

Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday June 23, 2021 **7:00 pm**
Online with Zoom

2021 -15

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

REGRETS: Barb Kingdon, Barry McNabb

Quorum present.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Julie Hutton.

REFLECTION: by Property

Next Meeting: Ministry and Personnel

Alf read a couple of policy statements put out by the UCC about 15 years ago. They spoke of "naming" (he & man no longer appropriate, use of more inclusive language) and "terminology". Alf thought these statements were still pertinent today.

HOLY MANNERS

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this June 23, 2021 meeting.

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Wilf Taylor

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the
Agenda for the June 23, 2021 zoom meeting as circulated."**

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: no errors or omissions.

Minutes from the May 26, 2021 zoom meeting.

Motion: moved by Alf Iverson and seconded by Heather Currie

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the
Minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting as circulated."**

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Church closure updates (Covid Red Zone):
New regulations announced today, to be effective June 26th. Churches are permitted to host in-person worship at 25% capacity (to a maximum of 25 people). After some discussion, council decided that it's not quite time yet to begin in-person worship – we'll wait until September and hope we can gather safely and celebrate then.
- Computer Issues: Kathy is using her new laptop computer and its working great. A "mixer" was purchased from Benmark's to use with her laptop for online zoom worship.

CORRESPONDENCE

- UCRD (UC Book Store): effective July 1, 2021 only credit cards will be accepted as payment, this will include our Gathering subscription.
(Finance committee to discuss the credit card issue in the fall.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

REPORTS:

OFFICE:

- submitted our 2021 M&S Goal (online)
- attended the P2P Regional meeting
- completed and submitted our Charity Return to CRA for 2020
- participated in an M&P meeting via Zoom
- purchased a new memory stick to back-up files from the office computer
- applied for Period 15 for CEWS
- submitted request to M&P for vacation days
- verify rate of pay for mileage, for accompanist in July (1/2 the rate set by UCC)

FINANCIALS: FS 21-05

Michelle reviewed the statement for May 2021.

Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Lorna Hislop
"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church
accept the Financial Report for the month of May 2021 as circulated,
including the cheque register for the above month."

CARRIED

REGION 5: PRAIRIE TO PINE

APPENDIX C (Barb Kingdon)

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

FUNDRAISING:

Wait until the fall, and see what the provincial Covid regulations are then.

NOMINATIONS: Plan to look at this in the fall.

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:

- on June 27 and Sundays in July, Immanuel United Church in Wpg will join our Zoom services, and in August we will be able to join their Sunday services.
- Kathy has spoken with Chad McCharles from Anglican/United Church in Neepawa. Chad will provide pastoral care coverage for us in August while Kathy is away. Chad also suggested that we maybe try some joint services in the future.
- Kathy has two graveside burial services scheduled in July.
- The weekly zoom coffee gatherings will cease for the summer. Kathy hopes to do more phone calls and hopefully even some outside visits. Once a person is fully vaccinated for Covid, they may now enter the Personal Care Home, so Kathy would like to take that opportunity as well.
- If it seems that we will continue with zoom services into the future, Kathy wonders if we should consider purchasing a different camera for her laptop with increased capabilities.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PASTORAL CARE: Heather C.
A few cards have been sent.

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Lorna H.

- In front of the church building, the committee set up a heart wrapped in the 4 colours of the Medicine Wheel. They also set up a "Message Tree" with laminated "leaves" bearing words of hope.
- Lorna presented three options that the committee had compiled – as ways to display the Affirming rainbow flag/banner on the exterior of the building. The Council asked Lorna to provide examples or visuals of the options to help in making a choice. To be reviewed at the next council meeting.

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Colleen Wallace

- Held a Baptism by zoom this week
- Discussion around acknowledging school graduates: will place an ad in the Tribune, and send personal cards to a couple of students.

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Wilf Taylor

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to submit an ad with greetings from the church in the special Grad edition of the Minnedosa Tribune at a cost of \$41.77."

CARRIED

PROPERTY: Alf I.

- Jenkins came to assess the floor repairs needed in the sanctuary – the slope along the north wall, and provide a quote. (\$1880 for materials, and \$3150 for labour).

Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Alf Iverson

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to pay Jenkins to make the floor repairs in the Sanctuary along the north wall, to be paid from the Building Fund as per the quote of \$5030."

CARRIED

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL: Maxine G.

APPENDIX D

- The committee has met several times by zoom and Facetime.
- The Accompanist position has been advertised, deadline for applications was May 31st. There were no applications received. Will try again in August.
- Michelle has submitted her summer holiday requests and they have been approved. It is expected that the office will remain closed over the summer, and an appropriate phone message and door posters will provide contact information when staff are away.
- The committee will contact Hilton to verify his summer plans.

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP:
No report.

NEXT MEETING: August 25, 2021 at 7pm

HOLY MOMENTS:

"We thought we would consider this a "wind up" for the year... It has been a difficult year in many respects but there is also much to be grateful for - maybe we could show and tell something that we have in our homes that reminds us of the gratitude we feel because of it. Maybe it's something we have owned or has been passed down from generations before. Maybe it's something that was given to us during this pandemic year. Maybe it's something that we have acquired ourselves to help us stay grounded during isolation and restrictions. Maybe it's something that would surprise us and let us see a different side of you that we don't ever see."

- Each council member took a few minutes to share.

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."

Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

Julie Hutton, Chair

APPENDIX C

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council was held virtually from Friday, May 28 to Sunday, May 30. Our theme was "*Our Place in the Rainbow*" We started off with an uplifting worship which including our "In Memoriam" folks and the business portion of the meeting completed. 14 Commissioners were elected to attend the 44th General Council in 2022.

We honoured our retirees, we covenanted with some Communities of Faith, and we celebrated a new Admittand, Christopher Davis. The inclusion of many voices in different languages made this an enriching experience.

We listened to the Moderator's video and listened to an extraordinarily rich and informative presentation by Gloria Cook, Indigenous Elder. The news of the 215 children who were found in a mass unmarked grave on the grounds of the former Kamloops Residential School opened a door for us to mourn for these relatives, their families, and their communities" and gave us an opportunity to take time to reflect on our sad past.

The Mission and Service Fundraiser with the "Masked Singers" was a hit, raising over \$8,500 for the Mission and Service Fund. A new feature, a Games Night, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our meeting culminated with a celebration of our region becoming an Affirming Ministry, with communion and a time to make a joyful noise followed by a virtual Rainbow dessert party.

Many thanks to all those who planned and worked hard to make this Annual Meeting a success and special "thank you to our Tech Team" the staff and to all the delegates and visitors who attended. A summary of the meeting's proceedings will be available soon.

Diane Dwarka, co-chair and member of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

APPENDIX D M & P

The committee has met several time over the last few month by Face Time and once by Zoom.

Some of business that we have worked on:

- An accompanist for church services as at the end of June Alexis is unavailable. We developed an advertisement and places it in local area papers, Brandon University School of Music, Face Time. We did not receive any response, therefore the committee decided to advertise again in August. We met with the Finance Committee by Face Time to ensure that the salary for the position agreed with the budget.
- An interviewing committee was determined.
- A gift certificate for Dalrymple's Greenhouse was given to Alexis as a token of our appreciation.
- Michelle has requested vacation...using Fridays for the month of July and August As well as one week in August, leaving 3 days for a later date.
- Kathy will be on vacation July 27 to August 24.
- The M & P Committee has approved these vacation dates.
- The M & P Committee met with Kathy & Michelle by Zoom for an informative conversation about the last year and how their jobs have been.