

# Starbuck United Church Annual Report for 2018



**Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting  
January 20, 2019**

**Agenda**

- 1) Nomination of meeting Chair**
- 2) Call to Order**
- 3) Opening prayer**
- 4) Minutes of annual meeting of 2017 (Pg. 3-6 )**
- 5) Matters arising from minutes**
- 6) Annual reports**
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- 8) Treasurers Report (Pg.13-15)**
- 9) Proposed Budget for 2019 (Pg. 13)**
- 10) MPC Search Committee Report (Pg. 14)**
- 11) Proposed council or nominations for council for 2019**
- 12) New Business**
- 13) Benediction**
- 14) Adjournment**

## **Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting Minutes Sunday January 28, 2018**

In attendance were Helen Marshall, Ellen Saltiss, Margaret Porter, Michele Ammeter, Leith Saunders, Ann Pedersen, Len Pedersen, Diane Trudeau, Linda Virag, Colleen Norton, Phyllis Olson and Melanie Mosset,

**Nominations for Chairperson** for this meeting. Michele Ammeter nominated Margaret Porter as chair seconded by Colleen Norton.

**Carried**

**Nominations for recording Secretary** for this meeting. Linda Virag nominated Melanie Mosset as recording secretary seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

The meeting was called to order at 1:11

Leith Saunders began the meeting with a prayer.

### **Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting**

The minutes from the 2017 meeting were circulated before the meeting.

- 1) Colleen Norton corrected the minutes on page 5 it says that the Meridian Allocation was \$700 but it should read \$750.

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

**Carried**

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

-At the last annual meeting it was passed to keep the vacancy at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time but that was changed at a pastoral charge congregational meeting to a full time vacancy since then. We are not required to pay more than we had initially allotted. Avonlea is paying the difference.

-Jane Rempel has not gotten the books yet from Colleen but she will still review them.

### **Annual Reports**

The annual reports were made available on Sunday January 21, 2018 for everyone to review them. The reports were not read at this AGM meeting but everyone was given an opportunity to ask questions and remark on them.

- 1) Worship report – an inaccuracy for December 24<sup>th</sup> – It should read we invited the Lutherans to join us in our service.

**A motion** to accept the reports, excluding the treasurers report, as circulated and amended was made by Diane Trudeau seconded by Ann Pedersen

**Carried**

### **Treasurers Report**

The report should read \$75 per Sunday Service not per use excluding the Lutheran Church joint service.

**A motion** to accept the treasurers report as amended was made by Colleen Norton, seconded by Ellen Saltiss.

**Carried**

### **Proposed Budget 2018**

**A motion** to adopt the proposed budget for 2018 as printed was made by Colleen Norton, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

**At the last council meeting** we discussed changing council to 8 positions including chair, secretary, treasurer, trustee, M&P, Worship, pastoral care and Projects.

**Michele Ammeter made a** motion to amend the council structure to include 8 positions including, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, M&P, Pastoral Care, Worship and Projects seconded by Helen Marshall.

**Carried**

### **Proposed council 2018**

#### **Executive**

Chair	-Margaret Porter
Secretary	-Melanie Mosset
Treasurer	-Ann Pedersen until June

#### **Committees**

Projects	-Janis McMorran
M&P	-Ellen Saltiss
Worship	-Colleen Norton
Pastoral Care	-Sharon Masse
Trustee	-Michele Ammeter

#### **Trustees**

Inga Livingston  
Michele Ammeter  
Shirley Weidman

A motion to accept all the Council as acclaimed was made by Ann Pedersen, seconded Ellen Saltiss.

**Carried**

**New Business**

- 1) Colleen and Ann opened a discussion up about the M&S account and the fact that each year we designate to give \$2000 to M&S. To simplify bookkeeping Colleen and Ann proposed that we give M&S a cheque for \$2000 near the beginning of the year, if necessary, so we do not have to keep a separate account. They will record the donations each week so if it exceeds \$2000 they will send the extra. This will simplify the accounting process.

**Ann Pedersen proposed that** after checking into all the details we will close the M&S account and use one general bank account but maintain separate accounting for M&S accounting donations, seconded by Colleen Norton.

**Carried**

- 2) **Michele Ammeter moves that we maintain** our M&S donation at \$2000 Colleen Norton Seconded.

**Carried**

3) **A motion to reopen the proposed** 2018 budget was made by Ann Pedersen, seconded by Ellen Saltiss.

**Carried**

- 4) **A motion to add a new line** to the 2018 budget called M&S allocation for \$2000 which changes the budget to 17,649 was made by Ann Pedersen, Seconded by Michele Ammeter

**Carried**

5) A discussion was held about whether we should change our donation amounts. **A motion to change** our donations to

Sanford Collegiate Scholarship fund	\$100
Meridian Arts Festival	\$75
Rock Lake Camp	\$100
Pregnancy and family support	\$100
St. Andrews College	\$100
Canadian Foodgrains	\$100
Camp Wasaga	\$100
St Matthews Maryland Mission	\$125

For a total of \$800 was made by Colleen Norton, Seconded by Phyllis Olson.

**Carried**

**A motion to amend the proposed budget** donations for 2018 to a total of \$800 which changed the final proposed budget to 17,824.00 was made by Ann Pedersen, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

6) A discussion was held about rolling the projects account into the general account. We do not need a separate account since we have reduced overall amount of activities on the projects

account and therefore the amount of work involved, and it would now be easier to have them in one account.

**A motion to amend the budget** by adding a line in the 2018 budget titled World vision for \$480 was made by Ann Pedersen bringing the final total for the proposed budget to \$18,324 seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

7) **A motion to accept the amended 2018 budget** for \$18,324 for the general fund was made by Ann Pedersen, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

8) **A motion to close** the projects account and roll over all funds into the existing general operating account was made by Ann Pedersen, seconded by Linda Virag.

**Carried**

9) Since the Lutheran church has a minister they will no longer joining us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month but Margaret is hoping that we will continue to join them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Colleen Norton made a motion to join** the Lutheran Church for one service a month, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

10) **Collen moved that** we ask Jane Rempel to review our financial books seconded by Diane Trudeau.

**Carried**

11) The final conference annual meeting will be this year. They have extended an invitation to congregations to worship at the U of M Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>. It is the last chance to celebrate our history the way it stands now. We will not have a service on the 27<sup>th</sup> at our church so we can worship with the conference.

11) Margaret encouraged everyone to go to the Meridian AGM because of the remit vote as well as other important information that will be discussed. Diane has copies of the remit for us to read and review.

Leith was called upon for a benediction.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Virag at 2:59.**

## **Minister's Report 2018** as submitted by Rev. James debeer

'See, I am making all things new.' Rev. 21:5

It seems not so long ago we were meeting each other for the first time at Eastertime and now as I write this report we have just celebrated Christmas, the mystery of the incarnation of Immanuel, God-with-us. Two celebrations which are foundational for God's revelation in Christ and our formation and call to mission as a Church.

I began my time with you experiencing a lot of new things: new communities, new worship style, new Church structures and it has been such a blessing and heartwarming to feel so at home in the United Church and in Meridian Pastoral Charge. I thank you for your welcome, your patience with me and your warmth. Our celebration Christmas Eve, for me, was a blessing to be able to celebrate with our Lutheran sisters and brothers.

We've had so many celebrations in the short time since I began in April: the Conference of Manitoba and NW Ontario gathering, the joint service at Union Point, the Meridian Interchurch baseball tournament, the Meridian Inter Church Advent service, and the Starbuck Senior's Auxiliary supper.

In the Summer and Fall I was able to complete all but one of my courses required for the Admission to the Order of Ministry and hope to complete my last one this spring.

I've had opportunities to visit many of our parishioners at home or in hospital and provide pastoral care. I've also been meeting regularly with my fellow ministers from other churches in our Meridian area and attending our Agassiz presbytery gatherings.

January 1, 2019 marks a new beginning for the organization and structure of the United Church of Canada. The Agassiz presbytery has been disbanded and the Conference reorganized into a new geographical area of Western Canada. I trust that as we move forward together with these new structures to empower our mission to live and proclaim the Gospel, we will have the strength to navigate these changes striving to embody the living presence of Christ in our communities and world today.

## **Chair Report** as submitted by Margaret Porter

This has been a year with a lot to look back on with gratitude.

We are first and foremost grateful for the appointment of James deBeer as our minister. How wonderful to have the stability, leadership and great personality that he brings.

His arrival was preceded by the appointment of Pastor Debra Johnston as the new pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church and so the community of Starbuck has gone from no clergy to two – A welcome development indeed.

Our church year has included our usual activities such as the pancake supper and the horticultural night. Thanks and congratulations are due to the people who make these events a success. Also thanks are due to the folks who are not regular church goers but are ready to step up when asked and do so willingly.

