

Starbuck United Church Annual Report for 2022



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Starbuck United Church Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 19, 2022

In attendance were Rev. James DeBeer, Ellie Saltiss, Dale Ell, Jacquie Ell, Ann Pedersen, Len Pedersen, Michele Ammeter, Margaret Porter, Diane Trudeau, Inga Livingston, Kathleen Manness and Melanie Mosset

Nominations for chairperson and secretary for this meeting. Michele Ammeter nominates Margaret Porter as chair and Melanie Mosset as secretary Ann Pedersen seconded.

Carried

The meeting was called to order at 7:01

Rev. James began the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2020 meeting were circulated before the AGM.

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 April 6, 2022 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 for 2020 and 2021, excluding the treasurers report, as circulated was made by Len Pedersen seconded by Dale Ell.

Carried

Treasurers Report

A motion to accept the treasurers report for 2021 as prepared was made by Ann Pedersen, seconded Jacquie Ell

Carried

Proposed Budget 2022

A motion to increase the Meridian Allocation to 1/3 of the total cost up from ¼. Moved by Michele Ammeter seconded by Inga Livingston.

Carried

Donations

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Sanford Collegiate Scholarship Fund | \$200 |
| Thrive Community Support | \$200 |
| St. Andrews College | \$500 |
| Canadian Food Grains Bank | \$1,000 |
| One Just City | \$1,000 |
| Camp Wasaga | \$400 |
| Starbuck Hamper Fund | \$500 |
| Knox United Church | \$1,000 |
| Bear Clan Patrol | \$200 |
| Mood Disorders Association | \$1,000 |

Michele Ammeter moves to accept the donation list for a total of \$6,000 seconded by Diane Trudeau.

Carried

Michele Ammeter moves that we give Trinity Lutheran Church a yearly allocation of \$3000 for occupation costs for 2022 seconded by Diane Trudeau.

Carried

A motion to accept the amended proposed budget of \$40,678 for 2022 moved by Ann Pedersen seconded by Michele Ammeter.

Carried

Proposed council 2022

Executive

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|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Chair | -Margaret Porter |
| Secretary | -Melanie Mosset |
| Treasurer | -Michele Ammeter and Margaret Porter |

Committees

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Projects | -Janis McMorran |
| M&P | -Michele Ammeter |
| Worship | -Michele Ammeter |
| Trustee | -Michele Ammeter |
| Prairie to Pine | -Diane Trudeau |

Trustees

Inga Livingston
Michele Ammeter
Ellen Saltiss

A motion to consolidate M & P and Worship into one committee moved by Michele Ammeter seconded by Inga Livingston.

Carried

A motion to transfer signing authority on the bank accounts to Michele Ammeter and Margaret Porter Moved by Ellie Saltiss seconded by Jacquie Ell.

Carried

A motion to accept all the Council as acclaimed was made by Jaquie Ell seconded by Ann Pedersen

Carried

New Business

- 1) **Motion to allow Rev. James** to preform 2 marriages that he has upcoming moved by Michele Ammeter, seconded by Ann Pedersen.

Carried

- 2) **Ann would** like us to continue to think about what we would like to do with the insurance money that we have in the bank. One idea Ellie brought forth was to help build a crypt at the cemetery for cremation urns. Another idea was to consider creating

a foundation for the community. You can look at the community foundations website for information. We do not have to make this decision immediately but should definitely keep thinking of it and revisit it at the next AGM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Diane Trudeau at 8:31

Minister's Report for 2022

Starbuck United Church

Annual General Meeting

January 22, 2023

The accounts of the events after Jesus' death and resurrection vary a bit in the Scriptures. In the Book of Acts, Jesus appears to the disciples teaching them for 40 days until his Ascension. The Book of Acts presents the Apostles as full of confidence and determination in their mission as the infant Church. I must confess, when I compare myself to Peter and Paul as presented in the book of Acts, I feel a bit guilty when I'm unsure of what to do next or not as confident in knowing exactly what to do or say.

John's Gospel alleviates that guilt a bit while providing comfort when he presents an account of the Apostles a bit unsure of what to do next. In Chapter 21, we encounter the Apostles: Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John and a few others. But we encounter them in the same manner as when we first met them: fishing. Peter announces "I am going fishing" in verse 3. It has an air of uncertainty; as if Peter wasn't sure what to do with himself. He was perhaps restless and anxious. Why? Perhaps because, although Jesus had already appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday, he wasn't sure what that meant or what to do next. So he went back to what he was used to, what was familiar, what he knew. Fishing.

As we've journeyed through this pandemic, we've pivoted a lot and explored new ways of worship and gathering. Now that things are more or less back to the way they used to be, it feels a bit unsure of what we should do next, so we've returned to what we know, what's familiar, what we're used to: gathered worship Sunday mornings using our typical Order of Service. And that isn't a bad thing in any way. But I can't help but think as a minister and pastor, given how much our world has changed, do we need to explore more creative ways of doing and being church?

But I must confess I've 'retreated' a bit back to what I know and am familiar with in terms of the Order of Service and Sunday Worship. Perhaps part of it is just being tired of these last couple years of constant change and anxiety and finding it easier to do what is familiar. But I'd like us together, as a congregation, to be creative as we move forward and to think of ways Starbuck United can continue to be of service to our community and a place of support and worship for our members.

This Lent, for example, I'm hoping to provide programming for us to gather and reflect on our faith and find ways to grow and expand our spirituality. As ever, I'm happy to receive suggestions, feedback and new ideas to best serve the needs of our faith community.

I would like to thank everyone for being so dedicated to our tenacious Church of Starbuck United. Your tireless commitment of time, talents and resources enable us to be the church of Christ here in our neck of the woods.

I look forward to 2023 as a time to explore new ideas and new opportunities even as we hold fast to the traditions handed to us by our forebears which have enabled us to carry out the mission and teachings of Jesus, our light and our hope.

Rev. James deBeer

Chair Report December 2022

As 2022 heads towards its close we can be grateful that it has been more "normal" than the preceding two years. While covid and other respiratory viruses continue to plague our communities and to threaten our health care delivery we can be grateful that the vaccinations and due diligence have made certain things possible again.

We are grateful to Rev. James for his amazing work during the times we were unable to be together and are doubly grateful to have had him every Sunday this fall and on for in person worship. It is also a great thing to be able to get together before services in fellowship.

This year we have put the church site on the market which is a very large step. Recognizing that we will not be rebuilding it seemed the sensible thing to relieve ourselves of the tax burden and maintenance costs. On the positive side we have secured a memorial for the church by funding a columbarium at the cemetery where we have also relocated our memorial benches. We have also replaced the plaques on the benches with granite ones.

It was really good to see the choir back in action and the cantata which was also a joint service with our Lutheran family was a huge success.

Once again thanks go out to the people involved in the running of the church without who's efforts we could not function.

Hoping for the very best for all for the Christmas Season and the New Year
Margaret Porter (Chair)

SUC Ministry & Personnel and Worship Report 2022

At the last Annual meeting, the M & P and Worship Committees were combined into 1 committee. The UCC does require an M & P Committee but does not require as many committees as we have had on the governing body. Michèle Ammeter had chaired the M & P and worship committees and is now the Chair of the combined M & P/Worship committee. The work of the 2 committees has not changed in the combined committee.

The Meridian Pastoral Charge Ministry & Personnel (M & P) committee current Chair Stuart Manness (until 2024). Starbuck will chair in 2024 for 2 years.

MPC M & P was able to meet by Zoom in April and discussed service times for the fall services. Sanford & Avonlea are holding services (generally) at 9:30 and are alternately live streaming to the other church instead of lay leadership. With some initial bugs to work out, it seems to be going well so far.

Rev James completes the basic service and circulates the bulletins with Starbuck filling in the announcements if they haven't been past to Rev James.

Meridian Worship Committee annual meeting was held in Sanford September 12, 2022. Starbuck was unable to attend during harvest. Sanford chairs this committee for the next year and Barb Kirk is the Chair, after which Avonlea takes over.

In person special services in March. 2022 scheduled dates were:

- 1) Scripture readings for the 2022 church year were from Year C until Advent 2022 when Year A begins.
- 2) Communion dates were to be: January 2 (Epiphany), February 22 (1st Sunday in Lent), April 17 (Easter), June 5 (Pentecost), October 2 (WWC), November 27 (Advent 1),
- 3) Inter-church Advent Service event was scheduled for November 27.
- 4) MPC Blue Christmas Service was online again this year.
- 5) Christmas Eve Service in person was a joint UC & Lutheran service.

We continue to be very grateful to Rev James all the additional effort that has been needed on our behalf to prepare and conduct, stream or post services during the pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Michele Ammeter

ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT 2022

The annual “Community Christmas Cheer” collection was again organized for the 2022 season. During November and December a committee of community volunteers participated in several meetings to organize procedures, purchase required items and deliver needed supports.

Volunteers on the committee represented the four local churches - (St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Springstein Mennonite Church and Starbuck United Church) plus “Dawn til Dusk” and community members.

Janis McMorran represented the Starbuck United Church.

As in 2021 and with the continued need for safety procedures due to Covid, monetary donations were again encouraged in 2022. Donations were gratefully received, and hampers were delivered about one week prior to Christmas Day. Each delivery was appreciated and well-received.

Thank you is extended to all for the many donations that provide supports for people living in the community and area.

Submitted by Janis McMorran

Prairie to Pine Representative 2022 Annual Report for Starbuck United Church

January 22, 2023

This report is a brief overview of 2022 .

Prairie to Pine Regional Meeting was May 6, & 7 with a theme of “Remembering, Re-connection and Re-visioning”.

Remembering

Michael Blair spoke as to what does it means to be an African decedent in a white church. He reflected on “his story of his people”.

Re-connection

After “Break Out Room” discussions there was a consensus that congregants felt a loss of contact with the broader church and have missed the value of community a Community Of

Faith brings. Zoom has at least been able to keep us in contact with each other if we were not able to meet in person.

Revision

Dr. Stewart Hill MKO (Cree) refers to peoples of the Algonquian language family who identify with the Cree Dialects. He spoke about “the land” and its meaning to indigenous people. He spoke about the original treaty with indigenous people and the crown (Commissioner Simmon). The agreement was to “share the land and resources”. Little did they know they would be put onto reservations. The prosperity for them never came.

Also throughout this meeting Mission and Service raised \$6788 for Rock Lake Camp, 1 Just City and others.

Shared Services by Gay Boese

Steinbach and Niverville United Church share services. Each are part of every service by streaming. They started the process in 2020 and finally in 2022 they are working together. They established a joint worship planning team – good ideas were created. Administration was cut in half. Some services are led by lay congregants.

Moderator

This year a new moderator was elected. Congratulations to the Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Kwisa'lakw, who was elected as our 44th United Church Moderator. She was installed on August 7, and will be the church's spiritual leader for the next three years.

Pandemic

With the pandemic rules changing there was a “Return to In-Person Annual Meetings”.

During the pandemic, the General Council issued a temporary amendment of the Bylaws re Pastoral Relations and Congregational Annual Meetings. This temporary amendment expired as of July 1, 2022. As of that date, Communities of Faith are required to revert to the decision-making polity and procedures prescribed in [The Manual, 2022](#), relating to pastoral relations and annual meetings. Communities of Faith are once again in a position to hold in-person meetings with their entire membership, while remaining mindful of the rules with respect to gatherings set by their local public health authorities.

What does a Regional Delegate do?

- is a disciple of the churches
- uses newsletters, website to keep current
- brings these to the congregation

Submitted by,

Diane Trudeau
Rep. For Prairie to Pine Regional Council

SUC Trustees

Starbuck United Church Trustees are:

Inga Livingston,
Michèle Ammeter,
Ellen Saltiss,
and Reverend James de Beer

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). The Trustee Board is a separate Board from the governing body, and should meet once annually.

Rev James preferred not to chair the committee, so Michele Ammeter is the current chair.

The SUC Trustees met in June & September 2022. In part the meetings were held to review the requirements to sell the old church lot. The lot has now been put on the market with Jayesh Guliani of Royal LePage. There was a 3 month agreement, which was renewed at the end of December.

Respectfully submitted by;
Michèle Ammeter

Treasurer Report

| Starbuck United Church | | | | |
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| 2022 Income Statement (January 1 - Dec 31, 2022) | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Offering | | | | \$ 12,080.00 |
| Donations | | | | \$ 30,180.35 |
| Interest | | | | \$ - |
| Other | | | | \$ 322.12 |
| | | | Revenue | \$ 42,582.47 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Allocations | | | | \$ 27,700.00 |
| TLC Rent | | | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Donations | | | | \$ 7,100.00 |
| Mission & Service | | | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | \$ 3,046.59 |
| Office Expenses | | | | |
| Other (Columbarium expenses) | | | | \$ 14,993.55 |
| | | | Expenses | \$ 57,840.14 |
| | | | Total Revenue | \$ 42,582.47 |
| | | | Total Expenses | \$ 57,840.14 |
| | | | Net income (Loss) | -\$ 15,257.67 |
| Bank Balances | | | | |
| Opening Balance (January 1,2022) | | | | \$ 221,015.22 |
| General Account | | | | \$ 25,943.55 |
| Outstanding cheques | | | | -\$ 1,700.00 |
| Term Deposit 116040218889 | | | | \$ 171,321.93 |
| Term Deposit 116040219002 (transferred to savings in 2022) | | | | \$ 25,449.74 |
| Closing Balance (Dec 31, 2022) | | | | \$ 208,731.75 |
| General Account | | | | \$ 9,485.88 |
| Outstanding cheques | | | | -\$ 50.00 |
| Term deposit 11604021889 | | | | \$ 173,377.79 |
| Platinum Savings (opened in 2022 with Term Savings) | | | | \$ 25,918.08 |
| | | Total Balance Change | | -\$ 12,283.47 |
| 31-Dec-22 | | | | |

Starbuck United Church

Proposed Budget 2023

| | | | Budget 2022 | Actual 2022-12-31 | Difference | Budget 2023 |
|---|--|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| Offering | | | \$ 11,000.00 | \$ 12,080.00 | \$ 1,080.00 | \$ 11,000.00 |
| Donation & Gifts | | | | \$ 30,180.35 | \$ 30,180.35 | |
| Interest (NCU) | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | \$ 322.12 | \$ 322.12 | |
| Transfer from Reserves | | | \$ 32,150.00 | | | \$ 37,100.00 |
| Revenue | | | \$ 43,150.00 | \$ 42,582.47 | -\$ 567.53 | \$ 48,100.00 |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Allocation | | | \$ 29,400.00 | \$ 27,700.00 | -\$ 1,700.00 | \$ 29,400.00 |
| TLC Rent | | | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Donations | | | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 7,100.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous (tax, insurance, lawn care, minister appreciation, interchurch, bench plaques, congregation donations to Community hamper fund) | | | \$ 2,550.00 | \$ 3,046.59 | \$ 496.59 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Office supplies | | | \$ 200.00 | \$ - | -\$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| M & S | | | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Other: concrete, & columbarium approved at May congregational general meeting | | | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 14,993.55 | -\$ 6.45 | \$ - |
| Expenses | | | \$ 58,150.00 | \$ 57,840.14 | -\$ 309.86 | \$ 48,100.00 |
| Total Revenue | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ 43,150.00 | \$ 42,582.47 | -\$ 567.53 | \$ 48,100.00 |
| Total Expenses | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ 58,150.00 | \$ 57,840.14 | -\$ 309.86 | \$ 48,100.00 |
| Net income (Loss) | | | | | | |
| | | | -\$ 15,000.00 | -\$ 15,257.67 | -\$ 257.67 | \$ - |
| January 3, 2022 | | | | | | |
| Donations 2022 | | | | | | |
| | | \$ 7,100.00 | Donations 2023 | | | |
| Sanford Collegiate | | \$ 200.00 | | | | |
| Thrive Community Support | | \$ 200.00 | | | | |
| St Andrews College | | \$ 500.00 | | | | |
| Canada Food Grains Bank | | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | |
| One Just City | | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | |
| Camp Wasaga | | returned | | | | |
| Starbuck Hamper Fund (TLC) | | \$ 500.00 | | | | |
| Knox United Church (General) | | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | |
| Bear Clan | | \$ 200.00 | | | | |
| Manitoba Mood Disorders | | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | |
| Starbuck Hamper Fund (TLC) | | \$ 400.00 | | | | |
| Knox United Church (Hamper) | | \$ 500.00 | | | | |
| Congregation to Starbuck Hamper | | \$ 600.00 | Unknown | | | |

Proposed Council 2023

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|---------------|--|
| Chairperson | -Margaret Porter |
| Secretary | -Melanie Stanley |
| Treasurer | -Margaret Porter & Michele Ammeter |
| M&P/Worship | -Michele Ammeter |
| Projects | -Janis McMorran |
| Pastoral Care | -Sharon Masse |
| Trustees | -Inga Livingston Ellen Saltiss Michele Ammeter |