

Starbuck United Church Annual Report for 2015



Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting

January 24, 2016

Agenda

- 1) Nomination of meeting Chair
- 2) Call to Order
- 3) Opening prayer
- 4) Opening remarks from chair
- 5) Minutes of annual meeting of 2015 (Pg. 3-6)
- 6) Matters arising from minutes
- 7) Annual reports
 - *Minister
 - *Chairperson (Pg. 6)
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 - *Ministry and Personnel (Pg.10)
 - *Presbytery (Pg. 10-11)
- 8) Treasurers Report
- 9) Proposed Budget for 2014
- 10) Proposed council or nominations for council for 2015
- 11) New Business
- 12) Benediction
- 13) Adjournment

Minutes from the Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting
Sunday January 18, 2015

The annual meeting was held on Sunday January 18, 2015. In attendance were Helen Marshall, John Marshall, Michele Ammeter, Ashley Ammeter, Sharon Masse, Colin Walley, Les McIntosh, David Rasmussen, Janis McMorrان, Len Pedersen, Ann Pedersen, Colleen Norton, Sherri McConnell(pulpit supply appt.) Joan McConnell(guest), Wilma Shirriff(presbytery)Phyllis Olson, Pat Thomaschewski, Shirley Weidman, Linda Virag, Diane Trudeau, Ellen Saltiss and Melanie Mosset.

Nominations for a Chairperson for the meeting. Michele Ammeter nominated Len Pedersen as chair seconded by Pat Thomaschewski

Carried

Nominations for recording secretary for this meeting. Michele Ammeter nominated Melanie Mosset at recording secretary seconded by Pat Thomaschewski.

Carried

The meeting began with a prayer from Wilma Shirriff who joined our meeting to represent Presbytery.

Minutes from 2014 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2014 annual meeting were reviewed independently by each person.

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

Carried

Annual Reports

Please note that in the agenda #5 should read Minutes of Annual Meeting of 2014 not 2013

The annual reports were made available Sunday January 11 and emailed out to congregation members on Monday January 12 for everyone to review them. The reports were not read aloud at the meeting but everyone was given an opportunity to ask questions and remark on the report.

1) Projects report #4 should read mission for Leprosy

2) Ann updated the projects financial...additional \$1.50 in service fees.

Total assets for Projects Chequing \$4,684.63, GiC \$2934.27 Term \$7234.56 Surplus share \$1.05

Total assets \$14,859.51

3) Treasurers is spelled incorrectly in the title of the report

A motion to accept the reports as printed was made by Diane Trudeau seconded by Linda Virag.

Carried

Treasurer's report

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

Carried

Proposed 2015 budget

A motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2015 was made by Colleen Norton seconded by Ann Pedersen.

Carried

Proposed Council for 2015

Helen Marshall nominated Colleen Norton to the treasurers positions, Ellen Saltiss seconded.

Carried

Executive

Past Chair - Len Pedersen
Chair - vacant
Vice Chair - Michele Ammeter
Secretary -Melanie Mosset
Treasurer -Colleen Norton/Inga Livingston

Committees

Projects -Janis McMorrان/Lil Nielsen
Projects Financial -Ann Pedersen
M&P -Diane Trudeau, Michele Ammeter
Presbytery -vacant

Worship -Linda Virag/Helen Marshall
Property -Len Pedersen
Pastoral Care -Sharon Masse
Inter Church -vacant
Christian Dev. -Melanie Mosset

Trustees

Inga Livingston
Shirley Weidman
Michele Ammeter

New Business

1) A motion to donate \$75 to Canadian Food Grains, St. Andrews College, Rock Lake Camp, Pregnancy and Family support, Calling Lakes, Camp Wasaga, Meridian Arts councils and \$100 to Sanford collegiate scholarship was made by Colleen Norton and seconded by Ellen Saltiss

Carried

2) Janis McMorran has talked to Trinity Lutheran Church about having Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at the Lutheran Church Tuesday Feb 17th.

Pat Thomaschewski made a motion to donate the proceeds of the silver collection from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper to the Starbuck Beautification Committee Seconded by David Rasmussen.

Carried

3) We discussed the Horticultural evening and we feel it should continue. We will discuss a date at a later meeting.

4) Breakfast at the rink-Janis will pick a date and put it in the bulletin. A congregational dinner at Dawn til Dusk will be planned at some point too

5) Bulletins have not been printed in Sanford because the printer isn't working so Diane Trudeau has been printing it off at home. We discussed how to reimburse Diane. Diane will remit a bill for ink and paper.

6) Margaret Porter will be following the Avonlea hymn list for the new year. Linda has asked us for feedback on how we feel it is going.

7) Last year we donated \$2000 to M&S. We had a donation shortfall of over \$100. Last year \$800 was from dinner theater proceeds.

A motion to leave the donation at \$2000 was made by Michele Ammeter seconded by Shirley Weidman.

Carried

8) There will be a person at Presbytery in February is willing and able to take anything we would like to send to the archives. Both Diane and Janis have many pieces that should probably be submitted. Many people felt that Feb. Is too soon to have this all assembled.

9) Colleen mentioned getting a fireproof safe to store our current documents and files that we need.

10) Michele feels that a committee should be formed that will take care of the papers and files and things recovered from the fire. A trustee should be on the committee, as well as Colleen and other volunteers. Currently Colleen, Ann and Michele have volunteered.

11) A motion to charge \$6.00 a plate for funeral luncheons and \$4.00 a plate for dainties and beverages was made by Diane Trudeau seconded by Ann Pedersen.

Carried with 2 opposing

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 by John Marshall

Starbuck United Church Chair's Report

Now, with a full 2015 year, church services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church building with Sherri McConnell leading most services and several other ministers filling in from pulpit supply. I personally have enjoyed the variety each worship leader brings.

Our congregation lost Joanne Schrof, Keith Johnson, and Don Kendall this year as well as having Colin Walley move to Saskatoon. All are missed. Those of us left strongly support Starbuck United Church but will need more people to attend Sunday services in the future to help keep the church open.

A congregational meeting was held Sunday, September 13, 2015, after a summer break and a group had researched rebuilding possibilities. At that meeting a motion was passed to not rebuild in the foreseeable future and continue holding services at the Lutheran Church. This continues to be a divisive point with some members.

A letter was sent to Trinity Lutheran Church in September 2015 to meet and discuss a longer term relationship within one building. We are hoping to have a date set soon as we would like this meeting before Pastor Vert retires.

Also a follow-up meeting to the Pastoral Oversight was held November 26, 2015 with the next step to getting the whole charge together in hopes of moving on to having a full-time minister.

Lastly, I would like to thank all council for your help and to our small group who come together to keep Starbuck United part of our community.

Respectfully submitted by Len Pedersen, Chair

Starbuck United Church Property Report

The property is still there.

Respectfully submitted by Len Pedersen, Property Chair

Worship Report

Members of the Worship Committee:

Linda Virag and Helen Marshall

Advising minister – Leith Saunders, organist – Patsy Andrew, choir director – Margaret Porter

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
- organize a list of scripture readers and greeters for the year
- organize readers for Lent and Advent readings

The Meridian Worship Committee met on Mon., Aug. 31st. 2015, to plan and organize communion dates, scripture readings, Advent and Lent readings, and special services for the following church year. Helen Marshall and Linda Virag attended this meeting. There were no Worship Meetings at the local level.

Church was closed for the months of July and August, along with storm dates on Jan. 4th and Nov. 22nd. There was also no church on Dec. 27th.

Special Services and Events:

Funerals were held for Keith Johnson, Don Kendall and Joanne Schrof.

- Jan. 11th - Epiphany and communion were celebrated a week late, due to a storm on Jan. 4th.
- Feb. 22nd – the first Sunday of Lent - Communion and Ashes
- Mar. 29th – Palm Sunday with Palm leaves for the congregation
- Apr. 2nd – Trinity Lutheran Church had a supper and Maundy Thursday service for all of our Meridian Charge congregations
- Apr. 5th – Easter Sunday – We joined with Trinity Lutheran Church for our Easter Sunday service – Communion was celebrated.
- Apr. 26th – the Lutheran Congregation joined our church service for this Sunday
- May 10 – Jim Hatherley conducted a special service to commemorate the loss of our church building. After the service we walked to the site of our old church building and planted a shrub to mark this event. We enjoyed coffee and cake following the service.
- May 24th – Pentecost – communion

- June 14th – Baccalaureate service at Oak Bluff Hall
- June 28th – Meridian Charge outdoor union service at Union Point.
- Sept. 13th – first service after summer break
- Oct. 4th – Worldwide Communion
- Nov. 29th – first Sunday of Advent, and White Gift service with gifts going to Osborne House
- Dec. 6th – Hanging of the Greens – We joined with Trinity Lutheran congregation to share our tradition, of Hanging of the Greens.
- Dec. 13th – Cantata – Trinity Lutheran Choir and our choir joined together to perform a Cantata.
- Dec. 20th – We held our church service at the seniors', Riverdale Apts. We had a few of the seniors join our service and there was coffee and Christmas baking to enjoy, prior to the service.
- Dec. 24th – We joined with the Trinity Lutheran Church congregation for their Christmas Eve candlelight service and communion.

We have had a variety of ministers over this past year and have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of view points and sermons that this has given us. Thank you to Leith Saunders for her guidance and help during this past year. I'd like to thank all those that help out in our Sunday services. A big thanks to Patsy and Margaret for playing and recording all of our weekly hymns and also to Melanie Mosset for her dedication to operating the keyboard recordings on Sunday. Thanks to all who participate in the service by helping with greeting, reading scriptures, taking the offering, Advent readings, Lent readings, helping with communion, attend meetings, and sing in the choir. Everyone's help and contributions are very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Virag

Annual Projects Report submitted by Janis McMorran

February 17	-“Shrove Tuesday” Pancake supper
February 23	Luncheon following the funeral for Keith Johnson.
May 5	Horticultural Evening
June 19	Luncheon at the Starbuck Community Hall following the funeral for Don Kendall.

October 1 Luncheon following the funeral for Joanne Schrof
 Nov. 22 and Dec. 6 Delivery of "cookie" collections and warm winter clothing items
 To St. Matthews-Maryland Community mission.

Starbuck United Church Projects Income Statement (At Dec 31/15)		
January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015		
REVENUE		
Lunches		2,135.00
Pancake Supper Income		420.80
Interest		114.96
Horticultural Evening Income		90.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	2,760.76
EXPENSES		
World Vision		468.00
Transfers: Mission & Service		0.00
Transfers: Gen Fund		0.00
Pastoral Care		290.04
Pancake Supper		172.63
Lunches		350.85
Service Charges		27.55
	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,309.07
	NET INCOME	1,451.69

Christian Development Report

Kiera and Ethan have been attending the Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday school class at 11:00 a.m and when it is over they come and join the United Church service. The children really appreciate that the people who have been ministering to us in the past year have altered the order of service for them and have been doing the childrens emphasis after the sermon.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Mosset

Pastoral Care Report for 2015

In 2015 7 Sympathy cards were sent, 2 Get Well cards and 1 Thinking of You.

Fruit/gift baskets were sent on 2 occasions.

I continue to rely on the members of the congregation to let me know when there is a need. I can be reached at 204735 2809 or sgmasse@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Masse

Ministry and Personal Committee Report

As 2015 began, Diane Trudeau and Michele Ammeter were the M & P reps for Starbuck United Church. Diane Trudeau submitted her resigned and Ellen Saltiss agreed to return to the committee. Julie Ringash has continued as Chair of the committee.

In the early part of 2015 (January to June) our pulpit supply was organized by Presbytery as it had been since September 2014, and we received a wonderful array of sermons and ideas to think about.

Since September, Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC) has been responsible for this large task. We were fortunate that Sherri McConnell agreed to provide interim ministry to the MPC for the 2015-2016 church year. Sherri was also licensed to administer the Sacraments as well. She is able to provide the Pastoral Charge with services three Sunday's a month (in an irregular schedule) and all of Advent and Lent. She is unable to provide pastoral care for the charge so alternate arrangements are made, with the assistance of Leith Saunders (as our Presbytery supervisor) if required.

Other ministers have been arranged to fill in the schedule for 2015-2016, sharing with Sanford where possible. The schedule is in the Narthex on the bulletin board. To date, we have again been treated to an inspiring array of sermons and ideas.

Respectfully submitted by;

Michele Ammeter

Presbytery Annual Report 2015

This report is a summary all meetings attended for 2015. The position of Presbytery Rep for Meridian Pastoral Charge is shared between all three charges.

This report reflects three Agassiz Presbytery meetings: April, September and November.

April 17th, and 18th at McKenzie United Church – Portage La Prairie

Attended: Diane Trudeau, Rev. Leith Saunders and Sherri McConnell

- Re-structuring of the United Church of Canada
- A proposal for "One Order of Ministry"- allowing diaconal ministers and designated lay ministers to the "ordained ministry" – giving them rights to perform Communion and Baptisms, etc.
- Rock Lake Washroom/shower Building Project – cost \$111 680.
- Land Titles review- make sure each church has one.
- Jubilee Fund – Ethical investing in Manitoba

September 18, & 19 at Rock Lake Camp

Attended: Diane Trudeau, Rev. Leith Saunders and Sherri McConnell

- Pulpit supply rates- a minimum rate for pulpit supply is then \$124.50.
- Reflection on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- The careful use of technology
- conversation is continuing toward becoming an Affirming Presbytery-the accepting of lesbians, gays, transgender and queer.
- Archiving-The Feb. Presbytery meeting will touch again on this topic:www.unitedchurch/ca/handbook#archive

General Council Report- Newfoundland

- the Council was led by our Moderator Rt. Rev Gary Patterson.
- seventy proposals were dealt with at Council.
- a three council model for the United Church was approved-regional councils, clusters/groups, local congregation
- the Council approved the proposal for changes to funding: all M&S funds will go to mission and all other expenses of the church will be paid by assessment.
- there will be Category Three remits coming
- our new Moderator is Jordan Cantwell, who is a minister in Saskatoon.
- General Council also reviewed their stance on:-divesting from fossil fuels-opposition to Eastern pipeline-boycott businesses who profit from illegal occupations

November 14th at Oakville

Cliff Harrison, Rev. Leith Saunders and Sherri McConnell all attended.

- Meridian will be receiving a followup visit to all churches on Nov. 26th. There will be further discussion on the direction our churches will take individually and as a charge.
- Conference will be every 2 years, the next in 2017.
- we now fall under the category of an "urban based charge". Our salaries, housing and other expenses will be combined and increase accordingly.

-the Charge needs to begin preparing for the JNAC process - needs assessment, job descriptions, mission statements etc.

Submitted by
Diane Trudeau
Presbytery Rep. for Starbuck United Church