

FIRST UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting

Nov 24, 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:**

Linda Stumpf, Living Skies Council Rep  
Annette Taylor, Minister  
Patti McCleary, Music & Worship  
Brenda Warder, UCW & Ministry & Personnel  
Charles Lotochinski, Member-at-Large

Peggy Worrell, Faith Formation  
Marlene Reidle, Chair of Trustees  
Brenda Gruetzner, Stewardship  
Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary  
Jerry Reuchs, Building & Personnel

1. Charles Lotochinski, Acting Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. Check In
3. 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
4. Moment of inspiration -Annette Taylor- Video from Edge - How we can change and grow as a church: Language
5. Opening devotion: Living Skies Council Rep – Linda Stumpf
6. Agenda  
**Motion: Patti McCleary/Marlene Reidle**  
**To approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
7. Acknowledgement of the October 25, 2022 Executive meeting minutes.
8. Approval of the October 27, 2022 Church Council minutes.  
**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Patti McCleary**  
**To approve the October 27, 2022 Church Council minutes. Carried**
9. Business arising from the minutes
  - a) Governance – The Congregational Meeting to approve the new structure was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the new governance model was approved. We are waiting for Living Skies Regional Executive to review and approve the new Governance model.
10. No Correspondence
11. Minister’s Report (including Swift Current and Area Ministerial Association) – Annette Taylor – Annette highlighted the Ministerial Advent Services that are taking place at First United this year.
12. Important Items from Committee Reports
  - a) Stewardship: Budget Review. A draft copy is ready and Charles has put it together on a spreadsheet. The Stewardship Committee will meet on December 15<sup>th</sup> to finalize the budget. It will be presented to Council at the January meeting. Council members will study it as drafted and decide if there is a need to hold an additional meeting before the January Council meeting.

Motion to accept written reports

**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Marlene Reidle**

**That we accept all reports as written. Carried.**

13. New Business

- a. The Annual General Meeting date is set for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
The Annual report target is February 12<sup>th</sup>., 2023
- b. The choir considered presenting a Christmas Carol Hymn sing in December. There were concerns about the number of viruses circulating in the community. They would like guidance from Church Council on whether or not they should go ahead.

**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Peggy Worrell**

**That this year we do not have a Christmas Carol hymn sing, due to health concerns. Carried.**

14. Group norms – Charles Lotochinski

15. Reminder of action items – Charles Lotochinski

16. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

17. Closing prayer – Living Skies Council Rep – Linda Stumpf

**Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:15 pm by Zoom**

**Next Church Council Meeting – Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm by Zoom**

**Opening Devotion and closing prayer for Jan 26, 2023 – TBD**

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Charles Lotochinski, Acting Chair

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Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary