

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**

**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:**

Charles Lotochinski, Acting Chair and Chair of Stewardship	Marie Andrews, Worship & Music
Rhonda Lotochinski, Secretary	Shirley Wilson, UCW
Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary	Melanie Davis, Member at Large
Linda Stumpf, Faith Formation	Ila Wilms, Building & Property
Fran Jackson, Membership & Pastoral Care	Myrtle Johnston, Trustee
Shirley Dyck, Ministry & Personnel	

1. **Call to order and Welcome:** Charles Lotochinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Acknowledgement of Holy Manner #6**
3. **Opening Devotion** – Charles thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
4. **Check in**
5. **Approval of Agenda:**  
**Motion: Marie Andrews /Ila Wilms**  
**“That the April 25, 2019 agenda be approved as amended.” Motion carried.**
6. **Acknowledgment of March 26, 2019 Executive Meeting minutes.**
7. **Approval of March 28, 2019 Church Council meeting minutes:**  
Amendments:
  - a. Under Old Business c) correction of Leadership Retreat date – should read Sunday, March 31, 2019.  
**Motion: Fran Jackson/Melanie Davis**  
**“That we accept the minutes as amended for the March 28, 2019 Council meeting.”**  
**Motion Carried.**
8. **Old Business**
  - a) **Leadership Retreat:**
    - Approximately 15 people attended.
    - Everyone was happy with the potluck, the length of time of the retreat and the content. It was also mentioned that most people preferred having the retreat on the Sunday rather than the Saturday.

- b) **Pew shortening:**

- Cushions have been shortened.
- Pews look very good, and it is barely noticeable that they have been shortened. Wendell did a fantastic job.
- Ila Wilms will talk to the Affirming committee regarding signage for the wheelchair, walker etc. areas.

c) **PRIDE poster:** The annual PRIDE celebration has been moved from June to July. We will not be listed on the poster as our PRIDE service has already been scheduled for June.

d) **Circle Conversation:**

- There will be a Circle Conversation Sunday, April 28 to discuss the current deficit and look at possible fund-raising ideas. The Fundraising committee will host with Stacie Noble-Wiebe facilitating.
- Pat Dyck Bunkosky will take notes

9. **Correspondence:** none

10. **Minister's Report:** (see attached)

11. **Important items from reports**

a) **Faith Formation**

- Sue Bland Playshops – A question was raised regarding the cost of the workshop. Linda Stumpf stated that the cost would be covered by the Creative Space budget for 2019.

12. **"Motion: Marie Andrews/Ila Wilms**

**"That we accept all written reports." Motion carried.**

13. **New business**

a) **Quilts in the Pews:**

**Motion: Ila Wilms/Melanie Davis**

**"The committee for Quilts in the Pews and More moves that vendors be allowed at this event at a cost of \$30.00 for each table. This would be dependent on insurance requirements and the cost of additional insurance if required. We will have people at the entrance to the sanctuary to be sure that no food or drink goes in." Motion carried.**

- Charles will ask Trustees about tax issue with vendor tables.
- Charles will email Peggy Worrell if motion is passed.

14. **Opening devotion and closing prayer for May 28, 2019:** Vice Chair

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

16. **Reminder of Action Items:** Melanie Davis

**17. Charles declared the meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.**

**18. Closing:** Charles thanked everyone for attending the meeting

**20. Rotating Chair**

April 26 – May 28: Member at Large, Melanie Davis

**21. Upcoming Meetings**

**Executive Meeting, May 21, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.** \*\*note that Melanie cannot attend\*\*

Charles Lotochinski will chair the Executive meeting in Melanie's absence.

**Council Meeting, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

Charles Lotochinski, Meeting Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

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