

**Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting  
Wednesday April 21, 2021 7:00 pm  
Online with Zoom**

**2021 -7**

PRESENT: Julie Hutton, Wilf Taylor, Barry McNabb, Lorna Hislop, Colleen Wallace, Alf Iverson, Maxine Gray, Heather Currie, Michelle Gunderson, Kathy Platt

REGRETS: Barb Kingdon

Quorum present.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Julie Hutton.

REFLECTION: by Lorna Hislop Next Meeting: Worship, Membership & Learning

Lorna shared a prayer and then a reading by Joy Harjo, 2019 US Poet Laureate called "Praise the Rain".

HOLY MANNERS

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this April 21, 2021 meeting.

**Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Colleen Wallace**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Agenda for the April 21, 2021 zoom meeting as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 17, 2021 zoom meeting.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Heather Currie**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

Alf mentioned that a correction should be made to the Property report: the "card" for the roof top heating unit has been purchased but not yet installed.

**Motion: moved by Alf Iverson and seconded by Lorna Hislop**

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting as amended."**

**CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Church closure updates (Covid Red Zone):  
The current provincial health orders are in effect until May 12<sup>th</sup>.  
We will maintain our current status (online worship with Zoom and office closed).

CORRESPONDENCE

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Meeting Evaluation and Moving Forward:  
Kathy had invited feedback from the "attendees" of the online Annual Meeting. 11 responses were received, and all were quite positive.

Each Council member was then invited to share their thoughts around the online Annual Meeting and any ideas for going forward.

REPORTS:

OFFICE: Michelle comes to work in the office behind closed doors a couple of days each week, and is also currently working on completing the annual CRA Charity Return at home.

FINANCIALS: FS 21-03

Barry McNabb reviewed the statement for March 2021.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Alf Iverson**  
**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church**  
**accept the Financial Report for the month of March 2021 as**  
**circulated, including the cheque register for the above month."**  
**CARRIED**

REGION 5: PRAIRIE TO PINE

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: Lorna mentioned that she had been approached with an idea, to organize a Mother's Day High Tea & Fancy Lunch – baskets could be purchased and either picked up or delivered. While many liked this idea and thought it would be a great way to connect with our families, caution is required in considering the Covid regulations around use of our facility and any contacts. Our regular Meat Pie sale was also discussed, with the same concerns. Some research will be done to determine the possibilities, with health and safety our priority.

NOMINATIONS:

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 reported that our Region had done a Wellness Survey of Ministers and from the 65 responses, recorded that the top two feelings expressed were: Tired and Hopeful! Yes, they are all feeling worn out and worried that they should be doing more. Yet at the same time they are encouraged by the amount of people who are staying engaged and involved.

Kathy: "I would like to make clear that I may be weary, but I am far from burned out. I love what I do - and I am deeply grateful to be employed. At the moment my focus is still on worship, and that's about all the energy I have for now. But that certainly does not mean that is all that we will or could be doing - keep generating those ideas for things that will nourish the life of this congregation. I look forward to having the 2 Sundays off at the end of May, including a full week away (May 17-24). I promise I will look after myself, and I trust that we will continue to be the community that God calls us to be."

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

PASTORAL CARE: Heather Currie

The committee will meet next week and get their new members settled in.

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Lorna H.

No report. Plan to meet soon.

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WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Colleen Wallace

May 23 – Colleen W. will lead worship from home.

May 30 – Proposed: no worship from Minnedosa United. The Congregation is encouraged to join the Zoom service offered from the Prairie to Pine Regional Meeting, celebrating the Region becoming Affirming.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Lorna Hislop**

**“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree there will be no Sunday Worship service on May 30<sup>th</sup>, and instead we will participate in the online service offered from the Regional Annual Meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

The Worship committee recommends approval of the Baptism request from Kevin and Heidi Hislop for their daughter “Briar Rose Marie Hislop”, to take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm via Zoom.

**Motion: moved by Colleen Wallace and seconded by Wilf Taylor**

**“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church approve the Baptism of Briar Rose Marie Hislop, daughter of Kevin and Heidi Hislop, to occur on May 25, 2021 via an online Zoom service.”**

**CARRIED**

PROPERTY: Alf I.

Council agreed that we should continue with the plan to have another section inside the church building painted, to keep up with maintenance and while the building is not in use. The committee will meet to determine the next area to be painted and speak with the painter.

While our Care Taker is off for a couple of weeks at the end of April, Alf will check the church and ensure the sanitizing is completed as needed.

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

**“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church appoint Alf Iverson responsible for following Covid protocols for sanitizing the church, during the time that our Care Taker is not available in April.”**

**CARRIED**

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL: Maxine G.

- The committee continues with the process to hire a new Accompanist.

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP: Barry Mc.

UCC Finance webinar April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The committee hopes to have a meeting in May to discuss the current finances and whether or not a “Spring Appeal” is necessary.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 26, 2021 at 7pm (likely online by Zoom)

**HOLY MOMENTS**

**CLOSING PRAYER** by Kathy

**Motion: moved by Maxine Gray**

**“That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this meeting at 8:40 pm.”**

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Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

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Julie Hutton, Chair