

Starbuck United Church
Annual Report for 2020



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Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting Minutes Sunday January 19,2020

In attendance were Rev. James DeBeer, Janis McMorrان, Diane Trudeau, Colleen Norton, Kathleen Manness, Helen Kendall, Jean Johnson, Michele Ammeter, Helen Marshall, Margaret Porter, Sharon Masse, Ellen Saltiss 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. Michele Ammeter nominated Melanie Mosset as recording secretary, Seconded by Colleen Norton.

Carried

The meeting was called to order at 1:15

Rev. James began the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2019 meeting were circulated before the meeting.

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

Carried

Annual Reports

The annual reports were made available on Sunday January 12, 2019 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.

A motion to accept the reports, excluding the treasurers report, as circulated was made by Michele Ammeter seconded by Colleen Norton.

Carried

Treasurers Report

A motion to accept the treasurers report as prepared by Ann Pedersen was made by Sharon Masse, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

Carried

Proposed Budget 2020

Colleen Norton made a motion to add Knox United church to the donation list for \$1200, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

Carried

Janis McMorran moves that we give \$100 towards the Starbuck Area Christmas hamper, seconded by Helen Marshall.

Carried

A motion to set the mood disorders association donation to \$200 was made by Michele Ammeter, Seconded by Diane Trudeau.

Carried

We will wait to send out the donation to Rock Lake until later in the year.

A motion to adopt the proposed budget as amended for 2020 was made by Michele Ammeter, seconded by Ellen Saltiss

Carried

WE have agreed to defer the decision of how much money needs to be taken out of the term and what length to renew it at until a council meeting closer to October.

I have included the amended proposed budget. The agreed upon changes are in blue.

Expenses:		Proposed Budget 2020
Meridian charge allocation	18,504.00	21000.00
Taxes	761.32	800.00
Website	2,512.13	0.00
Office Supplies	183.29	300.00
Music & Direction (2018 & 2019)	813.33	400.00
Lutheran Church for worship space	2,675.00	3000.00
Insurance on property and use of Lutheran church (2018 & 2019)	1,627.30	800.00
Funeral	133.40	200.00
Pancake Supper	92.00	100.00
Pastoral Care	310.73	400.00
Property Expenses	363.73	400.00
Worship expenses	56.95	50.00
Donations	2,442.73	2,300.00
Meridian Mission & Service 2018	2,000.00	2000.00
Transfer to Memorial	20.00	0.00
Total	32,495.91	31,750.00
Bank Balance at Dec. 31, 2019	19, 122.02	
Term deposit matures October 16, 2020	212,967.13	

		Proposed Budget 2020
Donations	2019	
Sanford Collegiate Scholarship fund	100.00	100.00
Meridian Arts Festival	75.00	75.00
Rock Lake Camp	100.00	100.00

Thrive Community Support	100.00	100.00
St Andrews College	100.00	100.00
Canadian Foodgrains	100.00	100.00
Camp Wasaga (family camp owned by UC of Canada)	100.00	100.00
One Just City	125.00	125.00
World Vision	351.00	0.00
Mood Disorders Association	391.73	200.00
Knox United Church	900.00	1,200.00
Starbuck Area Hamper		100.00
	2,442.73	2,300.00

Proposed council 2020

Executive

- Chair -Margaret Porter
- Secretary -Melanie Mosset
- Treasurer -Ann Pedersen and Len Pedersen

Committees

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

Trustees

- Inga Livingston
- Michele Ammeter
- Ellen Saltiss

A motion to accept all the Council as acclaimed was made by Michele Ammeter, seconded by Helen Marshall.

Carried

Diane Trudeau volunteered to be vice chair for the meridian council.

New Business

- 1) Shrove Tuesday Feb. 25 – **A motion to donate** the proceeds from the pancake supper to the Bear Clan and the proceeds from the horticultural night to Katies Cottage was made by Diane Trudeau, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

Carried

- 2) Breakfast at the rink February 2 or 9 2020
- 3) Janis has made 3 food groups
- 4) We discussed setting up a donation box for Knox United for canned good and non perishables as well as toiletry items too. Colleen will put it in the coat room.
- 5) Phone tree will be updated
- 6) Melanie is still starting to put a directory together.
- 7) Funeral luncheon discussion- We do not have a fee for providing luncheon for people from our congregation. A donation to us is their own choice. We are not in a position to provide lunch for people outside our congregation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Helen Marshall at 2:43.

Starbuck United Church AGM Minister's Report

January 2021

As I look back on 2020 preparing this report for our Annual Meeting, I think of the pioneers who laid the foundations of our churches—many of whom are your ancestors. They didn't just build a church building from ground up, they built a church community, through hard work, sweat, tears, sacrifice but above all faith, hope and love. Many pioneers came here with little more than the clothes on their backs. They came to this land which, although beautiful and bountiful, is in many ways harsh and unforgiving. Yet, inspired by their faith and need of community, they began our churches 'from scratch' and lived out the Gospel, empowering the light and life of Christ to flourish. Celebrations, lamentations, caring for those in need; they showed us that we don't just go to church, but we are the church 24/7.

2020 has been a year for pioneering again, so to speak. Our need to follow Public Health restrictions, protect the vulnerable, support health care workers and essential workers meant we could not carry on as usual with our normal church routines, particularly gathering in person Sunday mornings. As difficult as that was, it was even more painful for those who had loved ones in care homes or other circumstances where visiting and care was hindered or made impossible. Hearing many of your own personal experiences of not being able to say goodbye to loved ones is heartbreaking and my heart and prayers go out to you. Please be assured that those who have passed on are with God and are now embraced by eternal light and life.

While I do not claim my experiences of 2020 to be on par with those of our pioneering ancestors, it felt a bit like being a pioneer constructing an infrastructure which would enable us to gather as church online, over the phone, emails, texts, YouTube and Zoom. Thank goodness much of this infrastructure was already laid out, waiting to be harnessed and thank you to those who lent their technical know-how to enable us to tap into these resources.

Moving to becoming a church that gathers mostly online was exciting in terms of the opportunities it opened, but was also very scary—for me personally at least—and there were times I confess I was tempted to despair. I thank you all and laud you for your patience, understanding and openness to these new virtual ways of being church. The Christmas Eve service in particular was very affirming and nourishing for my spirit because of your embrace to fully participate and share your videos, music, and photos. I know very well from my experiences this past year that recording yourself to go online is extremely daunting so thank you for sharing your beautiful selves with our communities of faith and beyond.

I encourage us all, as congregations and as individuals, to frequently reflect on our experiences of this pandemic and what lessons we have learned and can learn about ourselves and about being effective disciples of Christ. Our ongoing experience of being a church online I think invites us to consider how we want to continue harnessing these resources even as things (hopefully this year, 2021) return to ‘normal.’ It also must be noted that many in our faith communities do not have access to online resources and so we must work to ensure no one is left out or left behind.

2020 has been a year of struggles and tribulations, sadness and uncertainty—and not just because of the pandemic but also because of upheaval, illness and the death of loved ones. Thank you to everyone who reached out to one another, offered support and through determination and creativity, found ways to live out our mission:

To worship;

To celebrate the church year;

To be a loving presence in their communities, in times of crisis and joy;

To provide for the Christian nurture and nourishment of all ages.

I’m sure many of us are more than ready to turn the page on 2020, but, as I’ve said, I think it’s important to remember and learn from this crisis and also to celebrate the positive. During any end-of-year time, there is a plethora of lists: top 10 google searches, top shows, top new phrases we’ve started using (I’m thinking ‘zoom-bombing’ or a whole new meaning to ‘red-alert’). I recently read one in the Free Press on Top positive things that have happened in 2020 and I’d just like to highlight a few:

1) We adapted: The pandemic asked us to roll with so much, but we were able to see that we can cope...we figured out new ways to being church...we've thought about what a 'new normal' might look like...we've seen how many of our social structures—specifically how we care for our very old and our very young—need to be overhauled. We kept going even when it felt like we couldn't.

2) We went outside: maybe not all of us, but for me personally I spent much more time outside in 2020 than I have in years and it was good for my mental, spiritual and physical health. We even had some worship services and Sunday School outside which was fun. I still fondly remember those first few gatherings we had outdoors in late Spring and how excited we were to see each other in person.

3) We started hard work: events around the world, particularly in the US, but also in Canada and Manitoba, have invited us to have difficult conversations about personal, institutional and cultural racism, white privilege and how we can bring about a more just and equitable society.

4) We showed up for ourselves: a number of families in our communities spoke of how the pandemic, although hardly relaxing in multiple aspects, 'cleared the calendar' and meant more time to spend as a family, try new hobbies, read lots of books and watch lots of shows. "We started to have meaningful discussions about the cult of productivity and measuring one's self worth by how much one produces..."

5) We took care of each other: we checked in on each other, we delivered groceries to each other, we shared our baking experiments, we shared our shaggy, scruffy faces on Zoom and Google-meet. "Every time we sacrificed precious time with family and friends in the name of greater-good public health, we took care of each other...Every time we put on a mask, washed our hands, kept our distance and stayed home, we took care of each other."

I know we are all looking forward to coming back to the Church building and seeing each other again, as soon as it is possible for all of us to do so. We miss each other's smiles – we miss each other's hugs – we miss each other's voices – we miss each other's encouragement and exhortation. The apostle Paul often wrote in his letters to different Churches how much he always looked forward to seeing his fellow believers to encourage them and strengthen their mutual faith:

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—

or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other...
(Romans 1:8-15)

My friends, may we always continue to grow deeper in our love for one another, whether we are present in the body or not. May we always look forward to our fellowship, because we are always united in one Spirit.

“I have much more to say to you, but I don’t want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete.” (2 John 1:12)

Rev. James deBeer

Chair Report

2020 has been a challenging year, not only for us but for people all across the world. Unprecedented has been an over used word perhaps but certainly sums it up. The tragic losses suffered are hard to grasp and it has been very difficult to deal with. People have lost family members, income and in many cases, their way of life. We have all been tasked with staying apart and we have had to cope with the loss of in person fellowship and worship as well as the rest of our social lives. This has been hard on our small congregation. We have been unable to meet since March. However there has been some light in the darkness. We are particularly fortunate to have the services of Rev. James who has risen to the challenge in so many ways. The online services (and particularly Christmas Eve) have been very special and have been much appreciated. Our thanks to him! Thanks also to Diane and Michelle for keeping bulletins and reflections circulated.

Our congregation has been hit hard by tragedy and we deeply mourn the loss of Sonya and now Colleen. Colleen was a very giving person whose service to the church was outstanding. We are forever grateful for her contribution as active council member and chorister. Both of these wonderful people went far too soon and will be greatly missed.

Now we must look forward with hope to the future. The arrival of vaccines gives optimism that things will be changing for the better in the foreseeable future and we are eager for the time when we may meet safely in person and return to more “normal” life. What a joy it will be when we are able to enjoy the simple things we formerly took for granted like coffee together before the services!

Our Annual meeting will not be taking place in the usual way but we hope anyone with concerns will contact council members with them and they will be addressed.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that as it progresses we will see each other back in church where we belong.

Margaret

Worship Report

Meridian Annual Worship Committee meeting was held in Sanford September 1, 2020. All members were present. Starbuck chairs the committee this season, with Michele Ammeter as the chair.

The Worship Committee started 2020 with Colleen Norton as the chair. Sadly, she stepped down from the committee and passed away Dec 27th. Colleen was active on many committees over the years and we will miss her.

Generally most in person special dates in 2020 were cancelled. Services were held virtually during the COVID 19 pandemic. 2020 scheduled dates were:

- 1) Scripture readings for the 2020 church year were from Year A until Advent 2020.
- 2) Communion dates were to be: January 5 (Epiphany), March 1 (1st Sunday in Lent), April 12 (Easter), May 31 (Pentecost), October 4 (WWC), November 29 (Advent 1),
- 3) Inter-church Advent Service event was scheduled for November 29.
- 4) MPC Blue Christmas Service was on Monday December 21.
- 5) Christmas Eve Services was a joint service on YouTube for all 3 congregations.

This year there were significant changes to the services as we all adapted to the pandemic. Things changed continually as the Public Health Orders changed during the pandemic. Rev James quickly adapted to the needs of Meridian Pastoral charge and had a service posted by March 17th on You Tube, just days after the pandemic was declared and the first case was announced in Manitoba. It was a praiseworthy job of ensuring that we had a service available online when we were unable to meet in person. A Children's Time post was also available shortly thereafter. This fall Rev James ensured there was both a virtual service and that we were able to get a printed version of the service to congregation members unable to take part online.

*Respectfully Submitted by;
Michele Ammeter*

Pastoral Care Report

For the year 2020 - 4 Sympathy cards were sent and 2 Get Well fruit/gift baskets sent or delivered, 1 Get Well card, 2 Grandparent cards, 2 Thinking of You cards and 1 Funeral Flowers.

My apologies to those I may have missed.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Masse

Annual Projects Report 2020

- submitted by Janis McMorran

January, 2020

Starbuck United Church "Food Groups" list was revised, finalized and distributed to all involved. As of January, 2020 there are 3 Food Groups, plus 1 Spare Group. The total number of church members plus willing volunteers is 36, with each Food Group and Spare Group comprised of 9 people each. Contact person: Janis McMorran

February 9 - "Breakfast at the Rink"

February 23 - "Congregational Dinner" at "Dawn til Dusk"

February 25 - "Shrove Tuesday" Pancake Supper

The supper was held in the lower level at Trinity Lutheran Church, with approximately seventy in attendance. Silver Collection amounted to \$561.40. Following expenses, the annual Starbuck Church donation for 2020 was forwarded to "The Manitoba Bear Clan Patrol". (see financial report) Thanks was extended to Trinity Lutheran Church, Archie's Meats, and Sobeys at Kenaston for their generous donations. Workers for the evening included: Kathleen Manness,

Sharon and Mark Masse, Colleen Norton, Jackie and Neil Shale, Lil and Dave Nielsen, Michele Ammeter, Keira and Ethan Mosset and Janis McMorran.

SUC Ministry & Personnel Report 2020

Michèle Ammeter and Ellen Saltiss were the reps for Starbuck United Church on the Meridian Pastoral Charge Ministry & Personnel (M & P) committee. Michèle Ammeter was the chair of M & P until May 2020. Julie Ringash is the current Chair.

M & P did not meet in person in 2020 mainly due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, but did keep in contact with Rev James.

The Meridian board made the decision to cut back on the use of pulpit supply for the fall of 2020 by using lay leaders to cover the service Rev James could not be at, on a trial basis. This would reduce the dependency on, and expense of pulpit supply. Rev James will supply his reflection and prayers for the lay leader. A schedule was drafted for the fall with the regular rotation for Rev James. Each congregation then fills the services with lay leaders. Starbuck did have 1 lay lead outdoor service on the SUC grounds in September before Public Health Orders limited meeting further.

As mentioned in the Worship report, we are very grateful to Rev James all the additional effort put forth on our behalf to prepare and post services during the pandemic. Rev James asked for and will receive in early 2021 a Meridian Pastoral Charge laptop to facilitate the service preparation for posting online.

The weekly bulletins were prepared until the spring of 2020 by Tom Manness, in conjunction with Rev James. Rev James has completed and circulated the bulletins this fall.

*Respectfully submitted by;
Michèle Ammeter*

Prairie to Pine Annual Report 2020

Communication with Prairie to Pine Council was through the weekly Prairie to Pine newsletters and electronic meetings using Zoom.

I attended a Special Regional meeting (via Zoom) in spring updating Communities of Faith (C.O.F) regarding some of the challenges for this year and how they may be handled. Also mentioned was the availability of monetary assistance from the government.

Meridian Pastoral Charge received a call from Shirley McClaren – Outreach- to see how we were doing. I reported:

- churches had some outside services in June
- we had 1 virtual meeting and 1 social distancing meeting at Sanford United Church
- we were working on our Governance
- all covenants had been submitted

In September, Prairie to Pine Regional Council acknowledged that our Covenants had been reviewed and changes must be made by mid September so the Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive could accept/pass them. The covenants would then be passed formally at the October 7th Regional Council Zoom meeting. At this meeting Prairie to Pine's covenant was presented to the C.O.F. and passed.

The Prairie to Pine Annual Regional Council meeting for 2020 which was suppose to held in Steinbach, Manitoba but because of Covid 19 it was held electronically via Zoom on September 30 and October 7. At this meeting our Covenants and others were accepted/passed. Changes to Remit 1 were passed to make it more inclusive of genders.

November 26th, 2020 the Sub-Executive of General Council Prairie to Pine noted to temporarily suspend the requirement in Section B.5.1 of the Manual for congregations or pastoral charges to hold an annual meeting and temporarily amend the responsibility of the congregations or pastoral charges to fulfill this responsibility where necessary and where permitted by the regional council; with each of the foregoing to be in effect until June 30, 2021.

The Prairie to Pine Regional Council has been keeping C.O.F aware of protocols and timelines for reopening via the weekly newsletters.

Submitted by
Diane Trudeau
Prairie to Pine Representative

SUC Trustees

Starbuck United Church Trustees:
Inga Livingston,

Michèle Ammeter,
Ellen Saltiss,
and Reverend James de Beer

The SUC Trustees did not meet in 2020. 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
Treasurers Report
Jan 1-Dec 31, 2020

Len/Ann Pedersen - Treasurer

	2020 Actual
General Fund - Chequing:	
Carryover from 2019	19,122.01
add missed Dec. 22 deposit	620.00
Actual carryover	19,742.01
Income:	
Offerings	14,355.00
U C of Canada - Legacy gift (Fettermans)	3,405.38
Pancake Supper	546.40
Uncashed cheque	100.00
Cheque returned (unused)	75.00
Other Donations (Anonymous)	60.00
Total	<u>18,541.78</u>

Expenses:		Proposed Budget 2021
Meridian charge allocation	20,400.00	21,000.00
Taxes	743.21	800.00
Office Supplies	94.54	200.00
Music & Direction (2018 & 2019)	0.00	400.00
Lutheran Church for worship space	3,000.00	3,000.00
Insurance on property and use of Lutheran church	832.00	900.00
Pancake Supper	89.60	100.00
Pastoral Care	59.64	400.00
Property Expenses (lawn care)	240.00	400.00
Worship expenses	0.00	50.00
Donations	3,345.30	1,900.00
Meridian - Mission & Service 2018	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total	<u>30,804.29</u>	<u>31,150.00</u>

Bank Balance at Dec. 31, 2019 **7,479.50**

Term deposit matured October 16, 2020 **212,967.13**

Reinvested: 2 TDs @ \$25,000.00 ea for \$50,000.0 to mature Oct.16, 2021 at 1.8%, and 1 TD @ \$168,294.38 @1.8%

General Fund - Shares 87.96

		Proposed Budget 2021
	2020	
Regular	Donations	
	Sanford Collegiate Scholarship fund	200.00
	Meridian Arts Festival	100.00
	Thrive Community Support	200.00
	St Andrews College	200.00
	Canadian Foodgrains	500.00
	One Just City	200.00
	Camp Wasaga (family camp owned by UC of Cda)	100.00
Occasiona	Mood Disorders Association	?

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Trinity Lutheran Church (COVID Exoenses)	300.00	?
Trinity Lutheran Church (Debra covered for James)	75.00	?
Knox United Church	1,200.00	?
Starbuck Hamper (2019)	100.00	?
Bear Clan Patrol (Pancake Supper proceeds)	370.30	?
Starbuck Hamper (2020)	400.00	?
	<u>3,345.30</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>

Memorial Fund:

Chequing	Carry Over from 2019	166.76
	Donations	0.00
	Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2020	<u>166.76</u>
Term Dep.	Matures October 16, 2021	
	Interest Earned in 2020	101.22
	Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2020	<u>4,147.60</u>

Council for 2021

Executive

- Chair -Margaret Porter
- Secretary -Melanie Mosset
- Treasurer -Ann Pedersen and Len Pedersen

Committees

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

Trustees

- Inga Livingston
- Michele Ammeter
- Ellen Saltiss

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