

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH
MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020**

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:

Linda Stumpf, Acting Chair, Faith Formation, Region Rep.	Peggy Worrell, Past Chair
Annette Taylor, Minister	Ila Wilms, Building & Property
Maxine Olmsted, Ministry & Personnel	Rhonda Lotochinski, Secretary
Marie Andrews, Worship & Music	Donna Barber, UCW
Charles Lotochinski, Stewardship	Melanie Davis, Member at Large
Fran Jackson, Membership & Pastoral Care	Barbara Foster, Trustees

1. Call to order and Welcome: Linda Stumpf called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Acknowledged that we are on Treaty 4 territory. A quorum was present.
2. Reminder of Holy Manner #3: Affirm people’s right to hold and express differing opinions, assume best intentions, listen carefully to each other, without interrupting;
3. Opening Devotion – Fran Jackson
4. Check in
5. Additional items were added to the agenda.
Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Marie Andrews
“That the January 23, 2020 agenda be approved as amended.” Motion carried.
6. Acknowledgment of November 26, 2019 Executive Meeting minutes.
Motion: Fran Jackson/Charles Lotochinski
“That we acknowledge the November 26, 2019 Executive minutes.” Motion carried.
7. Approval of November 28, 2019 Church Council meeting minutes:
Motion: Maxine Olmsted/Ila Wilms
“To approve the November 28, 2019 Council meeting minutes as circulated.” Motion Carried.
8. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a) Stewardship -
 - i. A response has not yet been sent out to Regional Council regarding the 20% assessment. Charles will send out a response before the next council meeting.
 - ii. 2020 Budget –
 - The Budget Circle Conversation on January 19th was well attended (46 people) and there was lots of opportunity for offering comments and questions. A list of

the comments and questions was created and provided to the council as input to this meeting.

- Executive recommended that council to eliminate the Drastic Cuts and the Status Quo budgets and use the Light Compromise budget as a working model with consideration to the Growth budget, comments from the January 19, 2020 circle conversation and Outreach recommendations. Executive also suggested that the comments from the Circle conversation be made available to the congregation.
- Council reviewed and amended the Light Compromise budget.

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Melanie Davis

“That we approve the budget currently known as the Light Compromise (see attached to be presented at the March 1, 2020 AGM.” Motion Carried.

- b) Response to enquiry about payment of counsellors at Camp Tapawingo and Living Skies Regional Council Mission Support Grants. Peggy circulated a document with the following information:
- i. Camp Tapawingo at Candle Lake pays its counsellors \$2100 per month. This camp did not receive a Mission Support Grant for 2019.
 - ii. Living Skies Regional Council approved the following Mission Support Grants for 2019:
South Sask Chaplaincy
North Sask Chaplaincy
Regina Anti-Poverty Mission
Integrated Community Ministries, Saskatoon
La Ronge United Church
Parkland Restorative Care
Micah Mission
U of S Chaplaincy

9. Correspondence:

- a) Dwayne Barber email regarding membership fees - Linda will thank Dwayne for his comments and let him know his idea has been discussed by council.

10. Minister's Report: (see attached)

- Annette reported that she is looking forward to the New Year and is planning for her sabbatical from May 11th to August 9th.

11. Important items from reports

- a) **Affirming Ministry Proposed Action Plan email** – Discussion took place. The membership fee will be based on our operating income and should be approximately \$200.

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Ila Wilms

“To approve the Affirming Ministry Proposed Action Plan as presented.” Motion Carried.

Council agreed to let the Affirming committee choose from the dates given (March 15, 22 or 29th) for the congregational meeting where the vote will take place. April 26, 2020 was chosen for the celebration.

- b) Fundraising Committee proposal** – Peggy circulated a draft of a poster for a Celebration of Mother’s concert and flower sale on May 9, 2020. Donna Barber has agreed to chair the organizing committee, Janet Keene has agreed to be in charge of food, and Fran Jackson has agreed to be in charge of flower sales. Melanie Davis, Brenda Gruetzner, and Joan Williamson have agreed to work with Donna. Staci Schaitel will create the poster for the event.

Peggy Worrell/Barb Foster

“That plans for May 9, 2020 Celebration of Mothers fundraiser concert and sale of flowers and cards be approved with a budget of \$800.” Motion Carried.

- c) Nominations Committee** – Peggy stated that Sharon Erne has let her name stand for position of Vice Chair of council, Sharon Veer for Member-at-Large, and Barbara Foster for secretary of Worship & Music. For vacancies we still have some important positions to fill: council secretary, chair of Ministry & Personnel, and chair of Outreach. Also the Nominations committee and the regional council are both in need of one more member.

Linda thanked the retiring members of council: Rhonda Lotochinski (Council Secretary), Barbara Foster (Chair of Trustees), Melanie Davis (Member-at-Large) and Maxine Olmsted (Chair of Ministry & Personnel).

- d) Outreach Committee Donation Recommendations** – Council acknowledged & discussed.

12. **“Motion: Donna Barber/Ila Wilms**
“That we accept all written reports.” Motion carried.

13. **New business**

- a) **Updates to Policy Manual and Volunteer Manual** – Council agreed to have the Coffee Working Group under Membership & Pastoral Care.

Motion: Peggy Worrell/Marie Andrews

“That we approve the Policy and Procedure Manual and Volunteer Manual as circulated to council. ” Motion carried.

Peggy thanked Rhonda and Annette for all their work on updating the Policy & Procedure and Volunteer manuals.

- b) **Clarification regarding Membership and Pastoral Care role in approving members -**
Previous Motion from March 1, 2018:
Motion: Jessie Hanna/Sharyn Erne

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

Suggested New Motion:

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Barbara Foster

**“To clarify a previous motion made on March 1, 2018,
that the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee be authorized to:**

- a. approve baptisms,**
- b. approve full memberships,**
- c. decide who is an adherent and**
- d. decide when names of members should be removed from the historic roll.”**

Motion Carried.

In November, 2018 the Membership and Pastoral Care Committee approved the following persons for full membership:

1. Sophia Mikaelle Orola Ravino,
2. Marissa Rae Moberg,
3. Ella Moira Toles,
4. Macy Lila Popick, through confirmation and
5. Milan Yeo,
6. Nicole Elizabeth Wiebe through confirmation & baptism.

In 2019 the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee approved the following baptisms:

1. Russ Morley Blanke infant son of Shantel Delee (Roszell) Blanke and Bart Morley Blanke on Sunday, May 19, 2019;
2. Brielle Lindy Henderson infant daughter of Corey and Chantal Henderson on July 7, 2019; and
3. Charlie Olivia Benson infant daughter of Allison and Kendall Benson on October 27, 2019.

In 2019 the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee approved the following full members:

1. By transfer, James Fletcher and Debbie Fletcher from the Eastend United Church.
2. By transfer, Gerald Ruehs from New Venture Pastoral Charge Aneroid United Church.
3. By transfer, Ray Friesen from Emmaus Mennonite Church, Wymark, SK of the Mennonite Church of Canada.

14. Opening devotion and closing prayer for March 2020: Outreach

15. Melanie Davis read Group Norms.

16. Reminder of Action Items: Melanie Davis

17. **Linda declared the meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.**

18. **Closing:** Fran Jackson

20. Rotating Chair

January 26 – March 1, 2020: Region 4 Representatives

21. Upcoming Meetings

Annual General Meeting, Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

Executive Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Council Meeting, Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Stump, Meeting Chairperson _____

Rhonda Lotochinski, Secretary _____