

Starbuck United Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday October 24, 2023

In attendance : Margaret Porter, Sharon Masse, Janis McMorran, Michele Ammeter, Melanie Stanley, Rev. James DeBeer.

Meeting called to order at 7:05

We opened the meeting with the Lords prayer.

We reviewed the minutes of the May 7 meeting. Motion to adopt minutes as read by Melanie Mosset, seconded by Sharon Masse.

Carried

No Matters arising from minutes

Ministers report : No report

**Chair Report October 2023**

It is good to be back having Sunday services after the summer break.

The lay services seem to be going well and we thank Rev. James for his preparation. Also thanks to the service leaders.

The main event of the summer was the successful sale of the church site which means we are relieved of all the responsibilities connected with it. At the recent extraordinary congregational meeting it was decided to give \$10,000 of the proceeds to the Meridian Pastoral Charge and the Trinity Lutheran Church respectively.

The choir is already rehearsing Christmas music for the upcoming Cantata which we hope will be the usual success. Also we are jointly hosting the Ecumenical Advent service with the Lutherans this year.

We look forward to continued fellowship and worship throughout the fall and winter.

Margaret Porter  
Chair

**SUC Ministry & Personnel/Worship Report Oct 23, 2023**

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.

Rev. James will be in Sanford every Sunday at 9:30 am and every other Sunday at Starbuck & Avonlea. Starbuck services are Sunday at 11:30 am. Lay leader alternate Sundays and joint service with the Lutheran congregation the second Sunday of the month. In Avonlea, Rev. James will be there every other Sunday at 11:00 am and they will Live streaming alternate Sundays.

Rev James continues to complete the basic service and circulates the bulletins for all 3 charges and Starbuck fills in the announcements if they haven't been past to Rev James.

Meridian Worship Committee annual meeting was held in Sanford September 12, 2023. Sanford chairs this committee for the next year and Barb Kirk is the Chair, after which Avonlea takes over.

Dates:

October 1 - World Wide Communion/Thanksgiving

December 3 - Advent 1 (communion)

January 7 - Epiphany- 1 (communion)

February 18 - Lent 1- (communion)

March 31 – Easter 1 (communion)

May 19 – Pentecost1 (communion)

November 11 – Remembrance Day service in Avonlea

November 26 - Hanging of the Greens N

December 21 - Blue Christmas service- Rev. James and Pastor Deb do a joint online service

December 24 - Christmas Eve services Joint SUC & TLC @ 5:00 PM

March 28 - Maundy Thursday

March 29 – Good Friday in Avonlea @ 10am

Rev James has purchased a Sunday School curriculum, called SparkHouse Sunday School, now that Whole People of God is no longer available.

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 and supplying Starbuck with his Sermon for our Lay services.

*Respectfully Submitted by:Michele Ammeter*

**Projects :**

**A motion to donate \$50** from the Horticultural night to the Starbuck Hamper fund moved by Sharon Masse seconded Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

**Prairie to Pine Report**

**Prairie to Pine Regional Meeting June 1- 4<sup>th</sup>**

It was a very hot weekend so many people preferred to attend on-line. Reports were passed, M&S Fundraiser by Leslie Harrison raised \$7760.00. Our Moderator, Carmen Lansdowne is from Vancouver, BC and her message was about being prepared for the future – being adaptive, creative and to have a strategy for working together.

I attended 4 workshops:

**Rural Connect-** Community of Faiths (COF) can share weekly services with Atlantic United Church in Transcona via a technology/Hub/internet system.

**Rural Ministries Town Hall** - participants discussed how they dealt with problems of distance and lack of resources to make ends meet. I was paired with Kenora and Elmo United Church in Ontario. They were fascinated with Starbuck United Church over coming the lost of church and pianist as they have music issues. Also they were very interested in our Inter-church group and how faith can be shared.

**Sewing Ribbon Skirts-** Angela Roulette spoke about the spiritual, social and educational connections made when several grassroots groups, including Trinity United Church in Portage La Prairie joined to donate material and sew 500 ribbon skirts for her Give Away for Indigenous ceremony participants.

**Messy Church-** a monthly no charge (offering plate only) program at Transcona Memorial Church. Rev. Carol Fletcher discussed how the 1 1/2 hour family gathering included theme based stories (sharing the gospel), as well as related games and crafts. It was followed by a delicious dinner and clean-up. It doesn't bring in money but increases faith.

Two Proposals were submitted to the Regional Council:

**Proposal 1-** Listen and discussion time for a Proposal asking the Regional Council action to be taken in addressing Climate Change supported by large bank investments in fossil fuels.

*The Proposal submitted was that Prairie to Pine Regional Council review investment policies, investments, and the practices of its financial institutions using the United Church of Canada's "Responsible Investing Guiding Principles" with a particular focus on Climate Change.* This proposal was passed.

**Proposal 2** Regional Councils are still "creating new pathways of thinking on and creating what Christ's church can look like and then function moving forward together". Since the re-structuring of the church in 2019 and then being closed for 3 years because of Covid" it progress is slow.

*A proposal was submitted at the recently concluded Regional Council Meeting that the Prairie to Pine Regional Council consider a **three-year meeting rotation be reconsidered** in order that an alternate functioning model be explored and considered by the regional council body.* The Regional Council is looking for feedback on this topic.

### **Decision Session time for the Remit and Proposal**

Remit #1 was voted upon by Prairie to Pine Regional Reps. and it was passed.

### **Sunday Service**

The Celebrations of Ministry Service was followed by a reception provided by Meadowood United Church.

Submitted by  
Diane Trudeau  
Prairie to Pine Representative

## **SUC Trustees Report October 23, 2023**

Starbuck United Church Trustees are:

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

Michele Ammeter is the current chair.

The SUC property at 15 River Ave was sold in June to a young couple living in Starbuck. They are planning to build a house. The possession date was July 10. The Trustee Board met June 29, 2023 at a lawyer’s office (Maureen Terra, MTerra) to sign paperwork. Maureen is also able to get the title inconsistencies corrected at the same time as handle the sale.

The Lot sold for \$72,000. The expenses for the sale included real estate expenses, taxes, & property tax & school tax rebate equalizations of \$4043.33. Lawyers fee for the sale & title corrections of \$882.85. The amount that was deposited to our account was **\$67,073.82**

*Respectfully submitted by;*  
*Michèle Ammeter*

**A motion to** accept the reports as presented made by Michele Ammeter seconded by Janis McMorran.

**Carried**

<b>Starbuck United Church</b> <b>2023 Income Statement (January 1 - October 23,</b>
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Revenue		budget	2024
Offering	\$ 9,880.00	11,000	\$ 10,000.00
Donations	\$ 5,682.45		\$ 5,000.00
Interest	\$ -		
Other (pancake supper & property revenue)	\$ 68,076.67		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 83,639.12</b>	11,000	\$ 15,000.00

Expenses		budget	
	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 29,400.00	\$ 31,000.00
TLC Rent	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Donations	\$ 26,630.18	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Mission & Service	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 289.82	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Other	\$ 614.75		
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 60,034.75</b>	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 42,700.00

↑ 5%

2024 only

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 83,639.12</b>	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 60,034.75</b>	\$ 42,700.00
<b>Net income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 23,604.37</b>	-\$ 27,700.00

2024 only

**Bank Balances**

<b>Opening Balance (January 1,2023)</b>		<b>\$ 206,731.75</b>
General Account		\$ 9,485.88
Outstanding cheques		-\$ 2,050.00
Outstanding deposit		
Term Deposit 116040218889		\$ 173,377.79
Platinum Savings		\$ 25,918.08
<b>Transfers from Accounts</b>		
Transfer from	Transfer to	Date Amount
Saving	Chequing	Feb 6 \$ 6,000.00
Saving	Chequing	Mar 2 \$ 4,000.00

<b>Closing Balance (Sept 30, 2023)</b>	<b>\$ 258,103.95</b>
General Account	\$ 68,357.00
Outstanding cheques	\$ -
Outstanding deposit	\$ -
Term deposit 116040218889	\$ 173,377.79
Platinum Savings	\$ 16,369.16

Total Balance Change           **\$ 51,372.20**

A motion to accept the treasurers report as presented made by Michele Ammeter, seconded Sharon Masse.

Carried

New Business:

- 1) Annual Meeting: Set for January 21 after church
- 2) The seniors supper was discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Michele Ammeter at 8:15