

**Starbuck United Church Council meeting minutes
Tuesday April 2, 2019 7:00p.m.**

In attendance Diane Trudeau, Margaret Porter, Colleen Norton, Janis McMorran, Ellen Saltiss, Ann Pedersen, Len Pedersen, Rev. James deBeer, Michele Ammeter, Sharon Masse and Melanie Mosset.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Rev. James offered a prayer to begin our meeting.

Melanie Mosset moves that the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted as read, seconded by Michele Ammeter

Carried

Matters arising from the previous minutes.

- 1) Kristine was misspelled Christine in new business.
- 2) The signs have been collected and we are waiting for the ground to thaw.
- 3) The cross has been taken apart and Len recycled what could be recycled.

Ministers Report

Rev James is hoping to “change status“ and be admitted to the Order of Ministry Of the United Church of Canada at the Inaugural meeting of the Prairie to Pine Region in Brandon in mid-June, 2019

Holy week we will be having Maundy Thursday with the Lutherans

Chair Report as submitted by Margaret Porter

Another successful Pancake supper was held this year. Many thanks to those who volunteered and contributed to the evening. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our neighbours and raise money for a very good cause.

The Chair of the Lutheran Board contacted me to inform me that the rear door of the Church was apparently left unlocked at one point. While we were not necessarily responsible for this it is suggested that this be on our minds after every Church service.

Everyone is glad to see spring arrive after a long and cold winter and it encourages us to have optimism in our future.

Projects Report as submitted by Janis McMorran

Breakfast at the rink

On March 3, 2019 following morning church service man of the congregation enjoyed a pancake breakfast at the Starbuck Arena.

Warm winter clothing

During the month of February donations of Warm Winter Clothing were collected at the front entrance of the church. Many donations were received and have been delivered within Winnipeg to West Broadway Community Ministry, St. Mary's Road United Church and Siloam Mission. All were gratefully received.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

The annual United Church Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was held on March 5, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church, with approximately 80-85 served. Advertising for the event was in The Starbuck Scoop, posted on community bulletin boards and in the local church bulletins. Local purchases were from Archies Meats and Dawn til Dusk. Sobeys on Kenaston generously donated the remainder of supplies. Set-up, event work and clean-up involved 11 volunteers. Silver collection amounted to \$527.25.

Expenses were \$92.00(sausages, fruit and milk)

Proceeds from the 2019 supper were slated for The Mood Disorder of Manitoba(see financial report)

Thank you letters were delivered to both Sobeys and Archies Meats for their generous donations. Thanks was also extended to Trinity Lutheran Church and the evening Volunteers.

Worship- a couple items will be discussed under new business

M&P as submitted by Michele Ammeter

When working through whether Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC) will be able to call Rev James or if we will have another 1 year appointment, MPC has managed to fall into a crevice as a result of number of special circumstances this year. None of these are insurmountable, but they are complicated and may require some patience and preparation on our part for unknown dates.

1. Rev James is hoping to "change status" and be admitted to the Order of Ministry Of the United Church of Canada at the Inaugural meeting of the Prairie to Pine Region in Brandon in mid-June, 2019. Therefore, his continued relationship with MPC could be a "Call" to an ordained Minister in UCC rather than an appointment to a Minister of another denomination, as it currently is. So there are some additional things and different timelines that are relevant (more later).
2. We know that Rev James has his interview or acceptance by the National Office of Vocations (OV) April 1 (?). However we don't know when the OV Committee will make a decision, or will pass that to the Region is unknown. Judy Hare has asked general Council Staff to clarify: when James is actually eligible to have a final conversation about a future pastoral relationship; when the Regional Pastoral Relations Commission (PRC) can assist the relevant charge to engage in an interview process; and also process relevant forms. She has not received a reply in some weeks or hasn't communicated that with me yet if she has.
3. The fact that we have had the conversation about continuing is what was needed by March 31. The PRC can work with us now that that has happened.
4. While it sounds like all is good there are considerable number of unknowns; a fair

amount of work that must be done for unknown deadlines, and to be submitted in unknown formats. These include:

- a. Meridian Charge can update our Ministry Profile;
 - b. We will now need to have some conversation with Rev James as to whether there are changes to the position description that we or he would like to make;
 - c. We must get the Financial Viability done because it will need to be submitted to PRC either through the Church Hub or on paper;
 - d. The Regional Pastoral Relations Commission will appoint someone to work with us on this when it meets the second Tuesday of April, 2019;
 - e. It is possible that in the relatively soon (and in the middle of ongoing work) we will need to have our Church Hub Profile prepared.
5. Since the effective date of what comes next will be July 01, 2019. The latest opportunity for processing for either call or appointment is at the Regional PRC meeting the second Tuesday of June, 2019, with forms due the Friday. (The date before that is the 1st Tuesday of May should information be available and the timing of when Rev James can legitimately apply for positions).
6. This means having a duly called meeting of the Meridian Pastoral Charge Congregation before that at which our appointed liaison from the PRC must be present. We will need a motion from the meeting which includes terms of the call (which may not be available until OV is completed their work).
7. It may be that all of the stuff we prepare will be processed through Church Hub depending on the timing of the HUB becoming functional, but the timelines will remain the same for final approval by PRC. This will affect how we submit information.
8. Judy seems to have no doubt we can make these timelines work given that there were about three months when we started and Meridian and Rev James have made their intentions clear. However this also depends on the OV Committee. The big take away is that, provided there are not any major hiccups, we are working towards a call not appointment hopefully!

Who will be doing above listed tasks:

- 4) a) Ministry Profile Update – Michèle & James, with some congregational input,
- 4) b) Position Description changes – Michèle & James with follow-up at the MPC board if needed,
- 4) c) Financial Viability – Cliff & Michèle,
- 4) d) Regional Council Appointment – PRC on April 9, 2019,
- 4) e) Church Hub Information - Chairperson of the Meridian Pastoral Board and the Chairperson of the M & P Committee (from minutes of Annual meeting).

Pastoral Care as submitted by Sharon Masse

Since the new year there have been 3 sympathy cards, 2 get well baskets and 2 90th birthday cards sent out.

A motion to accept the reports as presented was made Colleen Norton, Seconded by Ellen Saltiss.

Carried

**Starbuck United Church
Treasurer's Report
April 2, 2019**

General Fund Balances

Chequing	\$ 23,632.95
Shares	5.00
Surplus Shares	82.96
Term Deposit	\$207,570.30

Memorial Fund Balances

Chequing	\$ 214.00
Shares	5.00
Surplus Shares	0.09
Term Deposit	\$ 3,943.84

Len and Ann Pedersen - treasurer

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

Carried

Correspondence –

- 1) We received an email from region 5. We've been asked to send in our yearly report for each church. We will ask Cliff to send in all 4, the 3 charges and Meridian.
- 2) Goldeyes are having a faith night on June 7 at 7:00p.m. \$15 on deck \$10 grand slam. Rev. James will be putting it in the bulletin.

New Business

- 1) We currently pay a \$75 per Sunday set amount for the use of space at Trinity Lutheran. We chose this amount a while ago. We feel we should update it.
A motion to increase our per service rent to Trinity Lutheran Church to \$100 effective April 1, 2019 made by Ann Pedersen, seconded by Sharon Masse.

Carried

- 2) Horticultural evening – Monday May 13
- 3) April 27 is the Never Alone pancake breakfast. It will be held at the hall. If anyone would like to help volunteer to help prepare or clean up it would be appreciated.
- 4) We have been asked to fill out a congregation update – Some things Michele feels we should update are how many people are on the governing body. How many people attend a meeting. How many people are a part of the congregation as well as breakdown. What are the congregational givings. We discussed and updated these areas.
- 5) June church services will be Union point on June 23 with a baseball tournament in

Brunkild after that. Our last service will be June 16th. Our services will be 2, 9(joint) 16th.
Sept. 8 will be our first service back and it will be a joint service.

- 6) The cantata this year will be done during the United Church service at 11:30. It will be December 15th.
- 7) Hanging of the greens will be December 1st.
- 8) Flower pot for the church property. Diane has asked if a larger pot can be purchased so that it does not/can not be removed from the property.
- 9) Website – Kristine will give the bill to our church so that we can give her a receipt.

A motion to adjourn at 8:39 was made by Michele Ammeter.