

Starbuck United Church Annual Report for 2017



**Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting
January 28, 2018**

Agenda

- 1) **Nomination of meeting Chair**
- 2) **Call to Order**
- 3) **Opening prayer**
- 4) **Opening remarks from chair**
- 5) **Minutes of annual meeting of 2017 (Pg. 3-6)**
- 6) **Matters arising from minutes**
- 7) **Annual reports**
 - *Minister**
 - *Chairperson (Pg.6)**
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 - *Projects (Pg. 8)**
 - *Projects financial (Pg. 8-9)**
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 - *Ministry and Personnel (Pg.9)**
 - *Presbytery (Pg. 10)**
- 8) **Treasurers Report (Pg 13&14)**
- 9) **Proposed Budget for 2017 (Pg. 13)**
- 10) **Proposed council or nominations for council for 2018**
- 11) **New Business**
- 12) **Benediction**
- 13) **Adjournment**

Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting Minutes Sunday January 22, 2017

In attendance were Margaret Porter, Colleen Norton, David Rasmussen, Ann Pedersen, Len Pedersen, Janis McMorrان, Phyllis Olson, Helen Marshall, Jean Johnson, Helen Kendall, Kathleen Manness, Ellen Saltiss, Michele Ammeter, Linda Virag, Lesley Harrison and Melanie Mosset. Diane Trudeau and Sharon Masse send their regrets but are unable to attend the meeting.

Nominations for Chairperson for this meeting. Michele Ammeter nominated Margaret Porter as chair seconded by Ellen Saltiss.

Carried

Nominations for recording Secretary for this meeting. Michele Ammeter nominated Melanie Mosset as recording secretary seconded by Margaret Porter.

Carried

The meeting was called to order at 12:40

Lesley Harrison began the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2016 were reviewed independently.

- 1) On page 3 it should read January 16, 2016 not 2015

A motion to accept the minutes as circulated and amended was made by Melanie Mosset seconded by Michele Ammeter

Carried

Annual Reports

The annual reports were made available on Sunday January 15, 2017 for everyone to review them. The reports were not read at the meeting but everyone was given an opportunity to ask questions and remark on them.

- 1) On page 13 under the Grant heading it should read \$10,000 not \$10,00
- 2) The chair would like to add a Thank you to Colleen Norton and Diane Trudeau for their work on the JNAC committee.

A motion to accept the reports as circulated and amended was made by Michele ammeter seconded by Colleen Norton.

Carried

Treasurers Report

Colleen noted that we've added St. Matthews Maryland mission to our yearly donations.

A motion to accept the treasurers report as printed was made by Colleen Norton, seconded by Ann Pedersen.

Carried

Proposed Budget 2017

A motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2017 as printed made by Colleen Norton, seconded Ann Pedersen.

Carried

Proposed council 2017

Executive

Past Chair	-Len Pedersen
Chair	-Margaret Porter
Secretary	-Melanie Mosset
Treasurer	-Colleen Norton

Committees

Projects	-Janis McMorrان/Lil Nielsen
Projects Financial	-Ann Pedersen
M&P	-Michele Ammeter and Ellen Saltiss
Presbytery	-Diane Trudeau
Worship	-Linda Virag and Helen Marshall
Property	-Len Pedersen
Pastoral Care	-Sharon Masse

Trustees

Inga Livingston
Michele Ammeter
Shirley Weidman

New Business

- 1) Search committee- We were asked if as a congregation we want to change our posting to full time. A discussion was held about if we feel we can afford it. The general consensus is that we are not in a position to take money out of our insurance money.
 - Our congregation enjoys having different ministry. We do not feel this is a concern.

- Colleen mentioned that when they did the JNAC that even though we decided on ¾ time it didn't mean we could really afford even that.
- The Lutheran Church needs to do some renovations and we may need to put money towards it.
- Donations have declined \$4000/year since 2014
- The email we received suggested that Sanford should dip into the Manse fund but is that even possible.
- We need to respect the decision that the JNAC came up with. It was a difficult decision to make and their recommendation was ¾ time.
- Just to highlight the difference in our Meridian Allocation: in 2014 was \$2050 it is \$700 for proposed budget for 2017.
- If we chose a full time minister our congregation would need to contribute \$32,000/year compared to \$25,600 in 2014.

Michele Ammeter moves that we stay with the original JNAC proposal for ¾ time position and re-advertise for those requirements seconded by Ann Pedersen

Carried unanimously

2) The financial audit. Colleen approached Jane Remple to audit our books.

Colleen Norton moves that Jane Remple reviews our finances so that they comply with general financing requirements for 2015/2016 years seconded by Len Pedersen

Carried

3) Cleaning list- we only have 4 dates that we need to clean the Lutheran Church. Linda has a sign-up sheet.

4) We gave the Lutheran Church a communion set that we had stored after the fire. We still have the set from Fern Dale Church. We will put a little notice in the conference newsletter to see if another congregation can use it. We all agree that this is acceptable.

5) Easter is on April 16, Shrove Tues is Feb. 28th.

Linda Virag moves that we donate the proceeds from Shrove Tuesday to St. Matthews Maryland Mission, seconded by Colleen Norton.

Carried

6) In spring we should have a cleanup day at the property to clean up the area closer to the river. There is some deadfall that needs to be looked at.

7) We will be having another meeting with our council and the Lutheran Council soon.

Ann Pedersen made a motion to adjourn at 1:26

Starbuck Chair Report 2017

Our church continues to struggle with attendance and a diminishing congregation. However we have been blessed with extremely high quality clergy who have brought their varied approaches and points of view which from which we have benefited greatly.

In addition to having our Lutheran brothers and sisters join us for one service each month we have lately enjoyed joining them for one of their services also. This has been a positive experience, I hope, for both congregations. It has taught us that our differences are less important than our similarities. I hope that this relationship continues to flourish now that they have a new Pastor.

The joint choir continues to thrive and the recent Cantata was a perfect demonstration of this.

Also successful this year were the Pancake supper and the Horticultural evening. Profound thanks to all involved in making these occasions so enjoyable.

Although our family is not large it continues to be a source of strength to all it's members and it's importance cannot be overstated. Thanks are due to all council members and other volunteers for their time and efforts in enabling us to go forward.

Submitted by
Margaret Porter
Chair

Starbuck United Church Property Committee 2017 Annual Report December 29, 2017

With help from Margaret Porter, we cleaned up branches and tree trunk at back of church lot. Also hauled two tanks of water for the spruce tree.

Jack Crompton cut the grass over the summer.

There has been discussion about some sort of structure or pergola behind benches. I have not followed up on that.

Respectfully submitted
Len Pedersen

Worship Report

Members of the Worship Committee:

Linda Virag and Helen Marshall,

Advising minister – Leith Saunders, organist – Patsy Andrews-Vert and Melanie Mosset, choir director – Margaret Porter

Duties of the Worship Committee:

- attend local council meetings and when chair of Meridian Worship, attend Meridian Board meetings and prepare a report for each of these.
- organize special church services and prepare these with the assistance of the minister
- prepare sanctuary for worship
- organize a list of scripture readers and greeters for each Sunday
- When Meridian chair of Worship, prepare an annual report.

The Meridian Worship Committee met on Sept. 7, 2017 at Sanford United Church, to prepare and plan for all special services and events for the coming church year. Linda Virag attended this meeting. There were no worship meetings at the local level and church was closed for the months of July and August.

Special Services and Events during 2017

There were no funeral services at our Starbuck United Church this past year.

Communion was held six times throughout the year.

From Jan. – June, we had joint church services on the third week of each month with the Lutheran Congregation, except for the month of April/Easter. These services were at 10 a.m.

Jan. 8th – Epiphany – communion

Mar. 5th – communion and liturgy of ashes, with Lenten readings and symbols throughout the season of Lent

Apr. 13th – We joined with the Lutheran congregation for their Maundy Thursday supper and service.

Apr. 14th – Avonlea hosted a Good Friday service.

Apr. 16th – Easter - We celebrated Easter and communion.

June 4th – Pentecost – communion

Sept. 10th – Church services resumed at Trinity Lutheran Church.

In Sept., the Lutheran congregation invited us to join their church service every second Sunday of the Month. We also continued with the Lutherans joining our church service on the third Sunday of the month. All these services were at 10 a.m.

Oct. 1st – Worldwide communion

Nov. 26th – White Gift service with gifts going to St. Matthews-Maryland Ministry.

Dec. 3rd – Our first Sunday of Advent – communion, and Advent candle lighting and readings for the season of Advent

Dec. 10th – We had a joint service with the Trinity Lutheran Church, as we joined with them, in decorating their Christmas tree - "Hanging of the Greens".

Dec. 17th – We again had a joint service, as the Lutheran Choir and our choir joined together to perform a Cantata, followed by coffee and dainties.

Dec. 24th – The Trinity Lutheran Church invited us to join them for their Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

Dec. 28th – There was no church service.

We continue to have a variety of ministers each Sunday, through pulpit supply and enjoyed the opportunity to worship with the Lutheran congregation on many occasions.

A big thanks to all those who help each Sunday with scripture reading and greeting, helping with communion, singing in our choir, and helping to prepare coffee and goodies.
 A special thanks to Patsy Andrews-Vert and Margaret Porter, who organize our list of hymns for each Sunday and play and record them, into our keyboard. Also, a big thank you to Melanie Mossett who operates the keyboard's recorded hymns.
 All the help and contributions to each Sunday's service are very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by:
 Linda Virag

Annual Projects Report 2017

February 28 - "Shrove Tuesday" Pancake Supper
 May 29 - Horticultural Evening
 October 22 - Breakfast at the Rink
 November/December - Organization, collection and delivery of Christmas Hampers. (Starbuck United Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Starbuck Catholic Parish, Springstein Mennonite Church and the Communities of the area supported the Christmas Hamper Project.)

Respectfully submitted by Janis McMorran

Starbuck United Church Projects Annual Report

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Ann Pedersen - Projects Treasurer

REVENUE

Lunches/Senior's supper	0.00
Pancake Supper Income	531.30
Interest	15.63
Horticultural Evening Income	90.00
	0.00

TOTAL REVENUE 636.93

EXPENSES

World Vision	468.00
Transfers: Mission & Service	51.50
Transfers: General Fund	0.00

Pastoral Care	121.35
Pancake Supper	106.27
Lunches (Senior's Supper)	0.00
Service Charges	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	747.12
NET INCOME	-110.19

ASSETS - Dec, 31, 2017

Projects Chequing		4890.66
Projects GICs		2949.62
Projects Term		7496.93
Shares	5.00	
Surplus Shares	1.05	
TOTAL ASSETS		15337.21

Pastoral Care Report for 2017

In 2017 - 1 Sympathy card was sent and 4 Get Well fruit/gift baskets sent or delivered. 1 Get Well card; 1 Thinking of You.

I continue to rely on the members of the congregation to let me know when there is a need. I can be reached at 204-735-2809 or sgmasse@gmail.com. I'd rather hear half a dozen times than miss someone.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Masse

SUC Ministry & Personnel Report 2017

Michele Ammeter and Ellen Saltiss were the reps for Starbuck United Church. Janice Harrison was the chair for Meridian Pastoral Charge Ministry & Personnel.

Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC) has been responsible for the task of arranging pulpit supply in 2017.

Each congregation has been filling in the pulpit supply schedule for 3 months sections with Sept-Nov done by Sanford, Dec - Feb by Avonlea and the rest of the year by Starbuck. 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.

The weekly bulletins have been done this past year by Melissa Jones, in conjunction with the pulpit supply minister covering 2 services. Music, this season, has been chosen by each congregation.

*Respectfully submitted by;
Michèle Ammeter*

2017 ANNUAL PRESBYTERY REPORT

Meetings

Agassiz Presbytery meetings were held at McGregor, Portage La Prairie (2), Rock Lake Camp, and Gladstone in February, April, May (Conference), September and November respectively.

Conference was held in Portage La Prairie May 25- 28 led by Moderator Jordan Cantwell. This year's theme was " Being the Church not Because we have to."

Remits

Meridian Pastoral Charge(MPC) decided that each church would inform their own congregation about the Remits. At a MPC congregational meeting on April 18, 2017 remits 1-4 were voted upon and passed. Remit 6 will be voted upon at the MPC annual mtg. February 2018.

Remit # 6, One Order of Ministry, was voted upon and defeated by Agassiz Presbytery.

Rock Lake Camp

Fund raising was successful but this year's camp experience was dampened by board frustration over security and staffing issues. A new committee has been appointed looking into the viability of the camp.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation with 1st Nations and Canadians has started and people are being enlightened to the intolerable experiences of the Indigenous people. At the November Agassiz Presbytery meeting in Gladstone experiencing the Kairos Blanket Exercise was very educational as it demonstrated how the rights of the Indigenous people were crushed by Canadian laws and disease leaving them helpless to define their own culture, education, language and family life.

Wider Church

January 1, 2019 is the set date for comprehensive renewal implementation of the new church structure if the 43rd General Council approves Remit 1 (Three Council Model). A Boundaries Commission of 9 people was established to determine the number of regional councils and the boundaries for the next regional system. Presbyteries were asked for input. The commission will issue a final report by March 2018.

Refugee Aid

- for those refugees fleeing the United States and seeking Asylum in Canada at Emerson MB. Congregations, pastoral charges and individuals were asking what practical support they might be able to offer to help refugees.

Welcome Place would accept donations <http://miic.ca> . Help was/is required for transportation,

housing and food.

Avonlea United Church hosted a guest speaker from Welcome Place and Sanford and Starbuck United churches were invited to attend.

Submitted respectfully by

Diane Trudeau
 Presbytery rep. for Meridian Pastoral Charge
January 9th, 2018

Starbuck United Church
 Treasurer's Report - Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2017

Colleen Norton - Treasurer

2017 Actual

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Resident Donors	General	17,204.00
U C of Canada - Legacy Gift (Fettermans)		2,386.30
Total		<u><u>19,590.30</u></u>

**Proposed
 Budget
 2018**

Expenses:

Meridian Charge Allocation (12 x 750)	9,000.00	9,000.00
Taxes	804.09	900.00
Office Supplies	213.19	300.00
Cred. Union Serv. Chgs	24.00	24.00
Music and Organist, etc.	300.00	300.00
Lutheran Church - worship space \$75/use	2,775.00	3,000.00
Lutheran Church - Anniversary Gift	296.53	0.00
Pastoral Care (parking fees)	110.00	200.00
Coffee Maker	31.63	50.00
Insurance (Property Liability & Use of Lutheran space)	790.56	8 0 0

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Donations total	625.00		625.00
Lawn Maintenance	378.00		400.00
Retirement Gift	50.00		0.00
Worship Expenses	0.00		50.00
Transfer to M & S to cover shortfall	941.50		
Total	<u><u>16,339.50</u></u>		<u><u>15,649.00</u></u>

Starbuck United Church

Treasurer's Report - Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2017

Colleen Norton - Treasurer

Mission and Service Fund

Share	\$5.00		
Carryover from 2016		0.00	
Donations		1,007.00	
Transfer from General to meet shortfall		941.50	
Transfer from Projects (10% profits)		51.50	
Total sent to M & S 2017 (per AGM Jan 2017)		<u><u>2,000.00</u></u>	

Memorial Fund:

Share	\$5.00		
Carryover from 2016			116.53
Deposits (Donations)			415.00
Term Deposit	3800.00		
Interest Earned on TD	70.30		
New Term Deposit - 1 year			3870.30
			<u><u>4401.83</u></u>

Term Deposit:

New Term Deposit matured Oct. 2017	200,000.00
Interest Earned	3,700.00
New Term Deposit - matures Oct 14, 2018	203,700.00

Donations:

	2017	P r o p o s e d 2 0 1 8	
Sanford Collegiate Scholarship Fund	100.00		100.00
Meridian Arts Festival	75.00		75.00
Rock Lake Camp (United Church Camp)	75.00		75.00
Pregnancy & Family Support	75.00		75.00
St. Andrews College	75.00		75.00
Canadian Foodgrains	75.00		75.00
Camp Wasaga	75.00		75.00
St. Mathews Maryland Mission	75.00		75.00
Total	<u>625.00</u>		<u>625.00</u>