

Meridian Pastoral Charge Official Board Meeting
April 11, 2023 **DRAFT**

Participants

Rev. James deBeer, Jamie Scharf, Jane Manness, Stuart Manness, Cathy Beavis, Michele Ammeter, Georges Cormier, Diane Trudeau, Barb Kirk, Margaret Porter, Nancy Langlois

Time: 7:30

Opening prayer - Rev. James

Jane is volunteering to chair meetings because Stuart is M&P Chair.

MOTION: Michele/Cathy : Stuart Manness to remain M&P Chair and therefore Jane Manness be the MPC Chairperson for 2023. Carried

Adoption of minutes from Nov. 2022 meeting

MOTION: Diane/Michele : The minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated. carried

Committee Reports

Minister - no report

Worship – no report

M&P Report

Meridian Pastoral Charge Ministry and Personal Committee met via Zoom March

March 21st. Meeting was attended by Stuart Manness, Michele Ammeter, Julie

Ringash, and Judy Cormier, and Hosted by Rev. James deBeer.

The following are recommendations from M&P to Meridian Central Board:

M&P Chairperson will be Stuart Manness, Jane Manness will be Chairperson for Meridian Board.

Worship Leadership for Sunday June 4 (Prairie to Pine Conference)
Will be the responsibility of each congregations Worship Committee

Worship times starting Sept 10/ 2023: Sanford-9:30 am
Starbuck-11:30 am (unless noted)
Avonlea-11:00 am

The Leadership schedule for the new year beginning August 6 is available, but is subject to revisions should changes be required.

James will be in Sanford very Sunday @ 9:30 am Starting Sept 10

Services will continue to be streamed from Sanford and Domain as required

Christmas Eve Services will have James in Starbuck and Avonlea.

Next meeting of M&P is scheduled for Nov 7.

Submitted by

Stuart Manness Suggestion to consider streaming at the same time every week next year

Interchurch

Baseball tournament and bursaries were discussed but no decisions were made.

The board was solicited for opinions on dates for baseball tournament but nothing was suggested

May 6 LaSalle Fellowship invites us to help clean ditches

Prairie to Pine

[Remit on the subject of the development and sustaining of an autonomous National Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada](#)

- vote due March 2024

Hope to get more information at the Regional Meeting.

- Suggestion to have this as an agenda item at each COF annual meeting next year.

- invite a larger audience to the Sept 12 meeting for information on this in preparation for directing the Board to vote either Nov meeting or the AGM

Still looking for a member to come with Diane to the June 4th Regional Meeting

MOTION Jamie/Diane: accept reports as presented carried

Treasurer Finance Report APRIL 2023

By: Georges Cormier

This financial report is for the 3 months ending March 31, 2023.

There were no surprises during the last period.

Operationally, we should be at 25% of our budget. Anything below that is good.

FOR THE YEAR

ACTUAL PROJECTED DIFFERENCE %

Total receipts \$23,499.32 \$96,560 \$73,061 24%

Total disbursements \$26,665.64 \$112,437 \$85,772 24%

The Manse term deposit was reinvested for one year at 4.6%.

Georges Cormier

Treasurer

MOTION Georges/Stuart: accept finance report as presented. carried

Church Reports

Avonlea Church Report

The routine of 9:30/11:00AM worship has work very well for Avonlea this year.

It is nice to see our winter travellers returning and bring back reports of being connected to us on youtube most Sundays. We cancelled one Sunday in April due to bad roads. James has lead us through Lent with meaningful candle lighting and dialogue reflections. Folks have also commented on how they've enjoyed the variety in our services. Thank you James for challenging our faith and making the scriptures relevant to today. We joined the Knights of Columbus and St Hyacinthe Catholic Parish LaSalle, in a Lenten Food Drive. 340 lbs of food and \$1760.00 were delivered to Holy Cross Church in St. Boniface, a depot for Manitoba Harvest. We will have an Avonlea Board Mtg the week after the Meridian meeting to consider the Union Point Service, some summer work projects and the summer schedule.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Manness Written report presented

Sanford

Raise the Roof event being planned for April 22

Starbuck Report April 2023

We are very much enjoying having James with us every week.

There is not much to report except for a very successful Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday which was well attended and allowed us to make a significant donation to Manitoba Harvest. Thanks to all who made it possible.

Margaret
Chair

Old Business

none

Correspondence

None

Need to look for our voting card for the remit – Diane will look for this.

New Business

Michele is to share the UC service that COF can consider for June 4th service

Next meetings:

Sept 12 - Sanford 7 pm

Nov - Zoom

Feb. 13 or 27th for AGM in Starbuck – TBA

MOTION: Michele adjourn carried

8:32 end