

Meridian Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022 7pm
at Avonlea United Church PASSED

Attendance: Janice Harrison, Cliff Harrison, Stuart Manness, Jane Manness, James deBeer, Margaret Porter, Michele Ammeter, Georges Cormier, Nancy Langlois, Julie Ringash, Jamie Scharf, Diane Trudeau, Cathy Beavis

Regrets: Judy Manness, Ron Manness

Call the meeting to Order: by Rev. James deBeer

Opening Prayer: by Rev. James deBeer

Election of Chairperson and Secretary: Jamie Scharf volunteered to chair the meeting, Diane Trudeau volunteered to be recording secretary.

Adoption of Agenda

Correction and Adoption of Minutes MPC AGM February 24, 2021.

Motion: to accept the minutes as circulated. Cliff Harrison/ Georges Cormier. Carried

REPORTS

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

Treasurer Report

Georges Cormier explained the report.

Motion: to accept the report. Georges Cormier/Michele Ammeter. Carried

Auditor

the financial books were audited and signed by Cliff Harrison.

Correspondence – none

OLD BUSINESS

COF and MPC were reminded to send one hard copy and one electronic copy of their Annual Reports to Prairie to Pine Council.

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NEW BUSINESS

2022 Board Members

Chair	Jamie Scharf
Vice Chair	Stuart Manness
Minister	James deBeer
Secretary	Diane Trudeau
Treasurer	Georges Cormier (MPC)
Avonlea	Cliff Harrison
Sanford	Norm Dyck
Starbuck	Ann and Len Pedersen

Region 5 Prairie to Pine Rep. Diane Trudeau

Worship:

Sanford	Barb Kirk (chair)
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter
Avonlea	Angie Cormier

M&P:

Avonlea	Stuart Manness (chair)
Sanford	Julie Ringash
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter

Inter-Church	Judy Manness
Avonlea Chair	Jane Manness
Starbuck Chair	Margaret Porter
Sanford Chair	Jamie Scharf

Members at Large

Avonlea	Cathy Beavis
Sanford	Nancy Langlois
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter

Budget for 2022

- by Georges Cormier. This year no money was drawn from the Manse account but it will be needed next year.

Motion: to accept the Projected Budget for 2022. Georges Cormier/ Cathy Beavis. Carried.

Prairie to Pine: Collaborative Ministry Conversation Report

The meeting was in February and was audited by Jane Manness, Julie Ringash and James deBeer.

Jane volunteered to provide a synopsis of the meeting. A Service Agreement was created to address the problem of the over usage of Lay Ministry. Ideas were shared for Community of Faiths (COF) to help with the problems of fewer church congregants, low energy, fewer numbers in the youth groups, poorer communication since the greater church's restructuring and the loss of Presbyteries, monetary funds diminishing, distance, plus other challenges. Some suggestions were: Combining with different faiths, sharing ministers, use of technology, and structural change or realignments. More discussions will be in the future.

Discussion "What is in the future for Meridian Pastoral Charge"?

Georges Cormier created a 5 year budget and projection of the life of MPC and each church's monetary ability to continue. MPC funds run out in 2026 It will be the last year MPC can function.

Bottom line – each church must have congregational discussions about the future. Each church must bring their conclusion to the next meeting for a larger discussion.

MPC meeting dates:

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – Sanford 7pm
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – Starbuck 7pm
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – Avonlea 7pm
Tuesday, February 21, 2022 – Sanford 7pm (AGM)

Adjournment 9:18 pm by Jane Manness

Submitted by Diane Trudeau