

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH
MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2017**

We, at First United Church, are called by the spirit to be a caring community of faith actively pursuing spiritual growth and compassionate outreach

Members Present:

Annette Taylor, Minister	Kevin Hanna, Ministry & Personnel
Brian McConkey, Stewardship	Ann Wiebe, Trustees
Rhonda Lotochinski, Secretary	Peggy Worrell, Chair
Brenda Gruetzner, Outreach	Donna Barber, UCW
Jessie Hanna, Member at Large	Sharyn Erne, Membership & Pastoral Care
Fran Jackson, Membership & Pastoral Care	Linda Stumpf, Presbytery Representative
Alanna Howell, Guest	

1. **Call to order and Welcome:** Peggy Worrell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Opening Devotion/Holy Manner #6** – Jessie Hanna.
3. **Check in**
4. **A time for education and inspiration:** Alanna Howell showed a PowerPoint presentation and talked about her experience working with MBC Africa: Supporting Agricultural Entrepreneurship in West Africa.
5. **Additional items not on the agenda:** none
6. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion: Jessie Hanna/Sharyn Erne
“That the March 1, 2018 agenda be approved.” Motion carried.
7. **Acknowledgment of January 23, 2018 Executive Meeting minutes**
8. **Approval of January 25, 2018 Church Council meeting minutes:** .
Motion: Donna Barber/Rhonda Lotochinski
“To approve the January 25, 2018 Council minutes.” Motion Carried.
9. **Business arising from the minutes**
 - a) **Life Elders** - tabled
 - Rhonda will print out report for Sharyn with list of names of people who have been members (including those that have joined us from other pastoral charges) for 25 years or more.

b) March 17, 2018 Leadership Retreat:

- Leadership Retreat is open to staff and council members and retiring members.
- Theme is “Called to be the church in SC”.
- Time TBA - Council and staff members are asked to keep 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. open on Mar. 17th.
- Location TBA

10. Correspondence: none

11. Minister’s Report: see attached

- Annette stated that she will be attending the Chinook Presbytery meeting Friday evening and all day Saturday.
- She will be also leading the worship on Friday evening.

12. Important items from reports

a) Outreach:

- The Refugee Sponsorship Working Group has been disbanded.

b) Ministry & Personnel:

Motion: Jessie Hanna/Brian McConkey

**“That Annette’s request for continuing education to attend “The Bully in the Building: Bullying Workshop” in Regina on March 8, 2018 be approved.”
Carried.**

c) Faith Formation: A Meditation for Peace gathering will be held in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., hosted by Margaret Lottridge.

d) Membership & Pastoral Care:

Motion: Sharyn Erne/Brenda Gruetzner

**“That Council approve the baptism of Bria Berri Marie and Holli Melin Filson, daughters of Erin Kinney and Shaun Filson on February 25, 2018.”
Carried.**

e) Executive:

Motion: Jessie Hanna/Sharyn Erne

“That the Membership and Pastoral Care Committee be authorized to approve baptisms and confirmations.” Carried.

- Criteria for baptisms and confirmations will be looked into by the Membership and Pastoral Care Committee.

f) Membership & Pastoral Care:

Motion: Sharyn Erne/Kevin Hanna

“That the Prayer Shawl Group and the Prayer Group be included as working groups that function under Membership and Pastoral Care.” Carried.

- g) Trustees asked question regarding roof repairs. Brian McConkey indicated that this is on hold for now.
- h) Brenda Gruetzner thanked everyone for their participation in the Silent Auction and Supper. Over \$3000 was raised for the Chaplaincy Program.

Motion: Sharyn Erne/Brenda Gruetzner
“That we accept the written reports.” Motion Carried.

13. New business

- a) **Policy and Procedures Manual:** Revisions have been completed. Copies of both the revised Policy & Procedure Manual and the revised Volunteer Manual will be available at the AGM meeting.
- b) **Motion: Kevin Hanna/Brian McConkey**
“That the following be added to the Volunteer Manual: “Handling money: Volunteers handling money are expected to follow guidelines in the *Financial Handbook for Congregations: Good Management Practices, United Church of Canada, 2010.*” Carried.
- c) **Annual Meeting March 4, 2018 Agenda:**
 - The agenda was reviewed and revised.
 - Rhonda will make revisions to agenda.
- d) Adele Heise and Fran Jackson will be Lay delegates going to Saskatchewan Conference May 24 – 27, 2018 in North Battleford.
- e) **Sign-up sheet for rotation of Council Chair from March 22, 2018 – 2019 Annual meeting:**
 - Adele Heise volunteered to be chair from March 4 to 22.
 - Signup sheet was passed around to council chairs.
- f) **Thank you to retiring Council Members:**
 - Peggy presented gifts to Jessie Hanna, Sharyn Erne. Colleen MacBean and Sharon Veer were absent.
 - Peggy also presented a gift to Rhonda Lotochinski acknowledging her work on the Policy & Procedure manual, the Annual Report and for filling in for Patti McCleary.

14. Opening devotion (Holy Manner #7) and closing prayer for March 22, 2018: Fran Jackson, Membership and Pastoral Care

15. Jessie Hanna read Group Norms.

16. Reminder of Action Items:

- Jessie Hanna reminded Council members of the Leadership Retreat March 17, 2018.
- Council Members are asked to please consider volunteering for the rotation of Council Chair.

17. Church Council Meeting Evaluation

18. Peggy Worrell declared the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

19. Closing Prayer: Jessie Hanna

20. Next Meeting Dates: Executive meets Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.
Council meets Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Peggy Worrell, Meeting Chairperson _____

Rhonda Lotochinski, Secretary _____