

FIRST UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting

Apr 28, 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, Acting Chair

Annette Taylor, Minister

Nicole Rewerts, Worship & Music

Sharyn Erne, Membership & Pastoral Care

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary

Linda Stumpf, Regional Council

Peggy Worrell, Faith Formation

Marlene Reidle, Chair of Trustees

Brenda Warder, UCW

Charles Lotochinski, Member-at-Large

Patti McCleary, Outreach

Marilyn Durant, Refugee Sponsorship

Working Group

1. Kevin Hanna, Acting Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. Check in
3. Reminder of Holy Manner #1: Keep God at the centre of everything we do
4. Opening Devotion – Stewardship – Charles Lotochinski
5. Inspirational time: Video: Edgy Conversations with Carla Leon – What does following the spirit look like?
6. Agenda
Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Nicole Rewerts
To approve the agenda as amended. Carried
7. Acknowledgement of the March 22, 2022 Executive meeting minutes.
8. Approval of the March 24, 2022 Church Council minutes.
Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Sharon Erne
To approve the March 24, 2022 Church Council minutes. Carried
9. Business arising from the minutes
 - a) Covid-19 Restrictions – Any changes to choir practises and numbers in the choir loft will need to come from the choir members themselves.
Motion: Marlene Reidle/Sharon Erne
That we encourage congregants to wear a mask when singing during Church services. Carried.
 - b) Governance – Round Circle Discussion about changing the way we govern our church – What would the role of a new church board be? What does our manual say about who we need to have on our board? How do we redefine ourselves?

Action item: An Ad Hoc group consisting of Peggy Worrell, Linda Stumpf and Annette Taylor will look at the different options in the United Church manual and come up with different structures to consider for our church governance.
10. No Correspondence

11. Minister's Report (including Swift Current and Area Ministerial Association) Annette Taylor
12. Important Items from Committee Reports
 - a) Stewardship-Charles Lotochinski: Church income is low compared to last year. We have had unexpected and increased expenses.
 - b) Ministry & Personnel
Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Marlene Reidle
That Reverend Annette be given vacation leave from Monday, May 30, 2022 to Sunday, June 5, 2022 and Monday, June 27, 2022 to Sunday, July 3, 2022.
Carried.
 - c) Refugee Sponsorship Working Group- Marilyn Durant reported that the Refugee Sponsorship Working group has raised more than the minimum amount required by the government to sponsor the first six members of Heba's family. The formal application can be sent in. It may be a year or two before the family is actually able to move here. The Refugee Sponsorship Working Group will continue to raise funds to help with additional expenses the families may have once they arrive and to sponsor another three members of her family.
Motion: Linda Stumpf/Charles Lotochinski
That Council approves First United Church sponsorship of Heba Anouz's family members to come to Canada. Specifically, her father Yaser Mohamed Anouz, mother Muna Ahmad Alsharif, sister Hala Yaser Anouz, brother-in-law Mohamad Eid Sulaiman Alshaib, niece Nour Mohamad Eid Alshaib, and nephew Suliman Mohamad Eid Alchaib. Government required minimum dollars have already been raised and are in the refuge sponsorship fund.
Carried
 - d) Faith Formation
Motion: Peggy Worrell/Charles Lotochinski
That the Living Wall proposed by Earthcare Partners and the Faith Formation Committee be approved. Cost not to exceed \$200.00 from the Faith Formation Adult Education budget line. Carried
- Motion to accept written reports
Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Marlene Reidle
That we accept all reports as written. Carried.
13. New Business
 - a) Group Pictures-Charles took pictures of the Council members at tonight's Zoom meeting to put into the church directory.
 - b) Face to face meeting-we will continue meeting on Zoom next month.
14. Group norms – Charles Lotochinski- Member-at-Large
15. Reminder of action items – Charles Lotochinski– Member-at-Large
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:49.

17. Closing prayer – Stewardship – Charles Lotochinski

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:15 pm by Zoom

Next Church Council Meeting – Thurs, May 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Opening Devotion and closing prayer for May 26, 2022 – Trustees

Kevin Hanna, Chair

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary