Meridian Pastoral Charge Zoom Meeting Minutes
Nov. 8, 2022 at 7 pm DRAFT

Call the meeting to order – Jamie call the meeting to order
Present: Rev. James deBeer, Jamie Scharf, Diane Trudeau, Jane Manness, Judy Manness, Cathy Beavis, Nancy Langois, Margaret Porter, Michele Ammeter, Cliff Harrison, Georges Cormier,

Regrets: Barb Kirk, Stuart Manness

Agenda: was accepted as presented

Opening Prayer: Rev. James deBeer led us in the Lord's Prayer

Adoption of April 2022 minutes: one error. Barb Kirk was not absent from the April/May 2022 mtg as she was not chair of the Worship Committee until the fall.
Motion: to accept the minutes as amended. Nancy/Georges. Carried

Reports

Minister

Worship – Jane would answer any questions about the report if need be.

Ministry and Personnel – note that Avonlea has changed the service time to 11 AM on the second Sunday of each month.

Regional Rep- Prairie to Pine – note the new United Church moderator is Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne for the next 3 years.

Church Reports

Avonlea – note: 2 reports were submitted – September and November

Sanford – note- new roof

Starbuck - sale of church lot

Inter-church- Advent service will be held at the Oak Bluff Bible Church in Oak Bluff on November 27, 2022 at 7 pm. Each church is encouraged to present a musical submission. They are planning to promote Easter in 2023. Live streaming of the service is available and donations will go to Manitoba Harvest.
Motion:to accept the minutes as presented. Michele/ Cathy. Carried

Treasurer Report
Georges explained the report. Discussion. The financial prospect looked brighter as Starbuck United Church was matching the other church's contributions.
Motion:to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Georges/Michele. Carried

Correspondence
Jamie has received the yearly packages from Mission and Service that include Vision's catalogues, M&S pamphlets and a Certificate of Thanksgiving to Meridian Pastoral Charge for their yearly M&S donation. James will circulate the pamphlets to all the churches.

OLD BUSINESS
Questions:
1. What will happen when the monies run out in 2024? Georges would like to defer this question until annual mtg in February when he can provide a more long term projection.

2. How are the streaming services going? Avonlea is having trouble with audio but are looking into different options to overcome the problem. Discussion- a 60" screen TV is being used and it provides ample display. James hopes people were becoming complacent with the streaming and won't attend church on the week's of the streaming service. Fellowship gatherings have started which the congregations

enjoy. The format of the service was discussed with people offering to read Scriptures. Steinbach and Niverville steam their worship and share in each service. Some discussion about using different platforms- Google Meet, Zoom but YouTube is currently being used although is only a one way presentation.

Baptism – some people they don't want their child's baptism on YouTube – churches should adjust their service so it meets the family's needs.

NEW BUSINESS
Worship leadership for Feb. 12, 2023 as Rev. James will be away – it was decided that it would be a lay leadership service for each church.

MPC Annual reports are due the week of January 30th, 2023 and sent to Diane Trudeau, secretary, at d.trudeau8@gmail.com. She will collate them and email the final report to Stuart Manness for circulation. The report should be in the churches by Feb. 12 & 19.

Next meeting- MPC Annual Mtg in Sanford at 7 pm.

Motion for Adjournment- by Jane 8:13 pm

Submitted by Diane Trudeau secretary.