

Starbuck United Church Annual Report for 2013



Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting

January 26, 2014

Agenda

- 1) Nomination of meeting Chair
- 2) Call to Order
- 3) Opening prayer
- 4) Opening remarks from chair
- 5) Minutes of annual meeting of 2013 (Pgs. 3-5)
- 6) Matters arising from minutes
- 7) Annual reports
 - *Minister (Pg. 5)
 - *Chairperson (Pg. 6)
 - *Property (Pg. 6)
 - *Worship (Pg. 6,7)
 - *Projects (Pg.7)
 - *Projects financial (Pg. 7,8)
 - *Christian Development (Pg.8)
 - *Pastoral Care (Pg. 8)
 - *Ministry and Personnel (Pg. 10)
 - *Presbytery (Pg.11, 12)
- 8) Treasurers Report (Pg.12 & 13)
- 9) Proposed Budget for 2014 (Pg. 14)
- 10) Proposed council or nominations for council for 2014
- 11) New Business
- 12) Benediction
- 13) Adjournment

**Minutes from the Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting
Sunday January 27, 2013**

The annual meeting was held on Sunday January 27, 2013. In attendance were Rev. Cathy Maxwell, Len Pedersen, David Rasmussen, Ben Russenholt, Shirley Weidman, Jean Johnson, Keith Johnson, Les McIntosh, Joan Goldsborough, Colleen Norton, Ann Pedersen, Janis McMorran, Joanne Schrof, Michele Ammeter, Colin Walley and Melanie Mosset.

Rev. Cathy called the meeting to order at 12:40

Rev. Cathy called for nominations for a Chairperson for the meeting. Len Pedersen was nominated by Ann Pedersen seconded by Colin Walley.

Carried

Rev. Cathy called for nominations for recording secretary for this meeting. Michele Ammeter nominated Melanie Mosset seconded by Joanne Schrof.

Carried

Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting

-Melanie Mosset read the minutes from the 2012 annual meeting.

-It was noted that Colin Walley was in attendance last year but his name was missed on the attendance roster.

-A motion to accept the minutes as circulated was made by Ann Pedersen seconded by Michele Ammeter.

Carried

Matters arising from Minutes

-The Sanford family is still struggling but still hopes to repay the loan sometime.

Annual Reports

The annual reports were made available so the congregation could review them during the church service and before the meeting during the potluck lunch. The reports were not read aloud at the meeting but everyone was given an opportunity to ask questions and remark on the report.

1) Worship – Rev. Cathy would like to acknowledge that Joanne picks our hymns and it is greatly appreciate.

2) Presbytery – Colin commented on the Palestinian issue. 9/10 of the known Rabbi's have been killed. 90% of the Jewish spiritual leaders have been killed

A motion to accept the reports was made by Michele Ammeter seconded by Jean Johnson.

Carried

Treasurer's report

A motion to accept the treasurers' report as printed was made by Colleen Norton seconded by Colin Walley.

Carried

Proposed 2013 budget

A motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2013 was made by Colleen Norton seconded by Joanne Schrof.

Carried

Proposed Council for 2013

We need a vice chair. There were no volunteers

New Business

1) Meridian Pastoral Charge Secretary is needed from our congregation. It needs to be filled before April

2) Correspondence. –nothing new everything that has come in recently is posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church

3) Pancake supper is set for Shrove Tuesday Feb. 12, Janis is in contact with Maggie about a dinner at Dawn til Dusk a date will be announced soon,. Horticultural night is not set yet.

4) We should use the phone tree more for announcements for special events.

5)A motion to donate the shrove Tuesday silver collection for 2013 to the Starbuck combined 4-H club was made by Janis McMorrان/Ann Pedersen seconded.

Carried

5) A motion to donate to the following organizations as per the list Inga has provided – Meridian Arts Festival, Sanford Collegiate Scholarship, Rock Lake camp, Pregnancy & Family Services, Calling Lakes Center, St. Andrews College, Canadian Food Grains Bank and Camp Wasaga was made by Ann Pedersen and Colleen Norton seconded. Total amount proposed is \$575 plus whatever we give t o Sanford Church for the dinner theater which will be discussed after the dinner theater is over and we know the sales.

Carried

6) We need a trustee. Michele Ammeter has agreed to step forward to become a trustee. A motion to make Michele Ammeter a trustee was made by Ann Pedersen and seconded by Shirley Weidman.

Carried

7) M& S donation- We have a concern that our current goal is too high. A motion to pledge \$2000 to M&S donation was made by Michele Ammeter /seconded by Ann Pedersen.

Carried

8) Colleen will ask her auditor friend to review the 2012 books.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday April 17th 7:30

Benediction

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 Michele Ammeter.

Reports for 2013

Minister's Report

We have come to the end of another year at Starbuck United Church and it has been full of special events and worship services. Our special events have included the Pancake supper at the beginning of Lent, the Annual Dinner theatre, the horticultural evening as well as several special meals throughout the year from breakfast at the rink to potlucks before worship. Our special services have included our Holy week services shared with the other congregation on the charge as well as our Easter service and Christmas Eve service and the Joint Lutheran United Cantata in December. We have also participated in inter church services throughout the year with members of other area churches. We have also worked with our sisters and brothers in Christ in other churches on the Cool field project for the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

It has indeed been a busy year and none of these activities and services would happen without all the amazing volunteers who give of their time, energy and talents to see that the ministry of Starbuck United Church continues to be a vital part of the Starbuck community. My thanks to all those who have and continue to, give so freely to the work of our church through the reading of scripture, cleaning the church, setting up for events and lunches, serving on boards and committees. My thanks , especially to Joanne, Margaret and the choir for sharing your gift of music so freely with us and enriching our worship life.

It is my hope that we may journey into this new year in hope, looking together for opportunities to serve God in our church, our community and in the world. May God go with us as we continue to journey forward together.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Cathy Maxwell

Starbuck United Church Chair Report

This report is a note of thanks.

Thanks to each member of our congregation who see things that need to be done and just do them without any request. Thanks also to our congregation for their generous annual donations to support of organizations such as Rock Lake, etc. In addition, thanks go to all who support other various other causes such as food hampers, Mission and Service, Osborne House, Canada Foodgrains Banks, and others not listed here.

Thank you to those who organized and helped with the lunch for funeral service of Harry Houston. Thank you to those who show up early each Sunday and put on coffee and treats. It is a great time of fellowship. Thank you to all council and committee members for all their work. This chairperson's job is a piece of cake compared to the work many of you do.

Unfortunately, our congregation is not growing, but we have a faithful group who continue to keep the Starbuck United Church a welcoming and open place to worship.

Respectfully,

Len Pedersen

Starbuck United Church Property Report

There were no major projects taken on in the past year. Some thinning out in the basement of unused stuff has been done. Repairs to exterior walls of back stairway shed have also been done. The elevator, sump pump, furnaces, etc. are in good working order (short prayer needed here). Possible projects for the new year could include paint and repairs to sanctuary walls. I would like to hear opinions from all members on any new projects. Thanks again to Derek and Michele Ammeter for yard care and everyone else who checks on the church.

Len Pedersen

Annual Starbuck Worship Report-2013

Members of the Worship Committee:

Linda Virag and Helen Marshall

Minister-Cathy Maxwell, organist-Joanne Schrof, choir director-Margaret Porter

Sunday School-Melanie Mosset

Duties of the Worship Committee:

- attend local council meetings and Meridian Worship Meetings
- organize special services and prepare these with the assistance of the minister
- prepare sanctuary for worship
- organize a list of scripture readers and greeters

The Meridian Worship Committee met on Tues., Sept. 3rd, 2013, to plan and organize events, communions, scripture readings and special services for the following church year. Linda Virag attended this meeting. There were no Worship Meetings at the local level. Church was closed for the months of July and August.

Special Services and Events this year:

- Funerals were held for Bobby Henry, June 15th and Harry Houston, August 25th.
- Jan. 6 – Epiphany – communion
- Feb. 17 – Communion and Ashes
- Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday with palm branches for the congregation
- Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday
- Mar. 31 – Easter Sunday – communion
- May 19 – Pentecost Sunday - communion
- May. 26 – Conference Sunday
- June 16 – Baccalaureate Service
- Sept. 8 – first service after the summer break
- Oct. 6 – Worldwide Communion
- Dec. 1 – First Sunday in Advent – communion
 - Hanging of the Greens prior to the church service
- Dec. 8 – White Gift Service with gifts going to Osborne House
- Dec. 15 – Joint service with Trinity Lutheran as both choirs came together to perform a Cantata
- Dec. 24- Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 p.m.
- Dec. 29 – Cathy and Alan on holidays

Thank you to our minister, Cathy Maxwell for her leadership, and Alan Armstrong for his leading our services every second Sunday. A huge thanks to our organist Joanne Schrof for her wonderful playing and dedication to her job. Thank you to Margaret Porter for her patience and leadership with our choir.

Also a big thank you to all church members who participate in services through reading scriptures, greeting, helping with communion, attending meetings, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, and helping to maintain our church. Everyone's contributions and help are very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Virag

Annual Projects Report 2013

February 12 "Shrove Tuesday" Pancake Supper.

March 10 Congregational Dinner at "Dawn til Dusk"

May 27 Horticultural Evening.

August 25 Luncheon following the funeral of Harry Houston, catered and served in the United Church

November 17 "Cookie Collection" for St. Matthews Maryland Mission

November 24 "Breakfast at the rink"

Respectfully submitted by Janis McMorran

Starbuck United Church Projects Income Statement January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

REVENUE

2013 Dinner Theatre Ticket Sales & Advertising	10,920.00	
2013 Dinner Theatre Liquor Proceeds	303.56	
2013 Dinner Theatre Donations & Leftover Food Purchases	240.00	
2013 Dinner Theatre		11,463.56
2014 Dinner Theatre Ticket Sales		3,720.00
Lunches		250.00
Pancake Supper Income		403.08
Interest		119.48
Dividends		0.00

Horticultural Evening Income	36.25
Hall Light Rental	200.00
TOTAL REVENUE	16,192.37

EXPENSES

2013 Dinner Theatre Lighting & bus (linen return)	363.96
2013 Dinner Theatre Sets, Décor, Make-up, Etc	850.35
2013 Dinner Theatre Costumes	283.27
2013 Dinner Theatre Linens	243.59
2013 Dinner Theatre Hall Rental	1,165.50
2013 Dinner Theatre Programs, Tickets, Publicity	338.24
2013 Dinner Theatre Ticket Refund	175.00
2013 Dinner Theatre Misc (Stamps, Gas)	55.57
2013 Dinner Theatre Food	2,002.19
2013 Dinner Theatre donation to Sanford United	500.00
2013 Dinner Theatre Total	5,977.67
2014 Dinner Theatre	368.53
World Vision	468.00
Transfers: Mission & Service	710.41
Transfers: Gen Fund	5,200.00

Pastoral Care	182.98
Pancake Supper	153.05
Lunches	58.12
Donation to Starbuck 4H	225.00
Service Charges (implemented SCU July 2013)	8.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,352.51
NET INCOME	2,839.86

Christian Development

The Sunday School class consists of 2 children every other week. We are focusing on bible verse memorization this year. We are not following a set curriculum since it's difficult with meeting every other week.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Mosset

Pastoral Care Report 2013

This year for Pastoral Care was relatively quiet. There were 2 Get Well basket/flower sent and 5 sympathy cards. We also recognized 25th Wedding Anniversary and a Diamond Jubilee recipient. I apologize if I have missed anyone. My thanks and appreciation goes out to those who keep me informed. I can be reached at 735 2809 or sgmasse@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Masse

M & P Report

It was a quiet year for M & P in 2013. Everything ran very smoothly.

Rev. Alan Armstrong is our alternate for another year. We are pleased to have him with us again. As Sanford has 9:30 service Alan will alternate between Starbuck and Avonlea.

Rev. Alan is pleased to continue with his and Rev. Cathy's working agreement to receive an honorarium in amount of \$122.00 per Sunday plus mileage as set by the church.

Our committee has agreed to give Rev. Cathy a year off for her goals as we are pleased with her progress. A year end appraisal will be conducted.

M & P policy regarding cancelling a Sunday service due to weather. Starbuck cancels the morning of while Avonlea cancels the night before. By the time these cancellations take place Rev. Cathy has already done the work to prepare her service therefore she is paid fully as a regular service.

God's continued blessing to
all in the new year ahead.
Respectfully Ellen Saltiss

Presbytery Report for 2013

Prayer

You are the voice we scarcely hear
because you speak to us about death and suffering
and we are impacted by so many voices
that have to do with power
and competence and success.

We do know you are the voice that gives life,
that you are the voice that opens futures to people who are hopeless.

We are part of a hopeless people
because the other voices eat at our hearts
and we are immobilized and become deaf,

So we pray for new ears.

We pray that your voice may be audible to us,
that we may be able to sort out the death giving voices
from the life giving voices among us.

We pray in the name of Jesus
through whom you have spoken
In so many inscrutable ways
Amen

I have chosen this prayer from Walter Brueggeman's "Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth", to preface my report for several reasons: His book of prayers addresses to-day's challenges; He is a theologian that I have heard much about at Presbytery and Conference; This prayer, for me,

could well be a prayer offered by the United Church of Canada as it faces an uncertain future.

The following is a list of some of the "voices" the Presbytery has responded to in 2013.

1. Attention has been given to the plight of Christian groups in South Korea who protest against restrictive government policies.
2. Pleas from villagers in the Phillipines who see their rice fields being destroyed by mining companies registered in Canada, are presented to the Canadian Government.
3. The struggle of native groups protesting lack of government action in dealing with unresolved issues is given recognition and support.
4. There is a need to be more proactive in dealing with church closures.
5. Attention is being given to greater use of technology in "spreading the word".
6. Positive steps are being taken to make Agassiz an "affirming Presbytery".
7. Ongoing concern for lack of resolution of the Israeli/Palestine conflict. Onolee Scharf took a lead in arranging an information meeting for Meridian Charge.
8. Continuation of the October-May monthly meetings of Presbytery's "Southwest Cohort" formed to review the status of mainline churches in North American churches. Diane Butler Bass: "Christianity After Religion", and Douglas John Hall: "Waiting for Gospel", have been the basis of the discussions. Participation in the discussions has allowed me to appreciate the strong leadership provided Presbytery by the Ministers of the United Church. Cohort chair is Karen Tjaden, Carman United Church.
9. We have been challenged by The Moderator, Gary Paterson to seek new ways to make the church relevant in a fast changing world. In his view the status quo is not sustainable. With the church we are urged to "pray for new ears" so that:

Your voice may become more audible to us,
So that we may be able to sort out the death-giving
from the life-giving voices among us.

Respectfully,

Colin S. Walley, Presbyter

Treasurers Report Starbuck United Church submitted by Inga Livingston
January 1- December 31 2013

INCOME:

Resident Offerings	\$ 19810.00
Non Resident Offerings	1255.00
Legacy Give Dec. 18	1461.00
Total	22526.00

Transfer from projects **\$8000.00**

G.S.T	\$ 51.77
Avonlea paid for Baptismal certificates	18.53
Donation from Starview Manor	200.00
Total.	30796.30

Carryover from 2012	3268.96
Plus projects monies from Dinner Theater(wrong account)	3780.00
Total	37845.26

Expenses were (Projects monies were paid back in March) 32583.20

Book carryover after late deposit 5262.06

Expenses:

Meridian Charge Allocation	24600.00
Manitoba Hydro Electricity	920.44
Natural Gas	1228.77
Sewer & Water(includes levy of \$123.58)	420.12
Maintenance and Repair	0.00
Office Supplies (includes Credit Union charges of \$17.50)	137.50
Music and Worship	102.41
Fee= Safety Deposit box	40.00
Church Insurance	778.96
Donations	575.00
Transferred to Projects (Ticket monies)	3780.00
Total	32583.00

Mission and Service fund Goal for 2013 \$2000.00

Donations \$1544.00

10% profit from Projects	609.05
Service charge @ Credit Union	3.25

Sent to Meridian Charge M & S	\$2149.80
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Memorial Fund

Donations	90.00
Term Deposit (due Feb. 17/14)	5602.06
Chequing	3240.61
Service Charge, Shares	8.09
Total (all)	8847.76

Proposed Budget for 2014

Meridian Charge Allocation	\$25000.00
Electricity & Natural Gas	2300.00
Sewer & Water	425.00
Maintenance & Repair	500.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Music & Worship	300.00
Donation	1000.00
Church Insurance	800.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	30575.00