

FIRST UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting

Jan 27, 2022 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

Brenda Warder, UCW

Sharon Veer, Member-at-Large

Colleen MacBean, Regional Council Rep

Ron Toles, Vice Chair

Patti McCleary, Outreach

Shirley Dyck, Ministry & Personnel

Charles Lotochinski, Stewardship

Peggy Worrell, Faith Formation

Ila Wilms, Building & Property

Linda Stumpf, Regional Council

1. Kevin Hanna, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. Check in
3. Reminder of Holy Manner #10: Keep life in perspective by preserving a sense of humour
4. Opening Devotion – Living Skies Council rep – Colleen MacBean
5. Agenda

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Shirley Dyck

To approve the agenda as presented. Carried

6. Acknowledgement of the November 23, 2021, December 9, 2021 and December 29, 2021 Executive meeting minutes.
7. Approval of the November 25, 2021 and December 16, 2021, Church Council minutes.

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Ron Toles

To approve the November 25, 2021 and December 16, 2021 Church Council minutes. Carried

8. Business arising from the minutes
 - a) Carla Leon – Council members watched a presentation by Carla Leon on Thursday, January 13. Carla is the lead for social innovation at the United Church of Canada. It was interesting and motivational. Annette reported that she attended another presentation by Carla the following day. She learned that UPRC (United Property Resource Corporation) is available to examine our church within our community and determine whether we are a good fit for their services.

Action Item: Council requested that Annette contact UPRC.

Carla recommended that we take part in the Curiosity Cohort (five one-hour sessions spread over five weeks). Linda Stumpf, Colleen MacBean, Pat Dyck Bunkosky and Annette Taylor are taking part in these sessions. The emphasis is on looking for opportunities to create mutual relationships (partnerships) with people and organizations in our community. We need to look for places where the community's needs match our gifts and passions.

- b) Budget

- I. General - Charles Lotochinski – last year the church finances broke even, largely due to support from the Federal Government in the form of the Canadian employees wage subsidy. That subsidy is no longer available. For 2022 the proposed budget will have a deficit of \$31 000.

Motion Charles Lotochinski/Sharon Veer

That we put forward the proposed budget at the Annual General Meeting.

Carried

- II. Mission & Service - the following motions from the Outreach Committee are being considered as recommendations to the AGM

Motion: Patti McCleary/Charles Lotochinski

The Outreach Committee's goal for fundraising for M and S for 2022 will be \$20,000 with no more than \$5,000 coming from Planned Giving Fund to reach the goal. Carried

Motion: Colleen MacBean/Charles Lotochinski

The Outreach Committee would raise money for St. Andrew's by inviting a speaker to come to a special service to explain their needs and then collecting donations from the congregation. The Planned Giving Account would supplement the amount for a total of \$3,000 in 2022. Carried.

Motion: Sharyn Erne/Linda Stumpf

The Outreach Committee would raise money for Camp Shagabec by collecting donations at Camping Sunday service and then the Planned Giving Account would supplement the amount for a total of \$5,000 in 2022. Carried

- c) Covid-19 restrictions

Motion: Shirley Dyck/Sharon Veer

Sunday services will remain on Zoom until the next Council meeting unless the Executive makes a different decision. Carried

9. No Correspondence

10. Minister's Report (including Swift Current and Area Ministerial Association)

11. Important Items from Committee Reports

- a) Stewardship will meet in Feb. This will be Charles' last meeting as chair

- b) Faith Formation The following motion was requested by the Affirming Ministry Committee

Motion: Peggy Worrell/Linda Stumpf

That the Affirming Ministry ad hoc Committee become a Working Group under the Faith Formation Committee with the description as attached to the minutes for the policy manual. Carried

- c) Ministry & Personnel

Motion: Shirley Dyck/Brenda Warder

That we approve Reverend Annette's request for study leave from February 21 – 27, 2022. Carried

- d) Membership & Pastoral Care
Baptisms & Memberships in 2021 (attachment)

Motion to accept written reports

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Sharon Veer

That we accept all reports as written. Carried.

12. New Business

- a) Affirming Ministry Feb 6 celebration. The Affirming Ministry Committee is grateful for Council's support through this process. Some Council members will participate in the Feb 6 worship service.
- b) Nominations – Chair – Kevin Hanna will cover the Chair of Church Council role while our incoming chair, Ron Toles, recuperates.
- c) Affirmation Committee proposal

Motion: Peggy Worrell/Linda Stumpf

That the Affirming Ministry Working Group be allowed to install a sign displaying the Affirm United logo on the exterior of the building beside the 3rd Avenue entrance. Carried

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Shirley Dyck

That the Affirming Ministry Working Group be allowed to install a sign displaying the Affirming Vision Statement on the interior of the building, inside the 3rd Avenue main entrance. Carried

Motion: Peggy Worrell/Charles Lotochinski

That the Affirming Ministry Working Group paint the lower exterior steps on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Chaplin Steet to represent a rainbow flag. Carried

Motion: Isla Wilms/Sharon Veer

That the Affirming Ministry Working Group create a wall display of mounted t-shirts and flags symbolizing marginalized and oppressed groups, as well as partner organizations representing those groups, on the blank wall on the south end of the foyer, above the glass windows that look down into the stairwell. Carried

- d) AGM March 6, 2022

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Patti McCleary

That we have our AGM on March 6, 2022 via Zoom. Carried

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

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

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm
16. Closing prayer – Kevin Hanna - Chair

Annual General Meeting – March 6, 2022

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 5:15 pm

Next Church Council Meeting – Thurs, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Opening Devotion and closing prayer for March 24, 2022 – Secretary

Kevin Hanna, Chair

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary