

**First United Church**  
**Meeting of Church Council**  
**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

**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:

Melanie Davis, Member at Large	Marie Andrews, Worship & Music
Ila Wilms, Building & Property	Peggy Worrell, Past Chair
Donna Barber, United Church Women	Fran Jackson, Membership & Pastoral Care
Brenda Gruetzner, Outreach	Maxine Olmsted, Ministry & Personnel
Adele Heise (Acting Chair), Presbytery Representative	
Linda Stumpf, Faith Formation	Annette Taylor, Minister
Brian McConkey, Stewardship	Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary

1. Call to order: Adele Heise at 7:02. A quorum was present.
2. Opening Devotion/Holy Manner #7 Fran Jackson
3. Check In
4. **A time for education and inspiration** no speaker at this meeting.
5. Additional items were added to the agenda
6. Approval of Agenda:  
**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/ Ila Wilms**  
**“That we approve the agenda as amended.” Carried**
7. Acknowledgement of minutes of Feb. 27 executive meeting.
8. Approval of March 1, 2018 Church Council meeting minutes.  
**Motion: Donna Barber/Brian McConkey**  
**“That the Church Council minutes from March 1, 2018 be approved.” Carried**
9. **Business arising from the minutes:**
  - a) The Leadership Retreat has been rescheduled to April 28, 2018, from 10 a.m. – 2:30 pm at the Best Western Hotel.
  - b) Revised versions of the Volunteer Manual, Policy and Procedures Manuals were handed out. The revised organizational chart will be handed out later. Peggy Worrell will ask Rhonda Lotochinski to add all updates for the policy manual and the organizational chart including all working groups.
  - c) Melanie Davis (Acting Chair – March 23 to April 26), Brian McConkey (Acting Chair – April 27 to May 31) Council members were encouraged to volunteer to be acting Chair for the following months.

**10. Correspondence**

- a) **Request from mandate magazine** connected to an increase in our mission and service giving. Our church has been asked to write an article to be printed in the magazine. Peggy Worrell has volunteered to work on the article.

**11. Minister's Report:** Annette Taylor

Staci Schaitel and Annette Taylor are working on confirmation classes for the youth group.

**12. Important items from reports**

a) **Motion from Ministry and Personnel: Maxine Olmsted/Peggy Worrell**

**"That Council amend the accompanist contract to include the following clause:  
"Accompaniment for other church events (Christmas Eve, Good Friday, Melodies of Christmas) will be compensated at the same rate of pay as for a Sunday service." "**  
**Carried**

b) **Media and Communications contract (Ministry & Personnel)**

**Motion: Maxine Olmsted /Ila Wilms**

**"That the position of media and communications coordinator be made permanent as of April 1, 2018." Carried**

c) **Staff vacation time**

**Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Brian McConkey**

**"That Rhonda Lotochinski's vacation time as office manager be increased from 3 weeks paid vacation time per year to 4 weeks paid vacation time per year effective Jan 1, 2018." Carried**

d) **Ministerial Review for Annette Taylor.** Ministry & Personnel has prepared a survey for the congregation to use to evaluate the minister.

e) It was acknowledged that Chinook Presbytery gave approval for Maxine Olmsted to be a member of First United Church Council.

f) **Spring Fundraising Dinner on April 22.** Posters have been prepared to be put up around the city.

g) **Faith Formation report:** Linda Stumpf

h) **Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Ila Wilms**

**"That written reports be accepted." Carried**

**13. New business**

a) **Hosting 2019 "Saskatchewan Conference"**

**Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Peggy Worrell**

**“That First United Church of Swift Current host the 2019 region 4 annual meeting, conditional on facilities and a minimum of 7 volunteers willing to work on a local arrangements group. Decision to be made by March 31.” Carried**

**b) Request from Ray Goodship, Alberta minister biking across Canada:** Ray is gathering and sharing stories about how God is working in Communities. He will be in Swift Current Wednesday, June 27.

**c) Baptism Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Marie Andrews**

**“That Council approve the baptism of Nixson Zacharias Downie and Zachary Jeffrey Downie, sons of Lyndsi Zacharias Downie and Jeffrey Downie on April 1, 2018 Carried**

14. Opening devotion (Holy Manner #8) and closing prayer for April: Annette Taylor
15. Group Norms: Melanie Davis
16. Reminder of action items: Melanie Davis
17. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm
18. Closing Prayer: Fran Jackson

**Upcoming Executive Meeting: April 24, 2018**

**Upcoming Church Council Meeting: April 26, 2018**

**Chair: Melanie Davis**

May meetings will be May 29 & 31

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Adele Heise, Acting Chair

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Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary