

**Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday September 29, 2021 7:00 pm**

**2021 -26
Multipurpose Room**

PRESENT: Julie Hutton, Wilf Taylor, Colleen Wallace, Heather Currie, Barb Kingdon, Jean Garbolinsky, Alf Iverson, Maxine Gray, Michelle Gunderson, and Kathy Platt

REGRETS: Barry McNabb, Lorna Hislop

Quorum present.

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

REFLECTION: Finance and Stewardship Next Meeting: Pastoral Care
Michelle used a UCC resource: Stones for Reconciliation, for the reflection.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this September 29, 2021 meeting.

Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor and seconded by Barb Kingdon

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the
Agenda for the September 29, 2021 meeting as circulated."**

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: no errors or omissions.

Minutes from the August 25, 2021 Council meeting.

Motion: moved by Alf Iverson and seconded by Colleen Wallace

**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the
Minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting as circulated."**

CARRIED

Minutes from the August 26, 2021 Zoom Council meeting.

Motion: moved by Heather Currie and seconded by Colleen Wallace

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

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Visioning Workshop: Tentative dates of January 15 or 22, 2022.
There has been discussion around where to access a facilitator and some contacts have been made. Three topics for discussion have been identified:
 - Use of our physical space in the building
 - All forms of technology
 - Engagement with the community
- Facility Use: "Where do we go from here?"
Is it time to allow other user groups back into the facility? Consensus is yes.
Each group will need to be familiar with the Public Health Orders pertinent to their activities. Our church policy continues to require those who come in the building to be fully vaccinated for Covid. Masks, contact tracing and physical distancing are all still necessary.
The contact who arranges the facility booking will need to sign a form to acknowledge their responsibilities, and a handout will be provided with guidelines to follow. Hilton will perform appropriate cleaning between groups.
Kathy will contact the church Funeral Lunch committee, to discuss resuming the provision of funeral lunches at the church, and what the guidelines for food service will entail.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Facility use inquiry: S. Fraser would like to use the kitchen 2 days/week
- Facility use inquiry: "renterii" rental platform for short term kitchen use
- St. Andrew's College: designating one Sunday as "College/Vocation Sunday"

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update of current Covid regulations: new regulations to come into effect on Oct 5th. The size of gatherings permitted will be dependent upon whether unvaccinated (but eligible) people are present. Outdoor gatherings limited to 50 people.

Regarding singing in the church, masks are required unless the singer is behind a barrier. Every church has a different variation of policy around singing. It was agreed that the congregation may sing quietly behind their masks.

REPORTS:

OFFICE: Michelle
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FINANCIALS: FS 21-08
Michelle reviewed the statement for August 2021.

Motion: moved by Barb Kingdon and seconded by Jean Garbolinsky
"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church
accept the Financial Report for the month of August 2021 as
circulated, including the cheque register for the above month."
CARRIED

REGION 5 (PRAIRIE TO PINE) Barb Kingdon
Nothing to report.

FUNDRAISING: There is hope that we can host a Meat Pie sale in November.

NOMINATIONS:

Kathy and Julie met with Ray Orr, and Ray has agreed to assume the position of Chair Elect. Since he is starting mid-year, he will take over duties as Council Chair in the fall of 2022. (Julie will continue until that time.)

Motion: moved by Alf Iverson and seconded by Maxine Gray
"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church
agree that Ray Orr will fill the position of Council Chair Elect."
CARRIED

There remains need for at least one more member to be appointed to the Ministry and Personnel committee.

COMING EVENTS: nothing planned due to Covid regulations.

MINISTER: Kathy

- Council committees have been meeting in September, so lots of meetings to attend but it's good to get going!
- Kathy has been very busy with funerals this fall
- It continues to feel like Covid regulations add complicated layers to everything!
- She is longing for the time when she can visit people in-person again.
- Plans to take Sunday October 17th off.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PASTORAL CARE: Heather C.

The committee plans to meet next week. They participated in the United Church service at the PCH last month. Lots of cards have been sent recently, but the group is not yet doing any visiting.

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Barb K.

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The committee hopes to be able to get a calendar made and be able to plan ahead once again!

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Colleen W.

APPENDIX J

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 Committee to approve the baptism of Bennett William Brown and Hanna Michele Brown, children of Karli and Dayton Brown, to take place on October 10, 2021."

CARRIED

PROPERTY: Alf I.

APPENDIX K

The committee has not met recently but hope to in November.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL: Maxine G.

The committee met by Facetime.

There was one response to the advertising for our Accompanist position. This person is willing to help cover until we find someone permanent to fill the position. M&P will continue with the search for a candidate.

Alexis Harvey is working on a rotation schedule for people who will take a turn as accompanist in the meantime.

Motion: moved by Maxine Gray and seconded by Colleen Wallace

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to offer pianists/accompanists for Sunday worship services an honorarium of \$50 per session and mileage."

CARRIED

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP: Jean G.

APPENDIX L

Motion: moved by Maxine Gray and seconded by Jean Garbolinsky

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Finance Committee recommendation that we obtain a business credit card from the Royal Bank, with a limit of \$5000."

CARRIED

It was agreed that if we are required to set up a GIC to secure the Credit Card, it will be taken from funds in the Building Account.

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2021 at 7pm

HOLY MOMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER by Kathy

Motion: moved by Wilf Taylor

“That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this meeting at 8:47 pm.”

Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

Julie Hutton, Chair

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OFFICE ADMIN REPORT

September 2021

- Help with fall grant application for Parent/Child program to Assiniboine North Parent Child Coalition, and pay expenses for programming from Apr-July 2021
- Assist with letter to congregation for fall plan to re-open.
- Set up new online account with UCRD (updated platform).
- Office opened to the public again on September 7, 2021
- Make arrangements for facility use for Federal Advance Poll
- Yvonne C. has been in to work on the Independent Financial Review for 2021
- Did some updates to our website (fall plans and financials, etc.)
- Consult RBC regarding info to apply for a credit card for the church
- Take two online training seminars with ADP to learn the new online Team Pay payroll system.

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CHURCH LIFE / OUTREACH

Committee met via Zoom on Tuesday, September 28, 2021

OUTREACH:

1. Together We Can – Final report has been received and new grant application has been completed and sent off for next sessions (September – December 2021)
2. Hat & Mitten Tree – We have an abundance of hats/mittens donated by community members with the possibility of more coming in this Fall/Winter. We are looking at making a donation to other organizations in need – Bear Clan Patrol in Brandon or Rolling River First Nations.
3. Banner – we are continuing to research the options for signage for the outside of our Church

CHURCH LIFE:

1. Meat Pies – plans underway for the end of November/early December
2. Care Packages – plans underway for preparing another Care Package to be sent out in October.
Package will contain some soup/biscuit and card.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Submitted by Lorna Hislop

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WORSHIP REPORT FOR COUNCIL SEPT 29/21

MUSIC ~ Alexis Harvey is working to schedule about 6 different pianists to play for upcoming church services. Discussion revolved around payment for this service. Not sure who makes this decision but all present felt that mileage and our going pianist rate should be at least offered. Leave it to the individual as to whether this is individual plans to volunteer their time.

Mary is still working on acquiring special music for Sundays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ Kathy, Stacy and Mary are meeting to make some plans for the children. Stacy will be sharing stories in children's time on some Zoom Sundays. At the moment looking at maybe bags to deliver to children with stories and activities and a link to hear these stories read by a church member. We will examine the possibility at our next meeting of getting the children in the building.

FUNERALS ~ 6 in 3rd week of Sept. and 2 more in the next few weeks.

REQUEST for a weekend off ~ from Kathy. Oct. 17. Colleen, Julie, and Carol will lead worship that Sunday, but no Zoom that week.

We will continue to offer Zoom but not record it to send out for later.

Kathy is working on sending out shortened version of each Service to be seen on YouTube. This has much better audio and visual quality.

COMMUNION will be this coming Sunday Oct 3rd.

Friday email will ask people to bring their own elements.

We will have some individual items available upon entry to the service if they have forgotten. Masks will be removed for consumption of elements then put on again.

BAPTISM has been requested by Dayton and Karli Brown for their 2 children Bennett and Hanna. This is for Thanksgiving Sunday Oct. 10th when they have family here. Bennett was to be baptized last Easter but Covid caused this to be cancelled and now they have a daughter as well.

Kathy has arranged to have this take place on Sunday the 10th at 10am before Church. The family is all vaccinated other than small children. Alexis has volunteered to assist Kathy.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SERVICES IN BUILDING:

Lots of positivity about being together. Numbers low yet... 12 or so each week.

Some people concerned about calling to save a spot because they might be feeling sick by Sunday or had to change their minds about attending at the last minute. Others feeling that they would be taking a space that someone else really needed on that day.

Some confusion about where to sit... thinking you don't sit where there is an X. We changed these to check marks.

There is space for 50 in the sanctuary, so worship committee feels we could send out Friday's message saying just come. Do not preregister. There will be space. We will still follow distancing, masking, sanitizing, and leaving name and number for tracking should the need arise.

This should keep all feeling safe, as well as following provincial protocol.

Creating a list of greeters for the next few months.

Still maintaining zoom cohosts and Zoom Techies for each Sunday.

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PROPERTY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

- Annual furnace filter check and replacement was completed on all 4 rooftop units. Four filters replaced in one unit and two in another. Other 2 units are OK.
- Hillside Plumbing and Heating was on site and replaced the electronic card (board) in the meeting hall rooftop unit. Hillside (Ty Burton) also checked the electric boiler unit (for in-floor heating). One of the relays in the control box was chattering and needs to be replaced. Ty will complete this soon.
- Sanctuary Flooring: Wilf T. has been in touch with Jenkins Flooring, and we are still on their agenda. I guess it is a small job for them and they will fit it in?

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on Wednesday September 22, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

Lorraine Sleep, Jean Garbolinsky, Lloyd Babcock, Michelle Gunderson, Elaine Thomson, Kathy Platt (in & out) and Barry McNabb were present.

Reviewed the May/June/July/August financial statements. Our bank balance is a positive \$40,524.91 at the end of August.

Legacy Fund Application: No applications at this time.

Update on Government Wage Subsidies.

- CEWS has been extended to period 21 – October 23, 2021.
- CRHP (Canada Recovery Hiring Program) likely not qualify

Minnedosa United Church to apply for a credit card: Michelle to inquire and gather information about obtaining a credit card from the Royal Bank of Canada. Card will have Minnedosa United Church and 1 signing authority (Suggest Michelle) for names on card. Michelle to look into more details as to whether there may need to be some collateral required?

*Minnedosa Finance Committee recommends to Council that the Minnedosa United Church acquires a credit card from the Royal Bank of Canada.

Building Account

- discussed putting some money into investments.
- at this time recommend holding off putting money into investments.

Legacy Account

- discussed "capping" endowed funds
- at this time recommend holding off capping endowed funds.

Fall Appeal Letter

- discussed sending out a Fall Appeal Letter but in light of our current financial situation we are feeling comfortable with the funds we have on hand. We will not be sending out a Fall Appeal Letter. We will be keeping a close eye on our financials and will take action at a later date.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Barry McNabb