

# FIRST UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 26, 2023

*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	Peggy Worrell, Faith Formation
Annette Taylor, Minister	Kevin Hanna, Member-at-large
Patti McCleary, Outreach	Brenda Gruetzner, Stewardship
Brenda Warder, UCW & Ministry & Personnel	Sharyn Erne, Membership and Pastoral Care
Charles Lotochinski, Member-at-Large	

1. Call to order – Acting Chair Charles Lotochinski  
**Called to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was present**
2. Check-in
3. Reminder of Holy Manner: Strive for equal opportunity and encouragement of participation of all
4. Opening devotion: Minister  
**Annette did our opening devotion which also included our moment of inspiration**
5. Moment of Inspiration
6. Additions/amendments to the agenda - Approval of agenda  
**Motion: Kevin Hanna/Brenda Gruetzner moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
7. Acknowledgement of the November 22, 2022 Executive meeting minutes  
**They were acknowledged.**
8. Approval of November 24, 2022 Church Council minutes  
**Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Patti McCleary moved to approve the Church Council minutes as presented. Carried**
9. Business arising
  - a. Governance – Living Skies Regional Council Executive has approved the new model  
**Informational only.**
10. Correspondence
  - a. None
11. Minister's Report  
**First United will not be hosting the Lenten services and we will have no responsibilities.**
12. Important items from Committee Reports
  - a. Letter to Ministry and Personnel  
**Ministry & Personnel received a letter from Jackie Ravino stating that she is**

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resigning as Sunday School supervisor as of Feb. 19, 2023. She still wants to be involved.

Faith Formation will see that it is mentioned in the bulletin.

Faith Formation will arrange a recognition event for February 12.

- b. Budget discussion and approval for AGM

**Brief discussion on the deficit budget. No further discussion.**

**Motion: Kevin Hanna/Brenda Gruetzner moved that the budget be accepted as presented. Carried**

- c. Recommendations from Governance and Nominations committees

**Recommendation #1: That members of eliminated Working Groups be thanked, and advised before the AGM about who will assume responsibility for their work, to assure them that they and their roles are still valued, but in a different framework. This would apply to the following Working Groups: Communion, Ushers, Coffee, Greeting, Memorial Fund, Visiting, Maintenance.**

**Recommendation #2: That the term "Corresponding Members" be used for Committee members who complete tasks, but are not expected to attend Committee meetings. This will apply to Building & Property and Membership & Pastoral Care.**

**Recommendation #3: At the AGM on March 5, that someone assume responsibility for explaining the new Governance Model, with a Q & A and discussion.**

**Recommendation #4: That the Stewardship Committee assume the responsibilities of the Memorial Fund Working Group.**

**Recommendation #5: That each Committee and Interest Group update their section of the Policy Manual by June 30.**

**Recommendation #6: That the ChurchWatch database be used to store info that would be helpful to House Group Leaders and Nominations.**

**Motion: Kevin Hanna/Peggy Worrell That we accept the recommendations as presented. Carried**

- d. Membership and Pastoral Care list of motions regarding membership in 2022

**Kaitlin Olmsted to Grosvenor United Church in Saskatoon**

**Alma Froese requested to be removed from our membership list**

- e. Earthcare Partners Energy audit results and Mews Report

**Dan Olmsted is doing the energy report.**

13. Motion to accept all reports

**Motion Kevin Hanna/Brenda Warder That all reports be accepted. Carried**

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**14. New Business**

- a. AGM – Pot Luck and meeting**

**15. Group norms – Member-at-large**

**16. Reminder of action items – Member-at-large**

**17. Adjournment of meeting**

**18. Closing devotion: Living Skies Council Rep**

Next Executive Meeting: Replaced in new Leadership Team

Next Church Council meeting: Replaced in new Leadership Team

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Charles Lotochinski, Acting Chair

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Sharyn Erne, Acting Secretary