

FIRST UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting

Sept 30, 2021 7:00 pm

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:

Kevin Hanna, Chair

Annette Taylor, Minister

Nicole Rewerts, Worship & Music

Sharyn Erne, Membership & Pastoral Care

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary

Donna Barber, UCW

Sharon Veer, Member-at-Large

Ron Toles, Vice Chair

Patti McCleary, Outreach

Shirley Dyck, Ministry & Personnel

Charles Lotochinski, Stewardship

Peggy Worrell, Faith Formation

Marlene Reidle, Chair of Trustees

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. Check in
3. Reminder of Holy Manner #7 Be Open to New Ideas
4. Opening Devotion – Sharyn Erne - Membership & Pastoral Care
5. Agenda

Motion: Charles Lotochinski /Ron Toles

To approve the agenda as presented. Carried

6. Acknowledgement of the August 31, 2021 Executive meeting minutes.
7. Approval of the Sept 2, 2021, Church Council minutes.

Motion: Patti McCleary/Sharyn Erne

To approve the Sept 2, 2021 Church Council minutes. Carried.

8. Business arising from the minutes

- a) In person worship – Seems to be going well. Live streaming numbers increased while in person numbers have gone down slightly over the 3 weeks of in person services.
- b) Live Streaming – Brent Molyneux and Charles Lotochinski have been working to improve the audio on the live streaming. The video cannot be improved until SaskTel installs fibre optic cable and hooks the church up to Infinet.
- c) AGM – October 24, 2021 – It was agreed that we would go ahead with the AGM as planned despite rising COVID numbers. We will need to provide a way for people to vote from home via Zoom.

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Ron Toles

That the affirming ministry vote be held at a separate meeting from the AGM, timing of that meeting to be determined by the affirming ministry committee. Carried.

Action Item: Kevin Hanna to inform the Affirming Ministry Committee of our decision.

9. No correspondence
10. Minister's Report (including Swift Current and Area Ministerial Association) – Annette Taylor reported that it has been a busy 6 weeks since she returned from her sabbatical.

There have been 5 funerals with 3 more planned; and many meetings. She will be involved in continuing education from Oct. 11-17.

11. Important Items from Reports

a) Worship & Music

Motion: Patti McCleary/Charles Lotochinski

That Church Council recommend to those who are unvaccinated that, for their own safety, they attend services via live streaming. Carried.

Action item: Annette Taylor to include this recommendation in the weekly email to the congregation.

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Nicole Rewerts

That the church continue using the Boxcast system for live streaming at the software cost of \$99 US a month (approximately \$1500 a year.)

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Shirley Dyck

That for 2021 any funds needed for livestreaming over and above the \$2300 from the Memorial Fund be taken from line 5005 in the budget. Carried.

b) UCW

For the safety of our garage sale & boutique workers and customers we would like to make sure people have had both of their vaccinations before they come to shop. Should we ask to see proof, or let them know our expectations and trust their honesty? We would like some guidance from council.

Motion: Pat Dyck Bunkosky/Peggy Worrell

That we post a notice on the church door at garage sale times recommending that people over the age of 12, entering the church be fully vaccinated to attend the sales. Carried.

Peggy Worrell/ Ron Toles

That we post a notice on the church door recommending that people over the age of 12, be fully vaccinated before entering the building. Carried.

Action item: Annette Taylor will work with the office staff to make these signs.

Motion to accept written reports

Motion: Sharon Veer/Donna Barber

That we accept all reports as written. Carried.

12. New Business

- a) Shirley Wilson has resigned as president of the United Church Women at First United Church. The new Chair of UCW is Brenda Warder.

Donna Barber/Charles Lotochinski

That we thank Shirley Wilson for her many years of service to the church.

Carried.

Action Item: Sharon Veer to write a note to Shirley and have it signed by Kevin Hanna.

- b) Fundraising Working Group – An email was sent to church members to ask about holding an online auction before Christmas. Most of the respondents were in favor.

Motion: Patti McCleary/Peggy Worrell

That the Fundraising Working Group be allowed to run an online auction Nov 24 to Dec 1, 2021 Carried.

- c) Fowl-less Fowl Supper A fowl supper will not be held. The UCW would like to hold a fundraiser where people donate money instead of volunteering their time or donating food to the church. Proceeds would go to the General Fund. Dates to be determined. **Action item:** Patti McCleary and the UCW will set dates for the Fowl-less Fowl Supper.

Patti McCleary reports that Christmas puddings will be on sale at the church from Nov 1 to 5.

13. Group norms – Sharon Veer- Member-at-Large

14. Reminder of action items – Sharon Veer – Member-at-Large

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

16. Closing prayer – Sharyn Erne – Membership & Pastoral Care

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. by Zoom

Upcoming Church Council Meeting – Thursday, Oct 28, 2021 at 7:00 by Zoom

Opening Devotion and closing prayer for Oct 28, 2021: Minister

Kevin Hanna, Chair

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary