

**Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday January 19, 2022 7:00 pm**

**2022 -1**  
**Online by Zoom**

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

REGRETS: none

Quorum present.

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

REFLECTION: Church Life and Outreach      Next Meeting: Worship, Learning & Membership  
Lorna read from a Facebook blog by John Roedel called "Hey God, Hey John" - A conversation with God, which suggests some "soul work" to help focus on appreciating all the good that surrounds us.

HOLY MANNERS

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- A letter from Judy Hare: conversations about Collaborative Ministry (Added to New Business)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this January 19, 2022 meeting.

**Motion: moved by Barb Kingdon and seconded by Heather Currie**  
**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Agenda for the January 19, 2022 meeting as amended."**

**CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: no errors or omissions.

Minutes from the November 17, 2022 online Zoom Council meeting.

**Motion: moved by Alf Iverson and seconded by Lorna Hislop**  
**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP: date postponed from January 22 (due to Covid concerns) to March 19<sup>th</sup>. Council members and committee members invited to participate. Preliminary information to consider will be shared a couple of weeks prior.
- Annual Meeting: Date is set for March 6<sup>th</sup>. Preference is to meet in-person and may consider postponing if public health orders prevent gathering at that time. Decisions around using Zoom and if there will be a lunch will be made closer to that date. The deadline for submission of reports for the Annual Report is February 4<sup>th</sup>. Julie will present a Council Report to the Congregation so that they will be notified about plans for the Annual Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update of current Covid regulations: the current Public Health Order is in effect until Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. We are allowed to gather at 50% capacity, when requiring proof of vaccination - but we have chosen not to gather in-person since Dec 24 in an abundance of caution, due to rising case numbers of Covid. The hope is to begin in-person worship again in February.

- The Prairie to Pine Pastoral Relations Commission and Committee of Community of Faith Support invites representatives from all Communities of Faith within the Prairie to Pine Region into a conversation exploring options around how best to engage in ministry together for the good of all communities. Kathy is looking for two others from Minnedosa United to join in the Zoom gathering on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

REPORTS:

OFFICE: Michelle G.  
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\*Will circulate the sign-up sheet online for volunteers to count offering.

FINANCIALS: FS 21-11 and 21-12

Barry Mc reviewed the statements for November and December 2021.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Ray Orr**  
**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church**  
**accept the Financial Reports for the months of November and**  
**December 2021 as circulated, including the cheque register for the**  
**above months."**

**CARRIED**

2022 BUDGET

Barry took Council through each line of the Proposed General Fund Budget for 2022. Several questions for clarification were answered.

**Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Wilf Taylor**  
**"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church**  
**accept the Proposed General Fund Budget for 2022 as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

This budget will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting for approval.

REGION 5 (PRAIRIE TO PINE): Barb Kingdon

Barb shared some highlights from the P2P Weekly News

- A Snow & Ice Art competition in the Region
- The work of Reconciliation is ongoing
- Policy updates regarding LLWL (Licensed Lay Worship Leaders)

FUNDRAISING:

Two great fundraisers were held in December:

- Meat Pie sale Dec 3 & 4: many thanks to Lorna H. for her leadership and all the volunteers who helped!
- Dec 9: a recitation of "A Christmas Carol" by James Comrie – a much enjoyed seasonal treat! Thanks to Mary Dalton & crew for all their work behind the scenes.

No other fundraisers planned for the next couple of months.

NOMINATIONS:

- Committees are asked to review the terms of their committee members and begin to consider recruitment to fill any vacancies. Discussion around creating a Nominating Committee but one was not formed at this time.
- There remains need for at least one more member to be appointed to the Ministry and Personnel committee. Maxine suggested that she, Kathy, and Julie meet to consider a plan to address this vacancy.

COMING EVENTS: none.

MINISTER: Kathy

- During conversations with her peers, Kathy noted that other churches are doing and feeling the same as we are here: disappointed to be back to online worship, and tired of feeling isolated due to Covid and winter weather.
- Kathy has been working on her computer from home quite a bit lately and has been making lots of phone calls to connect with people from the congregation.
- She will meet with Mary D and Colleen W soon, to percolate ideas/activities for the Sunday School families during the upcoming Easter season.
- Kathy will be taking continuing education from Feb 14 - 28. Some of the time will be used for reading and preparing for the upcoming Lent/Easter season, and some will be spent doing some self-care after a rather exhausting time doing ministry in the midst of this Pandemic.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

PASTORAL CARE: Heather C.

Thank you to those who helped with the lunch at the Longest Night Service. Since Covid cases are still a concern, the committee has not been visiting in person but have made phone calls, and they continue to mail cards and give prayer shawls as appropriate.

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Lorna H.

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Nicole McLenehan will remain on this committee as well.

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Colleen W.

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We have had two new members transfer their membership from Westbank United to Minnedosa United: Dinny and Conn Derksen. We will offer them a delighted welcome once we are able to gather in-person again. Next meeting is Jan 27.

PROPERTY: Alf I.

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MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL: Maxine G.

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FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP: Barry Mc.

