

**Starbuck United Church Council meeting minutes**  
**Tuesday Sept. 17, 2019 7:00p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

Rev. James offered a prayer to begin our meeting.

**Melanie Mosset moves that** the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted as independently reviewed , seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

**Matters arising from the previous minutes.**

**Ministers Report**

Minister's Report, September 17, 2019

I am very pleased to report that I was fully admitted into the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada on Sunday June 16, 2019 at the Prairie to Pine Region inaugural gathering in Brandon. It was very much an honour to be received so lovingly and enthusiastically. In deepest gratitude, I thank the faith communities of Starbuck United for their love and support during that phase of my journey and as we move forward together in faith.

I am also profoundly grateful for my call and your acceptance of me to serve you in ministry. I will endeavor to do my best to serve you, the United Church and the world to share the life and teachings of Jesus.

Since our last meeting, we celebrated the mysteries of the Resurrection of Christ on Good Friday and Easter. There was two baptisms in Avonlea April 28 and two in Sanford on May 5.

On May 31 I met with Elizabeth Brown of Trinity United to talk about the Fresh Start program available for congregations with new ministers. We thought that two of the modules might be a good fit right now:

1. Church Size and Its Implications: *Remembering the basics of Church Size Theory during a time of transition can help us see our situation anew.*

7. Entering a New System: *The purpose for this module is to help participants understand that congregations are living systems and that the way new people enter the system can have a substantial impact on their ministry. This module provides some tools for new leaders and their congregations to get to know each other, and learn about the congregation's history, culture and expectations.*

I will be in contact Rev. Elizabeth about time/dates.

This fall (probably November) I would like to have another study series available for those who wish to participate. I was thinking a good resource to use was a book I received at my admission called "The Theology of the United Church of Canada" a first-of-its-kind publication putting all the theology of the UCC in one book.

I'm looking forward to working collaboratively with Pastor Debra of Trinity Lutheran to

participate in joint worship services such as Christmas Eve and Maundy Thurs.  
At the Regional meeting, I was also asked to let my name stand to be on the Executive Council which I did and so beginning this September I will be a part of that Council  
As always, I am open to feedback about ministry as well as anyone who would like Pastoral Care.  
Rev. James deBeer

**Chair Report** as submitted by Margaret Porter

As there have been no church services since June there is little to report. The first service of September was a joint service with the Lutherans and our first service took place on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a baptism on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, the daughter of Jerrilyn and Larry Dutchak, grand daughter of Mervin and Joanne Schrof.

A sign has been added to the church site which has a link to the history of the church on the Manitoba Historical Society website.

**Projects Report** -No report

**Worship- as submitted by Colleen Norton**

Meridian worship annual meeting held on August 27/19 at Sanford United Church

Scripture readings will continue with Year C

Church year A begins December 1/19 with Advent

Communion dates                      October 6, 2019- World Wide Communion

December 1,2019-Advent 1

January 5,2020 –Epiphany

March 1, 2020 –first Sunday in Lent

April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday

May 31, 2020 – Pentecost

For the following special Sunday services each church will pick their own dates:

Recovenanting Service

Hanging of the Greens

White gift Sunday

Christmas Eve service, Rev. James will be available to assist Pastor Debra and will discuss that with her.

Things for each point to discuss:

Easter services:

Will Starbuck join with Trinity Lutheran for Maundy Thursday? Yes  
Hanging of the Greens – Dec. 1  
Passing of the peace at the end of service - No  
Fall book study and Lenten book study.

Next meridian Worship meeting Tuesday September 1, 2020 Starbuck 7:30 and Starbuck will be chair.

**M&P** Michele Ammeter

Although there was no report Michele did mention that there had been some confusion/misunderstanding about Rev. James schedule for being in Starbuck each week at 11:30 except the second Sunday of the month. Michele said that with discussion M&P for the 3 charges were able to solve the problems and all is well with the schedule now.

**Pastoral Care** nothing to report

**A motion to accept the reports** as presented was made by Michele Ammeter, Seconded by Ann Pedersen

**Carried**

**Starbuck United Church  
Treasurer's Report  
Sept. 17, 2019**

**General Fund Balances**

Chequing	\$ 15,272.25	
Shares	5.00	
Surplus Shares		74.86
Term Deposit	\$207,570.30	

**Memorial Fund Balances**

Chequing	\$ 166.76	
Shares	5.00	
Surplus Shares		0.09
Term Deposit	\$ 3,943.84	

Len and Ann Pedersen  
Treasurer

Expenses since last report (April 2019) have been monthly allocation to Meridian Pastoral Charge and lawn mowing.

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

**Carried**

### **Correspondence -**

- 1) United church review of 2018 will be left on the bulletin board.
- 2) St Andrews College asking if we could dedicate one Sunday in the next year to help educate the congregation about the college and its importance.
- 3) Food grains bank info will be on the bulletin board.
- 4) We've received newsletters from One Just City(used to be St. Matthews Maryland)

### **New Business**

#### **1)Knox United Church**

Margaret spoke about how a few of our congregation had attended a couple services and saw the needs that the church has. She asked if we could ask Leslie about what kind of needs they have and if we could partner up with them in some form to help them out. We all agree that we should hold a congregational meeting to discuss this and to come to any final decisions.

Colleen has also suggested donating our white gift to them.

Margaret will arrange a meeting with Leslie to ask her what the needs of her church and congregation are and where/how we can help them.

#### **2)New Directory-**It would be nice to have an updated directory of information for everyone. We can put it together ourselves.

Melanie offered to collect information and help organize it.

We will make up a form that can be distributed in church so people can give permission as well we all the pertinent information. Michele will help put it all together in the end.

#### **3) Rev James will incorporate a simple recovenanting message during a church service.**

#### **4) Hanging of the Greens** and white gift will both be held on December 1.

**5) AGM Meeting** will be set for January 19 2020. Location to be determined. Reports need to be in to Melanie by Sunday January 5, 2020. Potluck after the church service then meeting after.

**6) Melanie will be emailing the council members a covenanting document. All must reply by Saturday September 21. If there are changes they must be addressed by the 21. A vote will be held by email on the 21.**

**7) A motion to cancel** church service on December 29 was made by Michele Ammeter, seconded by Ellen Saltiss.

**Carried**

**A motion to adjourn** was made by Len Pedersen at 8:18

