

Meridian Pastoral Charge Meeting
May3, 2022
at Sanford United Church

Attendance: Stuart and Jane Manness, Diane Trudeau, Margaret Porter, Michele Ammeter, Cathy Beavis, Georges Cormier, Rev. James deBeer, Nancy Langlois,

Absent: Barb Kirk

Regrets: Jamie Scharf

Call the meeting to order: Stuart Manness

Opening Prayer: Rev. James deBeer led with the Our Father

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: Michele/Jane. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: to adopt the November 2021 minutes. Cathy/Georges. Carried.

REPORTS

Minister – no report but James wants to let everyone know he is available for pastoral care. He will give sacraments personally if needed.

Worship – no report

M&P – Suggestion for next September:

Starbuck UC will have Rev. James every Sunday except the second Sunday of each month when they will share services with Trinity Lutheran Church. A suggestion was made that perhaps next year would see “live streaming” services between Avonlea United and Sanford United Churches.

Sept 4th -Avonlea United Church will start their service with Rev James.

Sept. 11 Rev. James would attend both Avonlea United Church and Sanford United Church and Starbuck United Church will have a joint service at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sept. 18th Rev. James at Starbuck UC and Sanford United Church- Avonlea United Church will stream.

Sept. 25th Rev. James at Starbuck UC and Avonlea United Church- Sanford United Church will stream.

This idea should be discussed at each Community of Faith’s board meeting and shared with their congregation.

James will be on holiday in July. The first week of August, James will be on study leave. February 13th he will take a week holiday.

Regional Council – Prairie to Pine

Nothing to add to the report

CHURCH REPORTS

Avonle UC added to their report of an interesting YouTube video at the Atlantic School of Theology – a discussion on baptism and communion – the 2 United Church sacraments. Search: Sacrament in UC of Canada Feb. 12, 2020.

Sanford UC added to their report that they had a food drive for Manitoba Harvest.

Starbuck UC nothing to add.

Inter-church Report was read as the report was emailed at the last minute.

Motion: to accept all the reports as presented. Nancy/Michele Carried.

TREASURER REPORT

the report was shared

Motion to accept the report Georges/Margaret Carried.

Correspondence – none

OLD BUSINESS

Collaborative Ministry Conversation: Jane Manness shared some ideas. Diane and James would be on the look out for possible ideas at next week's Prairie To Pine Regional meeting.

Community of Faiths must discuss the issue of the state of our Meridian Pastoral Charge. At the MPC annual meeting the treasure noted that monies will run out in 4 years. What needs to be done within each COF so they are prepared for this. Hard decision and plans will have to be made.

Starbuck UC will increase their MPC monthly allotment to 1/3 to \$2450.

NEW BUSINESS

Service at Union Point is June 27 at 10 am.

Next mtg is September 13th at Starbuck. Margaret will make sure the venue is available but if not suggested the meeting be held at Sanford UC.

November 8th's meeting will be via Zoom.

Adjournment – 7:55 pm by Michele Ammeter

Submitted by
Diane Trudeau