Special thanks to the members who continue to serve on the council to keep things going.

Our great sadness this year was the loss of Shirley Weidman who will be missed greatly by all.

We have enjoyed another year of fellowship and worship and must also thank our

Lutheran friends for their continued hospitality and friendship. We enjoy the things we do together, particularly the joint choir and have certainly benefited from our association.

We have every reason to look forward to the coming year with much enthusiasm.

### **Starbuck Worship Report 2018** as submitted by Colleen Norton

Annual Meridian Worship meeting held August 28, 2018 at Avonlea

Starbuck joined the Lutherans service the second Sunday of every month.

Starbuck was closed for July and August and started in the fall with the first service on September 15/18.

Communion

Oct 7/18	World Wide Communion
Dec 2/18	Advent
Jan 6/19	Epiphany
March 10/19	Lent (Lutheran service)
June 9/19	Pentecost (Lutheran service)

Covenanting service for Rev James was held on Sept 16/18 at Domain 7:00

Starbuck had one funeral this year, sadly we lost one of our trustees Shirley Weidman.

Starbuck joined the Lutherans for the Cantata on December 16/18.

Starbuck also attended the Lutheran Christmas Eve Service with Rev James assisting.

This has been a year of changes for Starbuck and we will continue and grow together in 2019.

Next meeting is August 27/19 at Sanford 7:30

### **Annual Projects Report 2018** as submitted by Janis McMorran

February 13 - "Shrove Tuesday" Pancake Supper.

May 14 - Horticultural Evening

October 19 - Starbuck United Church catered to the luncheon following the Shirley Weidman "Memorial Service".

December 2 - "Breakfast at the Rink"

December 17 - Collection and Preparation of the 2018 Christmas Hampers. (Starbuck United Church in conjunction with Starbuck Catholic Parish, Trinity Lutheran Church, Springstein Mennonite Church and local communities.)

### **Pastoral Care Report** as submitted by Sharon Masse

January 4, 2019

For the year 2018 - 3 Sympathy cards were sent and 5 Get Well fruit/gift baskets sent or delivered, 1 Get Well card, 2 - 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday flowers, 1 - 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Card and 1 Sympathy plant.

Thank You to the members of council and the congregation who call to let me know when there is a need. I can be reached at 204735 2809 or [sgmasse@gmail.com](mailto:sgmasse@gmail.com). I'd rather hear half a dozen times than miss someone.



## **SUC Ministry & Personnel Report 2018**

Michèle Ammeter and Ellen Saltiss were the reps for Starbuck United Church. Michèle Ammeter was the chair for Meridian Pastoral Charge Ministry & Personnel (M & P).

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, Reverend James deBeer was welcomed to the Meridian Pastoral Charge. M & P has been responsible for the task of coordinating pulpit supply in 2018.

Each congregation has been filling in the pulpit supply schedule for 3 months sections for the entire charge. The schedule is posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board and distributed, to those who have, by email. With a change in the requirements for retired ministry by the United Church of Canada, and some of our pulpit supply returning to full time ministry, the pulpit supply list has been reduced, but this year so did our need.

The weekly bulletins have been done this past year by Tom Manness, in conjunction with Rev James. Music, this season, has been chosen by each congregation.

*Respectfully submitted by;*  
*Michèle Ammeter*

## **2018 PRESBYTERY ANNUAL REPORT**

2018 was the final year for Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. There were 4 meetings throughout the year – Altona, Rock Lake Camp, U of M and Portage La Prairie.

Agassiz Presbytery worked diligently to complete all requirements to fit into the new structure of the United Church of Canada. Information had to be sent to archives and finances redistributed. Starting 2019 the United Church will be divided into regions and we will be part of Region 5. All presbytery reps are now regional reps which will meet annually with the first one in Brandon in June.

A final United Church service was held at the U of M May 26<sup>th</sup>.

There were many questions brought up at our meetings regarding the new format of the church and no one really had the answers. It seems the information will be distributed as the new church grows. Newsletters are sent to regional reps.

Rock Lake Camp will continue but its success will depend upon grants, donations and lots of hard work by committee members.

The Oversight committee helped some congregations (Swan Lake and St. Andrews in Elm Creek) close their churches however Miami United Church is going strong with a new church as well as Altona United Church where the April meeting was hosted.

James deBeer became a United Church minister with Meridian Pastoral Charge and the covenanting service was held September 16<sup>th</sup> at Avonlea United Church.

