

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Leadership Team (Keepers of the Vision)
Jan 25, 2024 7:00 pm

We, at First United Church, guided by the spirit are striving to be an open and diverse community of faith. Through word and action we pursue the values of spiritual growth, compassionate outreach, social justice and care of the earth.

Members Present:

Peggy Worrell, Chairperson
Annette Taylor, Minister
Kimberly Bilanski, Member-at-Large (by Zoom)
Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary
Kevin Hanna, Member-at-Large
Charles Lotochinski, Treasurer
Colleen MacBean, Member-At-Large (by Zoom)
Marlene Reidle, Member-at-Large (by Zoom)

Holy Manner #8 – Respect the confidentiality of individual members and their stories.

Peggy Worrell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00. A quorum was present.

Check In

Opening devotion: Marlene Reidle

Moment of inspiration – Under #6

1. The agenda was accepted as amended by consensus.

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Colleen MacBean

That we accept the agenda as amended. Carried

2. Approval of the Nov 30, 2023 Leadership Team minutes

Fix the spelling of: Jordan Cantwell

Motion Charles Lotochinski/Colleen MacBean

That we approve the minutes of the Nov 30, 2023 Leadership Team meeting. Carried

3. Volunteers needed:

Reminder of Action Items: Colleen MacBean

Monitor our responsibility as Keepers of the Vision: Charles Lotochinski

Verbal report to the congregation on Jan 28: Kevin Hanna

4. Business Arising

-The future of our building (to be discussed under #7)

5. Reports

a) Minister's Report. Annette pointed out that next Wed, Jan 31, she is taking a week of vacation time.

b) Committee Reports received: Stewardship, House Group Coordinator, Ministry & Personnel, Worship & Music, Refugee Sponsorship Group letter to congregation, Faith Formation, Nominations, Recommendation from Building & Property

Motion: Kevin Hanna/Pat Dyck Bunkosky

To accept the committee reports. Carried.

c) Business arising from reports

- i. Stewardship: 2024 Budget – The Deficit for 2023 was only \$3277. This was much better than that which had been budgeted for several reasons. UCW disbanded and had money to contribute, rental income was higher than anticipated.

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Kevin Hanna

To approve the budget to present it to the AGM. Carried.

- ii. Refugee Sponsorship: Anticipated arrival of Heba's family
Colleen suggested that the church find an appropriate way to thank the members of the Refugee Sponsorship Group for all of their hard work.
- iii. Worship & Music: That we establish a policy for cancelling church services due to extreme cold, blizzard conditions or other unsafe conditions. See 6b
- iv. Nominations committee reports that while they have recruited some new members for committees, there are still a number of open positions.

- d) Motion to accept reports

Charles Lotochinski/Kevin Hanna

That we accept the reports. Carried

- 6. a) Establishing an Autonomous Indigenous National Organization
Moment of Inspiration – Video “Additional Questions about Remit 1: Creating an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization”

Motion: Kevin Hanna/Charles Lotochinski

That the Leadership Team vote YES to Remit#1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada. Carried.

- b) Policy for cancelling church services due to extreme weather or other unsafe conditions

Motion: Colleen MacBean/Kevin Hanna

That in the event of extreme weather, the minister or worship leader and a representative of the Leadership Team will make a decision whether to cancel in person worship. Carried

Action item: Peggy will email Worship & Music to inform them of our policy.

- 7. Visioning: The Future of Our Building

Action items:

Peggy Worrell will chair the AGM.

Charles, Kevin, Peggy and Annette will discuss ideas for the presentation to be made at the AGM.

Charles will write up a paragraph about available rental space to insert in the bulletin for the month of February.

Kevin will talk to Building & Property about how to make the church building more renter friendly.

Planning a Neighborhood Round Table – invite people from different sectors of the community to offer ideas and suggestions for how the church could support the community.

Potential resource person: Growth Animator, Jordan Cantwell.

There is currently a group meeting in Swift Current - Interagency Committee.

Action Item: Colleen will contact Val ChooFoo about attending the Interagency Committee meeting by Zoom on March 12 from 1:30 to 2:30.

8. INFO only: Earthcare Partners is planning to host two presentations for the congregation re SMRs (Small Modular Reactors) planned for SK. One will emphasize the pros and the other the cons.
9. 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada in 2025. What do we want to do to celebrate? Tabled.
10. No Correspondence
11. The 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held on March 3, 2024
12. Thanking departing Leadership Team members, Pat and Marlene
13. Group Norms for Upholding Decisions read by Charles Lotochinski
14. Volunteer needed for Opening Devotion and Closing Prayer for March meeting-Kevin Hanna
15. Reminder of action items – Marlene Reidle
16. Our responsibility as Keepers of the Vision – How did we do? Charles Lotochinski
17. Closing Prayer – Marlene Reidle

Next Meeting; Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00 – 9:00pm (hybrid)

Please let Peggy know if you expect to be absent – to ensure we have a quorum

Peggy Worrell, Chair

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary