be reported to Julie or Michelle soon. Copies will be made available to the congregation (either by email or hard copy). People can request a hard copy if they wish, these can be delivered by hand.
 - Reviewed the Nominating Report – some updates were made.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email request from Elections Canada: Advance Poll location
Motion: moved by Alf Iverson and seconded by Barry McNabb
“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to make our facility available as an Advance Poll location.”

CARRIED

Alf will follow up with the paperwork required for Elections Canada.

- UCC: Mission & Service, Minutes for Mission, Gifts with Vision and the “Called to be Church” congregational giving program.
Lorna will read through this material and follow through as needed.

NEW BUSINESS: none

REPORTS:

OFFICE: Michelle gave an update of the items she had been working on since last Council meeting. (Tax Receipts & Newsletter, UCC 2020 Statistics, monthly payroll & T4's, submitting applications for CEWS, Broadview subscription renewals, preparation of the Annual Report booklet.) Attended online Finance and Affirming webinars.

FINANCIALS: FS 21-01 and FS 21-02

Barry McNabb reviewed the statements for January and February 2021.

Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Carol Frost
“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Financial Reports for the months of January and February 2021 as circulated, including the cheque register for the above months.”

CARRIED

REGION 5: PRAIRIE TO PINE Barb K.

The 2021 Prairie to Pine Regional Council Meeting will be on May 28-30, 2021. It will be an electronic meeting held in blocks of time spread out over three days.

FUNDRAISING: on hold

NOMINATIONS: Reviewed under “Business Arising...”

Two main positions to be filled are Chair Elect and an appointment to the Ministry and Personnel committee.

COMING EVENTS: nothing planned due to Covid regulations.

MINISTER: Kathy continues to keep remarkably busy. It is a challenge to prepare for a virtual online Easter season. She is looking forward to meeting with the Worship Committee to talk it through. Discussions with peers from across the region and the country, reveal that ALL Ministers are very tired!

Kathy continues to serve as a representative to the UCC General Council. They will be meeting online via Zoom on March 20th, to decide whether their 2022 meeting will be planned for in-person or online.

Kathy has recently completed her term as Co-Chair at the Centre for Christian Studies, a position she has held for the last 6 years.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PASTORAL CARE:

No report.

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Lorna H.

No report.

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Carol F.

No report.

This will be Carol's last Council meeting as committee chair. We thank her for her faithful service!

PROPERTY: Alf I.

- Alf reported that the "electronic card" for the roof top heating unit (for the Meeting Hall) has been replaced.
- The in-floor heating unit (up on the mezzanine level) was turned off – it had been making a loud noise and needs a "contactor" replaced.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL: Maxine G.

- The committee has begun the process to hire a new Accompanist.

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP: Barry Mc.

UCC Finance webinar Feb 24th. Next on March 24th.

Finance committee met via zoom on Feb 9th to prepare a draft budget for 2021.

Council decided that the annual Spring Appeal will be deferred, and a decision will be made closer to summer, regarding whether an Appeal is needed at that time.

HOLY MOMENTS

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

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 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 8:50 pm."