Submitted by  
Diane Trudeau

## SUC Trustees

Starbuck United Church Trustees  
Inga Livingston  
Shirley Weidman  
Michele Ammeter  
and Reverend James de Beer

The SUC Trustees did not meet in 2018. With the Passing of Shirley an additional Trustee may be chosen at the Annual Meeting, should the congregation wish too. The congregation is responsible for deciding on the number of its trustees. There must be a minimum of three (and a maximum of 15), including the person who is automatically a trustee (such as the member of the order of ministry who has been called. (G3.3.3 in the Manual).

*Respectfully submitted by;*  
*Michèle Ammeter*

### Starbuck United Church

Treasurer's Report - Jan 1 – December 31, 2018

**Len/Ann Pedersen – Treasurer**

**2018  
Actual**

**Income:**

Donors (General & M&S)	19,734.00
U C of Canada - Legacy Gift (Fettermans)	2,687.63
Funeral donation	500.00

Pancake Supper (random donation)	14.00
Horticultural Night	66.05
Transfer from M&S (shortfall for 2017)	1,058.50
Transfer from M&S – acct closed	120.00
Transfer from Projects – acct closed	15,324.82
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>39,505.00</u></b>

		<b>Proposed Budget 2019</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Meridian Charge Allocation (10 x 750) + (7 x 1150)	19,350.00	20,000.00
Taxes	772.17	900.00
Office Supplies (annual report)	101.35	300.00
Church Envelopes	113.88	0.00
Cred. Union Serv. Chgs	18.00	0.00
Music and Organist, etc. (not yet paid)	0.00	300.00
Lutheran Church - worship space (to June) \$75/use	2,025.00	3,000.00
Pastoral Care	327.76	400.00
Insurance (Property Liability & Use of Lutheran space)	790.56	
Meridian Inter-church Council Fees	50.00	50.00
Donations total	1,291.28	1,300.00
Lawn Maintenance	189.00	250.00
Pancake Supper	72.38	100.00
Worship Expenses	88.45	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>25,189.83</u></b>	<b><u>27,500.00</u></b>

**NOTE:** Pancake Supper proceeds were deposited to Projects prior to account close and transfer to General.

**General Fund**

Carryover from January 1, 2018	12,427.27	
Deposits	39,505.00	
Withdrawals		25,189.83
Final Balance		<u><u>26,724.44</u></u>

**NOTE:**

Outstanding  
Cheques:

1,224.53

**Mission and  
Service Fund**

Share	5.00	
Donations	115.00	
Transfer to General – acct closed Sept 28, 2018	- 120.00	
		<u><u>0.00</u></u>

**Term Deposit:**

Principal	203,700.00
Interest Earned	3,870.30
New Term Deposit - matured Oct 14, 2018	<u><u>207,570.30</u></u>
<i>Reinvested to Mature Oct 16, 2019</i>	

**Memorial Fund:**

Carryover from 2017		531.53
Deposits (Donations)		40.00
Term Deposit	3870.30	
Interest Earned on TD	73.54	
New Term Deposit - 1 year		<u><u>3943.84</u></u>

	<u><u>4515.37</u></u>
<b>Donations:</b>	
(Paid 2017 – cash 2018)	75.00
Camp Wasaga Sanford Collegiate Scholarship Fund	100.00
Meridian Arts Festival	75.00
Rock Lake Camp (United Church Camp)	100.00
Pregnancy & Family Support	100.00
St. Andrews College	100.00
Canadian Foodgrains	100.00
Camp Wasaga (2018)	100.00
St. Mathews Maryland Mission (1 Just City)	125.00
4-H (Pancake Supper proceeds)	338.28
World Vision	78.00
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>1291.28</u></u>

## **Meridian Pastoral Charge Ministry Search Committee**

as submitted by Michèle Ammeter

The Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC) Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) report was completed in May 2016. Once the JNAC was completed the MPC started a Ministry Search Committee. The committee consists of 2 members from each charge and presbytery representation. Avonlea members are Angie Cormier and Connie Arran, Sanford members are Ken Boyd and Jamie Scharf and the Starbuck members are Margaret Porter and Michèle Ammeter.

At the MPC 2018 Annual meeting it was decided that the JNAC would be revised and the position would be advertised as a full time position.

Reverend James DeBeer was called to the Meridian Pastoral Charge, starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and the Search committee was then disbanded.

*Respectfully submitted by;*  
*Michèle Ammeter*