

**Leadership Team (Keepers of the Vision) Jan. 22, 2026 MINUTES**

Chair: Peggy

Secretary: Charles

Call to order

Check-in

Moment of Inspiration - Dave Fletcher

We will experience this at the next meeting. This meeting we reflected on the Memories of John Barker.

Opening Devotion - Brenda

Holy Manner #2 - Respect the worth of each individual.

1. Experiment - AI to take notes
2. Volunteers
  - Read Group Norms Charles
  - Monitor our responsibility as "Keepers of the Vision" Brenda
  - Keep record of tasks Kimberly
  - Highlights of meeting to email with bulletin and announcements - Peggy
3. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated: approved by consensus.
4. Approval of the minutes of the Nov. 26, 2025 Leadership Team meeting (attached)

Motion to approve the minutes as circulated: approved by consensus.
5. Soup Cook-Off: Motion carried by email: Are you in favor of a Soup Cook-off event planned by the Fundraising Interest Group for Jan. 25 after church? Social convenors willing to assist. Goals: #1) Fundraiser; #2) Community-building & Fun; \$10 - Adults; \$5 - Children ages 6 - 11; Proceeds to go to the church's General Operating Fund; Celebrity judge panel - Harold Lapuz, Barbara Foster, Ann Wiebe; 10 volunteers to each bring a crockpot with 10 cups of soup and serve their soup; Sign in front of soup; Helpers to carry soup for those with challenges; Ask for donations of buns or crackers; Water for beverage; Award a prize - golden ladle to the winning soup-maker; Emcee - Ila Wilms.  
CARRIED
6. Business Arising:
  - a. "Adopt a Sunday" - Date: April 12; Theme: United Church crest  
Who is going to plan this? Peggy and Colleen will plan the service together when Colleen is back in April.

- b. Invitation to St. Olaf's Jan. 4 - successful social time  
Went very well. Kimberly thought after we did not give them a tour of the sanctuary. Social convenors did a great jobs decorating.
- c. 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism - videos and resources on UCC website - relayed to Affirming Ministry Interest Group.  
No word back from them about it.
- d. Mental Health topic for worship service - Leadership?  
Jeremy, the Executive Director of the CMA would be a good candidate to partner with whoever was doing the service. Perhaps he could do the Message?  
Any date in March or April. Perhaps Ray or Patti.  
Peggy will contact Jeremy.
- e. Self-Assessment for Living Skies Region completed? Colleen  
Submitted by Colleen around the first week of December and Colleen has had no feedback.
- f. February 1 congregational meeting.  
Will use agenda from last September.  
Peggy will chair and Charles will be recording secretary.  
Agenda will be ready for presentation on February 1.  
Brenda will confirm what quorum requirements are.  
Question if we want to have coffee that day – do they want to stay late? Perhaps just leave the Kurig maker out? Kimberly will follow up with the house group leader for February.

#### 4. Reports

- a. Pastoral Relations Report – Sheila  
Report submitted for annual report. Nothing else noted.  
Sheila could not make the Feb 1 Congregational meeting so Catherine Cristie will attend.
- b. Committee Reports
  - Stewardship Update (Budget)
  - Worship & Music (Worship Leaders on p. 4 of this agenda)
  - Social Convenors re. coffee after church  
Much appreciation to the Worship and Music committee for all the work getting this coordinated.
  - Fundraising Interest Group re. Silent Auction with Spring Ham Supper, April 12
  - Nominations
  - House groups coordinator

#### 5. Business arising from reports

- Budget  
Motion to approve the budgets for presentation at the AGM. Colleen moved and Kimberly seconded. Carried.
- Introduce Stewardship Committee members in church - date to be chosen.
- Silent Auction fundraiser with Spring Ham Supper, April 12. Who will coordinate?  
Approved by consensus.  
Issue is finding someone to coordinate the silent auction.  
All items have to be categorized.  
**Will table to February** meeting so we have time to reflect on who might take this on.  
Charles has tentatively volunteered but has to think about it.  
Some ideas: consumable things – coffee, paper towel, gift cards.
- Nominations Report  
Very concerning that there is no chair. It is a very demanding role and very difficult to fill.  
Melanie will be the secretary.  
In other organizations they have to pay a chair but they have to be a member.  
There are many other chair positions that are still vacant.  
One option is rotating chair for leadership. Treasurer can not be chair of leadership.  
**Tabled to February** meeting to discuss contingency plan.

#### 6. Approval of reports

Approved by consensus.

#### 7. Correspondence

Mentioned being a beneficiary in Irene A. Mundee-Cook's estate.

#### 8. Planning for March 15 AGM

- Suggest combining with Volunteer Recognition  
Peggy will work on how this could be done.  
Could gift pewter ornaments or such
- Draft agenda  
Charles and Peggy will work on that.  
Will be ready for February meeting for review.
- Chair, Secretary  
Brenda will be secretary.
- Discussion topics?  
Good to make a point of mentioning new minister.

- Social Convenors: Vote on coffee after church  
 What about disposable cups so no washing up?  
 Make the process easier.  
 We unanimously feel coffee is a great thing to have.  
 Peggy will ask them for their recommendations. Maybe this should not be a social convenors issue.  
 We all feel we need to find a way to make this work – it is a social and welcoming time.  
 Peggy will contact Marie for more input on this.

#### 9. 100th Anniversary stories – Peggy

Peggy has typed them up will collate and make available at the AGM.

#### 10. Policy & Procedures Manual revisions (Attached)

Rhonda has reviewed and updated the policy manual.

Brenda has found one issue and will let Rhonda know.

Stewardship is not completed the counting policy.

**Motion to approve the policy and procedure manual. Charles/Kimberly. Passed.**

11. Expanding use of our building and rental revenue - Golden West Ads for rental space are running on Swiftcurrentonline in January. Radio interview with Rhonda Jan. 7. Another auction in Feb. Andrew McCormack - "Would there be interest in taking part in that one too? Your online ad has started running on Swift Current Online and gotten five clicks as of Jan. 5."

Peggy will talk to Andrew and do the same as last time.

11.A Motion carried by email: That we cover the cost of Rhonda Lotochinski's dinner for \$27.14 at the Leadership supper on January 22. Budget line 5075.

#### 12. VISIONING

Areas worthy of pursuit: Arts, Anchor Tenant, Fitness

✓ Report & Ideas from Dave Fletcher (Camp Shagabec Director)

- Follow up from Nov. 20 meeting with Jordan Cantwell, United Church of Canada Growth Animator - Peggy
- Approach the City of Swift Current - Proposal? Questions? Pitch?
- Have conversations with organizations with whom we already have partnerships (e.g. CMHA, SK Abilities, Scouts, Guides, SW Pride, Salvation Army (sponsor a meal?), SW Crisis Services, Family Resource Centre, AA) about ways in which we might consider new ideas that could generate revenue. How to proceed?

- Might service clubs want to partner with us so we can continue to provide space to groups such as Girl Guides free of charge? How to proceed?
- ✓ Analysis of the Refugee Sponsorship Project as a case example of how to involve people from outside of our church in an outreach project in progress.
- Explore relationships with new partners. (e.g. Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls, Truth & Reconciliation Committee of Swift Current & District, Islamic Centre, Swift Current Housing Authority, Lii Bufloo Metis Local, Chinook Library, service clubs and lodges)
- ✓ Outreach - Ration Meal and fundraiser for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sept. 28 successful. St. Olaf's unable to participate.

### Options

Option #1 - Status quo. Note 10-year projections: Stewardship and B & P

Option #2 – Stay in our building and make significant changes. Increase revenue, including leasing parts of the building. Decrease expenses, including staff.

Option #3 - Sell our building and move - Rent or build

13. Any other business?

### Info only

- Cooperative Ministry Model with Moose Jaw - No news
- To be discussed in future: Communications person

Closing Prayer - Brenda

**Next meeting: Thursday Feb. 19,** 7:00 - 9:00 pm Hybrid

Opening Devotion & Closing Prayer – **Kimberly.**

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

### Attachments

- Leadership Team minutes - Nov. 26
- Policy & Procedures Manual revised Jan. 2026

### Worship Leaders 2026

#### JANUARY

Jan 25 – Jackie Orola Ravino

#### FEBRUARY

Feb 1 – Norma Hain - Congregational meeting

Feb 8 – Children's Sunday – Deb Fletcher, Jennifer Bingham – Potluck

Feb 15 – Ray Friesen

Feb 22 – Linda Stumpf – Communion

### **MARCH**

March 1 – Pastor Patti

March 8 – Ray Friesen

March 15 – Norma Hain - AGM

March 22 – Jackie Orola Ravino

March 29 - Palm Sunday – Sunday School – Deb Fletcher

### **APRIL**

April 3 – Good Friday – cancelled - no Worship Leader – we are welcome at St. Olaf's @ 10:30.

April 5 – Easter Sunday –Linda Stumpf

April 12 – Leadership Team, Peggy Worrell – Ham Supper, Silent Auction

April 19 – Earthcare Partners– Linda Stumpf

April 26 –

### **MAY**

May 3 – Pastor Patti Sherk

May 10 –

May 17 –

May 24 –

May 31 –

### **JUNE**

June 7 – Pastor Patti Sherk

June 14 –

June 21 –

June 28 -

/P. Worrell