

Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday May 26, 2021 7:00 pm
Online with Zoom

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

REGRETS: Heather Currie

Quorum present.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Julie Hutton.

REFLECTION: by Worship, Learning & Membership Next Meeting: Property
Colleen Wallace shared a personal reflection about the full moon with clouds floating past it, and how it is like God's light in creation – just like the moon, God's light is still there even in the darkest times, have faith and believe!

HOLY MANNERS

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this May 26, 2021 meeting.

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Alf Iverson

“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Agenda for the May 26, 2021 zoom meeting as circulated.”

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 21, 2021 zoom meeting.

Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Colleen Wallace

“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting as circulated.”

CARRIED

Minutes from the May 9th Executive zoom meeting.

Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Barry McNabb

“...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the May 9, 2021 Executive meeting as circulated.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Church closure updates (Covid Red Zone): the MB restrictions remain the same until May 30th, allowing only for personnel to offer online services from the Church.
- Nominations and “Moving Forward”:
 - plan is to set a target – to fill vacancies by having some names ready to put forward in time for the Council meeting in September.
 - Vision exercise will take place in early fall.
- Spring Appeal: going forward the committee will bring their recommendation to initiate a stewardship appeal to Council
- Computer Issues: Kathy's laptop has had a new hard drive and battery installed. She has also ordered a new laptop online. (See motion in Executive meeting minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Centre for Christian Studies: “Triple Your Gift” campaign

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

REPORTS:

OFFICE:

- The 2020 GST rebates have been submitted and received.
- Continue to re-activate/download items onto the new hard drive on the office computer (recreate the contact list, set up "scan to email" from copier)
- Assisted the finance committee with preparation of the spring appeal letter, printed letters & envelopes, help fold'n stuff, stamp, mail.
- Arranged advertising for the M&P committee regarding the Accompanist position (newspapers, Facebook, posters).
- Brought down boxes from the mezzanine, sorted financial records from 2000-2007, and send most of it to the "Shred It" truck.

FINANCIALS: FS 21-04

Barry McNabb reviewed the statement for April 2021.

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 April 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 (Zoom) meeting held in blocks of time spread out over three days.

FUNDRAISING: None planned.

NOMINATIONS:

Two main positions to be filled are Chair Elect and an appointment to the Ministry and Personnel committee. (See under "Business Arising")

COMING EVENTS: nothing planned due to Covid regulations.

MINISTER:

- Kathy really enjoyed her week away from work. She registered for the Festival of Homiletics (Lutheran) and participated in several of the sessions online. Kathy enjoyed some much-needed rest, and had fun putting with some yardwork.
- She has been asked to officiate at a graveside service at Basswood on Tuesday.
- For summer planning, Kathy would like to take July 27 – Aug 24 for holidays. She has made arrangements with Emmanuel United in Winnipeg to "trade services": they will join our zoom services in July while their minister is away, then we will join their zoom services in August while Kathy is away.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PASTORAL CARE: (submitted by Heather Currie)

On May 13th we had a zoom meeting with Kathy Platt, Susan Nelson, Don Jury and Heather Currie. Roles were reviewed and plan to meet again in the fall.

Kathy added that Susan will send cards as needed, so let her know if you are aware of someone who should receive one. The committee reviewed the Prayer Shawl program, and Heather will look after giving shawls out when a need is identified. This committee will facilitate a phone-call "tree" for people who are perhaps not able to get out and about as much. We have 11 congregation members doing the phone calls, and each person has 2 or 3 people on their list.

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Lorna H.

See APPENDIX A

- Brandon hospital has requested some more burial wraps, so the Crochet Club is working on those.
- The organizers had purchased some cases of soup earlier in the year in preparation for the Meat Pie fundraiser, which due to the Covid lockdown have not been used. Proposal is to donate the cases of soup to the Food Bank before they reach their expiry date.

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Wilf Taylor

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to donate the cases of soup purchased for the planned meat pie fundraiser but not used, to the Minnedosa & Area Food Bank."

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- Lorna is hoping to speak with the local health inspector, to learn how the restrictions apply regarding use of our commercial kitchen for fundraisers.
- The committee would like to have the Affirm United logo on display on the exterior of the church building. Various options were discussed, and council agreed that the committee shall investigate and come back with a recommendation.
- The committee has plans to deliver a spring care package (a potted plant and card) to about 25 church people to spread some cheer. Our thanks to Dalrymple's greenhouse for providing the flowers and pots!

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Colleen Wallace

See APPENDIX B

Motion: moved by Colleen Wallace and seconded by Wilf Taylor

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the recommendation from the Worship, Learning and Membership committee that there be no Worship services hosted by Minnedosa United Church on the following dates: May 30, July 4, August 1/8/15/22 and September 5th, 2021."

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PROPERTY: Alf I.

Our Care Taker has been on a required health related leave May 8-30, Alf has been checking the building and doing sanitation as needed.

The Property committee has not yet been able to meet onsite, to determine what part of the building will be painted this year.

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MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL: Maxine G.

- The Accompanist position has been advertised, deadline for applications is May 31st.
- On May 15, the M&P committee members participated in an online training webinar for Ministry and Personnel committees, facilitated by the Prairie to Pine Pastoral Relations committee. There was a lot of helpful information presented and the committee members appreciated the opportunity to network with other M&P committees.
- M&P wish to have on record that "MUC intends to pay Hilton as normal for time Public Health require him to isolate at home and thus be absent from his work at the church."

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP: Barry Mc.

Spring Appeal letters mailed out May 18-19.

UCC Finance webinar May 26th.

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Maxine Gray

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to enable the Council Executive to make decisions on behalf of Council over the summer months."

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: June 23, 2021 at 7pm (likely online by Zoom)

HOLY MOMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER by Kathy

Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor

"That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this meeting at 8:38 pm."

Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

Julie Hutton, Chair

APPENDIX A CHURCH LIFE/ OUTREACH Report to Council – May 26, 2021

Committee met via Zoom on Thursday, May 13, 2021 with Nicole McLenehan; Lorna Hislop; Tanya Dalgarno; Barb Kingdon and Kathy Platt.

OUTREACH:

1. Together We Can

Current session is operating from April – July 2021 via Zoom. Both Denise and Antoinette are taking a bigger role in preparing budgets and grant applications.

2. Mission & Service

We discussed how we could promote this more. Kathy will look at adding into her services (will a gentle reminder)

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3. Outreach Care packages:

We will be sending out a "spring" care package the first week of June. Kathy will provide us with 25 names. Care package will consist of a potted plant (donated by A&B Dalrymple's Greenhouse) along with a card.

4. Affirming:

We received the license renewal – fee \$100 – and have recommended that Michelle pay this. Discussion was held on how we could show that our Church is an Affirming one. We would like to see the Affirming logo painted on the side of the Church. We will continue to look into costs; artists.

CHURCH LIFE:

1. Meat Pies – this fundraiser has been put on "hold" until MB Provincial Health Orders are relaxed. Inquiries and orders continue to come in. We are following up with Manitoba Public Health to clarify the usage of our kitchen as it has been designated as an approved commercial kitchen.

As we do not know when we will be allowed to hold our meat pie fundraiser; it is the recommendation from the Committee that we donate the 7 cases of soup to the local Food Bank.

Submitted by Lorna Hislop, Chair.

APPENDIX B WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP May 2021

Baptism date for Heidi and Kevin Hislop's daughter has been postponed. A tentative date has been set for Monday, June 21st @5p.m depending on restrictions.

May 30th Sunday service will be a recorded service from Prairie to Pine. Kathy will send out a link for that.

Plans for services include:

- June 6- United church Union and possible communion
- June 13 - Pride celebration - affirming service
- June 20 - Father's Day
- June 27- Indigenous days
- July 4 - recommend no service for Canada day weekend
- Recommend services for July

No services for August when Kathy has vacation time July 27-Aug 29
Kathy will post some links for online services available during this time.

Pianists for July will be:

- July 11 - Eleanor Taylor
- July 18 - Eleanor Taylor
- July 25 - Robyn Comrie Kowal

*Since Eleanor is from out of town she agrees to share her gift of music and we will pay her mileage.

Kathy is arranging Pastoral Care during her time off.

Colleen Wallace