

**First United Church  
Meeting of Church Council  
Thursday, August 30, 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:

Annette Taylor - Minister	Marie Andrews – Acting Chair & Worship & Music
Brian McConkey - Stewardship	Linda Stumpf – Faith Formation, Presbytery Rep
Melanie Davis - Member at Large	Eva Gruetzner - UCW
Brenda Gruetzner - Outreach	Ila Wilms – Building & Property
Maxine Olmsted – Ministry & Personnel	Fran Jackson – Membership & Pastoral Care
Peggy Worrell - Past Chair & Presbytery Rep	
Pat Dyck Bunkosky - Secretary	

1. Call to order: Marie Andrews at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. Opening Devotion/Holy Manner #10 – presented by Presbytery Rep Linda Stumpf
3. Check In
4. No additional items for the agenda
5. Approval of agenda  
**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Ila Wilms**  
**“That we approve the agenda.” Carried**
6. Acknowledgement of the May 29, 2018 Executive meeting minutes
7. Approval of the May 31, 2018 Church council meeting minutes  
**Motion: Fran Jackson/ Brian McConkey**  
**“That we approve the May 31, 2018 Church Council Meeting minutes.” Carried**
8. Business arising from the minutes
  - a) List of acting chairs was circulated for sign up
  - b) Update on Ecumenical Justice Conference in Swift Current August 5 – 7, 2019. Location to be determined. Some first nations speakers have been lined up. Annette will let the Council know the date of the next committee meeting.
  - c) Rental request – Iglesia Ni Cristo. The internet would need to be improved and we will be asking them to cover about half of the cost. They would have to agree to a rental agreement, six (6) months trial period. They are asking to use the chapel, counselling room and some storage space on Wednesday night from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 3 – 7 p.m. Annette will give them the rental agreement on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

9. Letter from St. Andrew's College Principal Lorne Calvert
10. Minister's report (see attached)
11. Important items from reports (see attached)
  - a) Worship & Music – Marie Andrews: A motion was passed at their meeting that we make the upper pulpit available for Melodies of Christmas.  
The new projectors are in and will be installed soon.
  - b) Worship & Music - Watoto Children's Choir has made a request to perform a concert at our church on the evening of March 1, 2019. Church Council members agree that this would be a good idea. Worship & Music will look after arrangements for billets, hotel rooms for three (3) people, and a meal for all thirty (30) of the choir group.
12. New Business
  - a) **Motion: Fran Jackson/Ila Wilms**  
**"That we approve the transfer of membership for Dorothy Robertson, from Grace United Church to First United Church" Carried**
  - b) Opening Devotions for Council Meetings – Peggy Worrell presented a suggested list of topics from our April, 2018 leadership retreat. The rotation remains the same.
  - c) **Motion: Peggy Worrell/Ila Wilms**  
**"That we change our protocol for opening devotions and closing prayers to ideas from the April, 2018 leadership retreat, as per attachment. One holy manner will be highlighted at each meeting." Carried**  
Peggy will advise Rhonda Lotochinski of the new format for opening devotions/closing prayers.
  - d) Roof Funding: Stewardship committee felt the General fund would be the appropriate place for this money to come from.  
**Motion: Brian McConkey/Fran Jackson**  
**"That we use our general funds to pay for the roof" Carried**
  - e) Nominating committee needs one more person. The Council came up with some suggestions for new members. Peggy Worrell will follow up with these people.
13. Opening Devotion/Holy Manner #11 and Closing Prayer for September – Secretary of Council
14. Group Norms – Melanie Davis
15. Reminder of action items – Melanie Davis
16. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:23 p.m.
17. Closing prayer – Linda Stumpf

Acting Chairs:

August 30 – September 27 – Linda Stumpf

Upcoming Executive Meeting – September 25, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

Upcoming Church Council Meeting – September 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. **(Note the change of time for this meeting)**

October Executive Meeting – October 23, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

October Church Council meeting – October 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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Marie Andrews, Acting Chair

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Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary