

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 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	Maxine Olmsted, Ministry & Personnel
Brian McConkey, Acting Chair & Stewardship	Barbara Foster, Trustees
Rhonda Lotochinski, Secretary	Marie Andrews, Worship & Music
Brenda Gruetzner, Outreach	Donna Barber, UCW
Melanie Davis, Member at Large	Linda Stumpf, Faith Formation & Pres. Rep
Fran Jackson, Membership & Pastoral Care	
Adele Heise, Presbytery Representative	

1. **Call to order and Welcome:** Brian McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Opening Devotion/Holy Manner #9** - Brenda Gruetzner.
3. **Check in:** Adele facilitated the check in with the theme “Be Bold, Be Brave and Stand Up Tall”.
4. **A time for education and inspiration:** Adele Heise gave a report on the 2018 Saskatchewan Conference meeting and asked us how we would describe our church and how we think others would describe our church.
5. **Additional items not on the agenda:**
  - a) Add 13c Summer Hours under New Business.
  - b) Add 9b List of Chairs under Business Arising from minutes.
  - c) Add 13d Conference Expense under New Business.
6. **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Donna Barber**  
**“That the May 31, 2018 agenda be approved as revised.” Motion carried.**
7. **Acknowledgment of April 24, 2018 Executive Meeting minutes**
8. **Approval of April 26, 2018 Church Council meeting minutes:**

**Motion: Fran Jackson/Barbra Foster**  
**“To approve the April 26, 2018 Council minutes.” Motion Carried.**

## 9. Business arising from the minutes

### a) Hosting the 2019 Region 4 Annual Meeting - update:

- Annette reported that the Local Arrangements committee has had a meeting with the Executive Secretary of SK Conference Bill Doyle.
- The committee met with Bill at the Iplex and completed a tour of the building. He was very pleased with the facility and is now in the process of negotiating a price.
- Shannon McCarthy will replace Bill when he is done December 2018 and the conference becomes Region 4.
- Fran Jackson will share her notes from the Conference Planning Group with the Local Arrangements committee.

### b) List of Acting Chairs :

- **June 1/18 to July 15/18 - Donna Barber**
- **July 16/18 to August 30/18 – Marie Andrews**
- **August 30/18 to September 27/18 – Linda Stumpf**

### c) Update on Ray Goodship visit to Swift Current and attendance at the Council & Staff year end picnic/get-together in the park:

- Annette may not be able to attend the get-together as she will be in Regina that day. She will inquire as to when the meeting will end and get back to council. Council was instructed to start the supper without her.
- Donna contacted the city regarding booking the South Side park. The cost to book the park for a day \$122, which provides you with 2 picnic tables, and one garbage can. It was decided that we would take our chances regarding table availability and not book with the city.
- The picnic in the park will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Supper will be potluck with everyone bringing their own cutlery, plates, beverages, serviettes and lawn chairs.

### d) Update on Ecumenical Justice Conference in SC (Spring 2019):

- 4 people have been gathering to plan the conference. Annette is part of this group.
- They are now in the process of finding people for keynote speakers and workshops.
- Annette gave a brief outline of their plans for the April 5 to 7, 2019 weekend.

### e) Iglesia Ni Cristo rental request:

- Annette has met with a small group from Iglesia Ni Cristo.
- They wish to rent Wednesday's from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday's from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- They require Wifi in the Chapel, a locked storage facility for a flat screen TV, a stand, and a small table.

- They would also like access to the counselling room after their services to count their collection.
- Discussion took place regarding rental issues.

**Motion: Adele Heise/Marie Andrews**

**“That we offer a short term trial rental for six months to Iglesia Ni Cristo, and we will reserve the right to cancel with notice.” Motion carried.**

Suggestions coming from the motion:

- Cost of Wifi installation will be shared.
- Look at one of our of the Archive rooms for storage.
- Annette will call Iglesia Ni Cristo and inform them of our decision.
- Additional charge for counselling room.
- Brian McConkey will contact Building and Property.

**f) June 10 Congregational meeting:**

- Brian outlined the procedure for voting
  - Step 1 - everyone votes for one of the options and the one with the least votes is eliminated.
  - Step 2 – vote on the two remaining options.
- It is prohibited to have proxies in the United Church.
- Melanie Davis will be the secretary.
- Brian will create a PowerPoint presentation for further explanation of options.
- Do not have a chair at this time.

**10. Correspondence:** none

**11. Minister’s Report:** see attached

- Annette stated she appreciated the responses to the Ministerial review.

**12. Important items from reports**

**a) Ministry & Personnel – vacation days:**

**Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Brenda Gruetzner**

**“That Annette’s request for two days during the last week of June, and the days from June 11/18 to June 17/18 be granted as vacation days.” Motion carried.**

**Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Fran Jackson**

**“That Annette’s request for July 31/18 to August 15/18 as vacation days be granted.” Motion carried.**

**Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Donna Barber**  
**“That Annette’s request for July 15/18 as a discretionary Sunday be granted.” Motion carried.**

- b) Ministry & Personnel – mileage reimbursement for M&P workshop in Saskatoon.**  
**Motion: Adele Heise/Brenda Gruetzner**  
**“That we reimburse Maxine Olmsted \$106.00 for attending the M&P workshop in Saskatoon from the Planned Giving interest.” Motion carried.**

**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Maxine Olmsted**  
**“That we accept oral and written reports.” Motion Carried.**

### **13. New business**

- a) Baptism:**  
**Motion: Annette Taylor/Marie Andrews**  
**“That we approve the baptism of Zoe Orola, infant daughter of Jeline and Michael Orola on July 22, 2018.” Motion carried.**
- b) Request for First United to become custodian of Chinook Presbytery archives:**
- Any archival material should be sent to Archives at Saskatchewan Conference.
  - Fran will send a letter to Andrew stating the above.
- c) Office summer hours:**  
**Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Barbara Foster**  
**“That the office hours be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from June 25/18 to August 24/18.” Motion carried.**
- d) SK Conference Annual Meeting Expenses:**
- There is a budget line for conference expense.
  - It was determined that the acting chair can approve the cheque requisitions for SK Conference Annual Meeting expenses.

**14. Opening devotion (Holy Manner #10) and closing prayer for August 30, 2018:** Linda Stumpf, Presbytery Rep.

**15. Melanie Davis read Group Norms.**

### **16. Reminder of Action Items:**

- Fran will share her notes from the Conference Planning Group with the Local Arrangements committee for the 2019 Region 4 Annual Meeting.
- Donna will contact the city regarding booking a spot at the South Side park for the June 27<sup>th</sup> council picnic.
- Annette will contact Iglesia Ni Cristo to let them know our decision regarding their rental request.

- Brian is going to contact B&P to inform them of our decision regarding the Iglesia Ni Cristo rental request.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting:
  - Still in need of a chair person
  - Melanie Davis will be the secretary
  - Brian will prepare a PowerPoint presentation with information regarding the voting options
  - Donna will ask Sharyn Erne if she would be able to chair this meeting
  - Fran will email Andrew (chair of Presbytery) that the archive material should go to Saskatchewan Conference. She will also copy Donna (acting chair) and Rhonda Lotochinski (secretary) on the email.

**17. Brian declared the meeting closed at 8:47 p.m.**

**18. Closing Prayer:** Brenda Gruetzner

**19. Next Meeting Dates:** Executive meets Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.  
Council meets Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Brian McConkey, Meeting Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Rhonda Lotochinski, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_