

PRESENT: Ray Orr, Heather Currie, Maxine Gray, Barry McNabb, Lorna Hislop, Jan Macey, Carol Frost, Michelle Gunderson, and Kathy Platt

REGRETS: Julie Hutton, Alf Iverson, Colleen Wallace and Barb Kingdon
Quorum present.

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

REFLECTION: Property Next Meeting: Ministry and Personnel

Jan Macey shared a reading from a book called "Paws to Reflect – Devotions for Animal Lovers". It was called "Sack Clothes and Grace" and talked about self control and patience.

HOLY MANNERS:

Ray highlighted one of the items, which stated "honour the decisions of the body".

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda for this June 15, 2022 meeting.

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Jan Macey

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Agenda for the June 15, 2022 meeting circulated."

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: no errors or omissions.

Minutes from the April 6, 2022 in person Council meeting.

Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Carol Frost

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting as circulated."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP: held March 19th (summary notes in April 6 Minutes)
Kathy will prepare some questions for the September meeting, to help us get focused and to plan our priorities.
- Updates to the Policy Document: this is an ongoing process. Committees are asked to look at their policies annually.
Lorna brought forward that the Funeral Lunch committees would like to increase the fee per person for funeral lunches from \$5 to \$8.

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Carol Frost

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to increase the fee per person for funeral lunches to \$8."

CARRIED

This change will be noted in our Funeral Policy as well.

- Grounds Maintenance (Flowers and Shrubs): a small group of volunteers will make a plan for a rotation/schedule for watering, weeding, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update of current Covid regulations and MUC's current policy: no changes at this time. It was mentioned that the RHA is holding a vaccine clinic here on June 22nd.

- Motion to "empower" the Council Executive over the summer
Motion: moved by Maxine Gray and seconded by Heather Currie
"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to empower the Council Executive to make all decisions related to the operations of Minnedosa United Church on behalf of the Church Council until the next Council meeting in September 2022."

CARRIED

REPORTS:

OFFICE: Michelle G.
APPENDIX "O"

The Annual Charity Return for 2021 has been submitted.

*Circulate the sign-up sheet for volunteers to count offering.

FINANCIALS: FS 22-03, 22-04 and 22-05

Barry Mc reviewed the statements for March, April, and May 2022.

Motion: moved by Barry McNabb and seconded by Lorna Hislop

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church accept the Financial Reports for the months of March, April, and May 2022 as circulated, including the cheque register for the above months."

CARRIED

REGION 5 (PRAIRIE TO PINE): Michelle Gunderson

Annual Meeting May 6-7, 2022 (online).

Michelle shared some highlights from the online annual meeting.

FUNDRAISING:

- Spring Supper: Lorna shared a summary – it was a successful fundraiser, and the take out/delivery option was popular. Profit will be around \$2500.
- Fun Fest: new dates are August 26-28. Jean Garbolinsky has attended the town planning meetings and submitted our luncheon for the schedule of events.

Lorna explained that the Church Life and Outreach Committee are agreeable to overseeing Fundraising in general on behalf of Council – to facilitate a pathway of communication from the people planning the events to the Council table. Those individuals/groups who have a fundraising idea can book their event through the Church Life and Outreach Committee, in order to coordinate the calendar and ensure reports are made to the Council. Council is asked to consider ideas over the summer and share at the September meeting, and a message will be communicated to the congregation after that.

NOMINATIONS:

- Considering a plan on how to approach recruitment

COMING EVENTS:

- None

MINISTER: Kathy

- The Minnedosa Ministerial group have agreed that a joint service will be held at Thanksgiving, rather than on Good Friday.
- She will be officiating at a wedding in August (during her holiday time) and has a few funerals/graveside services over June and July.
- Plans for special music/anthems during Worship in the fall are still uncertain, since we do not have an accompanist employed to attend choir rehearsals. It will likely be a combination of solos, groups and occasionally the choir.
- June 12th we focused on Affirming ministry on Pride Sunday. June 19th will be dedicated to Reconciliation and the Indigenous Day of Prayer with a Metis focus.
- Kathy has gratefully accepted M&P's offer to have July 3rd off, to enjoy a Long Weekend.
- Kathy is working on arranging coverage for during her holidays in August.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PASTORAL CARE: Heather C.

APPENDIX "P"

- a couple of committee members were able to attend Kathy's worship service at the Personal Care Home yesterday.
- the committee continues to send cards and hand out prayer shawls

CHURCH LIFE AND OUTREACH: Lorna H.

APPENDIX "Q"

Lorna quickly reviewed some of the items from her submitted report.

She also shared further information from the committee "Minnedosa for Ukraine Families". New Journey Housing (Wpg) and Neepawa Immigration Services are helping with arrangements. The families (currently ~100 families in Winnipeg) can choose where they would like to live. On June 27th a delegation will be touring some families around Minnedosa to see if this area might be a good fit for them. Employment and housing are priorities.

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND MEMBERSHIP: Carol Frost

APPENDIX "R"

Motion: moved by Maxine Gray and seconded by Heather Currie

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to pay the Lay Worship Leaders \$100 per Sunday for the 5 Sundays in August/September while Kathy is on Vacation."

CARRIED

PROPERTY: Janyce M.

APPENDIX "S"

Council decided it is time to contact a contractor to look at our roof and consider options to try and stop the leaks that happen when there is a heavy rain blown in by strong winds. Ray will talk with Alf Iverson.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL: Maxine G.

APPENDIX "T"

- M&P suggested to Kathy that they would encourage her to take the weekend following July 1st off, for some rest and relaxation. Maxine thanked the Worship committee for arranging coverage for that July 3rd Sunday.

- June 26th will finally be a formal farewell to long time accompanist Eleanor Taylor. The M&P committee will get her a gift on behalf of the Council and Congregation, and the Choir is also giving her a gift. Lorna will start arrangements for a lunch following this service.

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP: Barry Mc.

APPENDIX "U"

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Jan Macey

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to set up a new Term Deposit for the Legacy Fund at the Sunrise Credit Union, with the funds from the old Term Deposit #185-3609 as well as any new donations received in the past year of which 50% are to be endowed."

CARRIED

Motion: moved by Lorna Hislop and seconded by Heather Currie

"...That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church agree to close the current Day-to-Day Savings account at RBC for the Building Fund, and transfer the balance to a new Business Essential Savings Account."

CARRIED

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: September 21, 2022 at 7pm

The plan is to return to regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of January/March/May/September/November.

HOLY MOMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER by Kathy

Motion: moved by Maxine Gray

"That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this meeting at 8:58 pm."

Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

Ray Orr, Chair

APPENDIX "O"

OFFICE REPORT TO COUNCIL

Since April 6th:

- Tried out our old Twitter account, still active
- Helped with the Spring Supper (signup sheets: printing and collecting, float)
- Town flooding ~May 15-20: helped to unload sandbags and then haul them away.
- Receive and acknowledge in-memory donations
- Learning how to work in the A/V sound booth in the Sanctuary.
- All the usual: make deposits, pay bills, manage payroll, support committees (Finance, Archives, Parent/Child, tending to flowers/shrubs, funeral set-up)
- Submitted our Annual 2021 Charity Return on June 12th! Hurray!

FACILITY USE:

FUNERALS: two

CHURCH GROUPS: Spring Supper, Study Group, AOTS

OTHER USER GROUPS: Food Bank, Yoga, 4-H Achievement, Strath Theatre Chorus, Expressions Concert, Chamber of Commerce Job Fair, CUPE, Horticultural Society plant sale, Birdhouse building event.

APPENDIX "P" PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Minnedosa Personal Care Home is still experiencing challenges with Covid restrictions and staffing, so we have had only one visit this year.

Sympathy cards and prayer shawls are given out on behalf of the congregation for those needing spiritual and emotional support.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Currie

APPENDIX "Q" CHURCH LIFE and OUTREACH

Committee met on Thursday, June 8, 2022

Healthy Baby Program: will be holding sessions in the United Church beginning June 27, 2022. They have a small budget for rentals – we will be receiving \$25/monthly session

Affirming:

Banner continues to be worked on. Alan Dalrymple is looking for anything that may have come from the old church – stone; brick; metal...

June 12, 2022 – Pride Sunday

June 19, 2022 – Reconciliation Sunday – Barb/John Fleury have been invited to come and share their experience in travelling to Rome with the Metis Federation to see the Pope. We will be providing lunch and continuing the conversation about what it means to be Metis and how we can be part of reconciliation. We have discussed inviting the wider community to come and be with us.

Funeral Lunches:

Funeral Lunch committee has reviewed the pricing and after polling several churches and speaking with the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, have recommended that the cost be changed from \$5.00/person to \$8.00/person

Movie Night:

We have received information that Public Performing Video licensing is now available thru Buy United. This license would allow us to stream movies to our congregation without infringing on copyright. The price is based on the average Sunday attendance for a pastoral charge reported thru statistics. There may also an opportunity to open this up to the community as a fundraiser.

Fundraising

It was brought to our meeting that Finance Committee feels that there is a disconnect within Council about fundraising events. Some events are moving forward; some planned were not held which caused difficulties when trying to prepare the budget. After discussion, the Church Life/Outreach committee felt that they could fill the role of overseeing fundraising events with the understanding that this committee will not be responsible for doing all the fundraising.

Support for Ukrainian families:

Kathy/Lorna were invited to attend informational meetings to bring Ukrainian family(s) to Minnedosa. A committee has been created and a proposal is being prepared and will be forwarded to New Journey Housing (the company that the province has contracted to find destinations for displaced families). Should there be family(s) interested in coming to Minnedosa, they will need to be supported by the entire community. It is our hope that the Minnedosa United Church support this in whatever way they feel they can.

Submitted by Lorna Hislop

APPENDIX "R" WORSHIP, LEARNING and MEMBERSHIP

Worship Services

- Worship Service, May 29th, was held to welcome transferred members Dinny and Conn Derksen, and for the Confirmation of Faith for Debbie Gaiser. Communion also served at the May 29th service.
- Pentecost was on June 5th.
- Pride Service on June 12th
- June 19th, guests Barb and John Fleury will share their story of being part of the delegation that went to see the Pope as well as share their stories around being Metis. A lunch is in the plans to follow this service.
- Julie Hutton will be our pulpit supply on July 3 while Kathy has some much-deserved Sabbath time.
- Schedule for mini half hour services during the month of August are as follows. These will not be pulpit supply but a small honorarium is appreciated.
 - Aug. 7 - Julie Hutton
 - Aug 14 - Carol Frost
 - Aug 21 - Colleen Wallace
 - Aug. 28 - Julie Hutton
 - Sept. 4 - Colleen Wallace
- SUNDAY SCHOOL - Working on gathering a group of parents, during June, to help with planning and shared participation for Sunday School in the fall. Mary and Colleen (Kathy) will gather, brainstorm, support and spearhead but hope in sharing the work, families will feel a sharing workable atmosphere where no one person is tied and missing spiritually growth opportunities for themselves.
- ACCESS TV RECORDING AND EMAIL LINK - due to the complexity of these processes these will not take place on July, Aug. or Sept long weekends. Access TV will still be made available for the other services.
- GREETERS AND COFFEE MAKERS - continues to be a need. Suggestion of making August a bring your own mug of coffee month.

APPENDIX "S" PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- ** The flowers and shrubs around the church are now under new supervision. Barrett and Susan Nelson have planted new flowers and are taking over the work for beautification around the church.
- ** The sound system has many new volunteers who are learning the operation and it is working well. There is still room for additional interested people if anyone wants to learn.
- **Murrays Fire Extinguisher Service was here and did checking and recharging of our fire extinguisher units in the church. The inspection is done annually, the recharge is done every 6 years. They also check out the emergency lighting system and replace batteries as needed.

** There was some water leakage as a result of previous heavy rainfall. A check will be made on the roof to see if any work is needed around the roof vents. This will be done in the next week or so.

** The closure on the back door needs some repair and a new latch part. It is working alright but requires regular adjustment. I will contact Glendosa Glass for their assistance.

** Caretaking will need to be attended to with Hilton away on vacation for 3 weeks in the summer. We are using volunteer help as required.

Alf Iverson

APPENDIX "T" MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

M&P met twice by FaceTime since Council's April 2022 meeting.

Issues of focus included a variety of staff matters and a plan to celebrate Eleanor Taylor's many years as accompanist (piano and organ). A Farewell Celebration for Eleanor will be held June 26, 2022 – she will be the accompanist for the service that day and lunch will follow the service.

2022 has not let up in presenting challenges to Kathy in regard to planning worship services – in addition to the challenges of Covid, March and April brought a variety of weather crises. Kathy was forced to pivot and make new plans over and over. A trying and challenging time! In acknowledgment of this and to support Kathy, M&P suggested she take the Sunday of the July long weekend off to have some extra time for restoration. Worship committee have kindly made arrangements to support this happening.

Submitted by Maxine Gray

(M&P Committee members - Linda Bertram, Judy McFadden, and Maxine Gray)

APPENDIX "U" FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting was held on June 8, 2022 at 9:30 am

In attendance: Jean Garbolinsky, Elaine Thomson, Kathy Platt, Lloyd Babcock, Michelle G.

Regrets: Barry McNabb

- Reviewed the financial statements for March, April, and May
Spring Appeal: target is almost reached
There was no Spring Meat Pie sale, yet we had included an amount in the budget.
Which committee do these fundraising events "flow" through?
To encourage donations for offering during Sunday worship, perhaps we can bring the Offering Plates forward to be blessed.
- Legacy Fund: No applications.
Need to continue to remind and encourage the congregation to consider projects and access these funds. Perhaps an "action plan" to come out of the Council Workshop will create some applications.
We anticipate receiving a payment from the Meadows Foundation in June, then there will be a Term Deposit maturing in July, to which we will be able to add new funds for endowment and reinvest.
The Credit Union will require a motion to set up a new Term Deposit.
- Our "target assessment" to the UCC for 2023 will be \$5289 (for 2022 it is \$5564)
- Building Account: The Finance committee recommends that we close the current savings account at the Royal Bank and open a new RBC Business Savings Account. This will allow us to align the monthly statement dates and avoid fees for printing statements. There is no monthly package fee, and there are two debits included per month.
The committee will consider the possibility of investing some of the balance in the Building Account when we meet again in the fall.

- Canada Helps now offers the option of accepting donations of cryptocurrency. (They promptly convert it to Canadian Dollars and disburse.)
- Waiting to hear back from Gold Business Solutions, regarding the renewal of our copier contract.
- Barry spoke with Yvonne C. – she may continue with the Independent Financial Review past this year.
- Barry heard from Michael/Katharine Kingdon to notify us that the Meadows Foundation is now with "Credential". Confirmed that annual payments in June worked fine for us.
- In the last UCC webinar for Treasurer's it was mentioned that church staff who are not eligible for the Benefits plan, could be covered by Workers Compensation. Will refer to M&P.
- The committee discussed considerations for finances over the summer. It was felt that our current bank balance should be sufficient until the fall. As well, the Council Executive can be authorized to transfer funds from the Legacy Fund should the need arise.

The next Finance meeting is scheduled for September 7th. Adjourned at 10:34am.