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**ANNUAL MEETING:** Sunday March 6, 2022

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:** Saturday March 19, 2022

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 7pm

### **HOLY MOMENTS**

**CLOSING PRAYER** by Kathy

**Motion: moved by Barb Kingdon**

**"That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this meeting at 8:50 pm."**

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OFFICE ADMIN REPORT FOR JANUARY 19, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

- Participated in a couple of Zoom events:
  - Nov 18: A Prairie to Pine Affirming gathering by the Equity and Diversity Education Team. Many good points, with some items we maybe need to address here in Minnedosa.
  - Nov 30: Knox United Green Team hosted a watch party, based on a book by Seth Klein called "A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency".
- Set out the Hat & Mitt tree on Nov 18, and continue to keep it stocked
- Assist with collecting Christmas Cheer applications and donations
- Yvonne C. was in to do another three months for the Financial Review
- Month end/Year end tasks: assign offering envelopes for 2022, balance deposit amounts from petty cash and coffee coins, sort, and update folders in filing cabinet and on computer, record dates on 2022 calendars, etc.
- Facility Use: CUPE group has paid for 8 weeks of facility use in Nov/Dec. There are a few events booked from January to March but are waiting to see what current public health orders will be.
- Do calculations for employer contributions for salary expenses – for 2022 budget
- A reminder to committees & groups: please do not leave leftover food in the fridges in the kitchen "for someone to help themselves". It can sit there a long time when no one is in charge of checking on it.
- Made updates to the Funeral Policy (around lunches), add to the Policies Binder and update on website.

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CHURCH LIFE/OUTREACH

Committee met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 via Zoom

Present: Barb Kingdon; Tanya Dalgarno; Lorna Hislop; Kathy Platt

Regrets: Nicole McLenehan

We discussed the budget for the up-coming year as Finance was meeting on Jan 13.

A quick look at the up-coming plans for 2022:

1. P.I.E. event in March - donations of pies; SERC coming out (possible mileage)
2. Affirming banner – continuing to pursue this
3. Renew Affirming Membership
4. Another meat pie sale in the Spring
5. Spring Smorg/Take-out supper at the end of April
6. Christmas cards to all Congregational members
7. Morning coffee gatherings
8. Congregational lunches

The following members have confirmed their commitment to the Church Life/Outreach Committee: Barb Kingdon; Tanya Dalgarno; Lorna Hislop

Next meeting set for Tuesday, Feb 8 at 7 pm -in person at the Church.

Submitted by Lorna Hislop

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WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 19, 2022

In Person Worship: We were so thankful to make it through most of Advent with in-church worship. Christmas Eve service was the only service that ended up strictly on Zoom.

Thanks again to Kathy for her flexibility, creativeness, and dedication.

There was a definite need for all formats of service during Advent. We heard from people on Zoom who were feeling extra connection with the music and the opportunity to have their star hung in the sanctuary. When talking with people who use Access TV, they shared their appreciation for this service, as well as for the Christmas cards that they had received. Good work on keeping those connections everyone.

We continue now with our Zoom service from Kathy's home. This is very much a week-by-week process as we face growing pandemic numbers. We look forward to feeling our way forward once again to in building worship.

There is temporary planning for pulpit supply on Feb. 20 and 27 depending on restrictions. Feb. 27 Adrian Jacobson and Susan McPherson Derendy from Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Spiritual Centre have agreed to come to lead Worship. If restrictions end up not allowing them to worship here on Feb. 27, we will look at inviting another time in the year. When confirmed we suggest paying milage, then do something with a luncheon or donation time that would support the 3 Prairie Theological schools.

Feb. 20th will probably be either Julie, Carol or Colleen or a group of us leading worship.

Sunday School - Children enjoyed their Advent Wreath supplies and video as Advent began. Later they received materials to make tree ornaments.

With delivery of materials, parents enjoyed brief doorstep chats and really seemed to appreciate the connections we continue to work on. Those who were able to be part of the pageant and tree decorating were full of contagious smiles. We will be discussing plans for the coming months by the worship meeting next week.

Music for worship at this moment is in flex with pianists already planned but contacted to postpone with worship in building cancelled.

As I wrote the annual report, I was so thrilled to see the number of people stepping up to use their skills to move forward with both in church and online worship for the congregation. We are truly a blessed congregation. Keep up the great efforts everyone.

Colleen Wallace

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE

UNITED CHURCH INSURANCE;

A review of the insurance policy with Red River Insurance was completed covering a period from December 1st, 2021 until December 1st, 2022. The monetary limit was raised from 2 million up to 2.2 million. Contents remained the same at 197 thousand. The premium paid was \$5082.00 which was approx. \$50.00 more than last year.

CHURCH FLOORING;

Wilf Taylor has been in touch with Jenkins flooring regarding the kitchen entryway and it is being monitored for any repair.

BOILER SYSTEM;

Hillside plumbing installed a new pressure tank and adjusted the controls for the in-floor heating. The unit is operating fine.

Alf Iverson

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MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ministry and Personnel Committee (Linda Bertram, Judy McFadden, and Maxine Gray) met on a couple of occasions in December and January.

Continuing Education time was approved for Kathy between February 15-28, 2022 (8 days plus some days off). Note, Kathy is entitled to 3 weeks of study leave/continuing education time annually.

Time off at Christmas was also approved for Michelle and Kathy.

The primary focus of our discussions was related to budget issues, in preparation for the 2022 budget.

Submitted by Maxine Gray

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on Thursday, January 13th, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

Jean Garbolinsky, Lloyd Babcock, Michelle Gunderson, Elaine Thomson, Kathy Platt, and Barry McNabb were present. Jean, Lloyd & Kathy joined our meeting through Zoom. Michelle, Elaine & Barry participated in Michelle's office. Lorraine Sleep sent regrets.

Reviewed the November & December financial statements. Our bank balance is a positive \$40,225.65 at the end of December.

Legacy Fund Application: No applications at this time.

Finance committee discussed very briefly the possibility of a Spring Appeal letter being sent out mid to late March. It was felt at this time that a letter would likely be sent out along with a Lent letter from our minister Kathy. Committee will work on letter wording for next meeting.

Finance committee worked on preparing the 2022 financial budget for the Minnedosa United Church.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m. by Zoom as 2 of our committee members are snowbirds and will be soaking up the sun rays but have agreed to join us via the internet.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by Barry McNabb