

FIRST UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting

May 26, 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

Linda Stumpf, Regional Council

Sharyn Erne, Membership & Pastoral Care

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary

Ron Toles, Chair

Marlene Reidle, Chair of Trustees

Brenda Gruetzner, Stewardship

Fran Jackson, Outreach

Brenda Warder, UCW

1. Kevin Hanna, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. Check in
3. Reminder of Holy Manner #2: Respect the worth of each individual
4. Opening Devotion – Trustee – Marlene Reidle
5. Inspirational time – Carly Forrester was unable to present at this time so Annette showed a short video from the Curiosity Cohort – Title: “Yes, and... “
Action item: Annette Taylor will contact Carly Forrester to set up a new time for her to meet with us. Possibly June 8 or 15.
6. Agenda was amended
**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Marlene Reidle
To approve the agenda as amended. Carried**
7. Acknowledgement of the April 26, 2022 Executive meeting minutes.
8. Approval of the April 28, 2022 Church Council minutes.
**Motion: Sharon Erne/Linda Stumpf
To approve the April 28, 2022 Church Council minutes. Carried**
9. Business arising from the minutes
 - a) Covid-19 Restrictions – Will continue as is. The hope is that conditions will improve over the summer. This will be revisited in the fall.
 - b) The Self Assessment has been completed and handed in. Annette conveyed to them that the Faith Formation committee felt that their role had been left out of the assessment.
 - c) Governance-several ideas were presented
 - I. Carver Model – This model assumes a smaller Policy/Vision Board whose main goal is setting policy and vision. Kamloops United Church uses this model. The board is responsive and accountable to the congregation. Members listen carefully to the congregation and act on their behalf. They are stewards of the church’s Mission, Vision and Values. This board would receive regular reports on the operational aspects of the church from the various ministries of the church but would not be

involved in day-to-day decision-making. The Board of Trustees and the Ministry & Personnel Committee report to this board as required.

- II. House Groups (Kenora Governance Model) – All households in the church are assigned to a house group with 2 Leaders. There are 10 groups corresponding to the months from September to June. Each group has responsibility for such things as reading scripture, greeting, ushering during their assigned month. Social events may be planned for the group or the entire congregation. The purpose of the House Groups is to involve more people in the work of the church and to create a sense of belonging. A House Group Coordinator is elected for a 3 year term to oversee the work of the House Groups, encourage and support the leaders, and ensure that lists are kept up to date.

Action item: The Governance committee will continue to research Governance models.

- d) Tonga appeal - tabled

10. No Correspondence

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

12. Important Items from Committee Reports

- a) Stewardship – Donations from the congregation are down.
- b) Ministry & Personnel

Motion: Fran Jackson/Sharyn Erne

That Patti McCleary be granted Leave of Absence from July 18 to July 22, 2022 and August 15 to August 26, 2022. Carried

Action item: Brenda Warder will check to make sure that there will be coverage in the office during Patti's Leave of Absence.

Motion: Brenda Warder/Brenda Gruetzner

To approve the following days off for Reverend Taylor: a discretionary Sunday on July 31, 2022 and vacation leave from August 1 to August 14, 2022. Carried

Motion to accept written reports

Motion: Marlene Reidle/Sharyn Erne

That we accept all reports as written. Carried.

13. New Business

- a) Refugee Sponsorship working Group **email vote**

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Pat Dyck Bunkosky

That council approve the transfer of \$6,600 from the Planned Giving Available Interest account to the Refugee Sponsorship account to allow the application to be submitted. The \$6,600 would be repaid after the October 21, 2022 fundraiser.

Motion was declared passed on May 12 by Kevin Hanna, Chair of Council

- b) **Motion: Sharyn Erne/Brenda Warder**
That the executive make decisions for council from May 27, 2022 to August 31, 2022. Carried

14. Group norms – Sharyn Erne
15. Reminder of action items – Linda Stumpf
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm
17. Closing prayer – Trustee – Marlene Reidle

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:15 pm by Zoom

Next Church Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 1 2022 at 7:00 pm by Zoom

Opening Devotion and closing prayer for Sept 1, 2022 UCW

Kevin Hanna, Chair

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary