Meridian Pastoral Charge Board Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Meeting 7 pm

November 12, 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Diane Trudeau (chair), Shelley Robson, Jamie Scharf, Jane Manness, Michele Ammeter, Nancy Langlois, Margaret Porter, Rev. James DeBeer, Ang Cormier (audit only), Georges Cormier (joined at 7:32 pm)

Regrets: Cathy Beavis

Call to Order 7:08 pm

Rev. James opened with a prayer from the Gathering Magazine

MOTION: Jamie/Jane that the minutes of September 10, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports See full reports in Appendix I

Minister

No report

Worship

-Jane provided an update of the 100th Anniversary planning

Ministry and Personnel

No report

Meridian Interchurch

-Cathy submitted her report

-Rev. James adds that each of the United Churches will need to send 3 dozen dainties for the Advent Service on December 1, 2024, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Starbuck. There will be a free offering to help with donations to the Starbuck Community Cheer Board. Our Charge could assist by being ushers to help pass the offering plate during that service. Jane says Avonlea will supply decaf coffee and tea.

Prairie to Pine

-No report, no representative, still looking.

Church Reports

Avonlea

-very busy fall time coming

Sanford

-weekly choir has resumed

Starbuck

-things are going well

MOTION: Nancy/Michele that all reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

Treasurer Report

-Georges joined the meeting at 7:32 pm. He reports the budget is on target.

MOTION: Georges/Michele that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Old Business

1. 100th Anniversary

-Jane reports plans are moving ahead for June 8, 2025, celebration at 10 am at Sanford United Church. Some reps will be needed to plan worship, food, and games.

-worship: James has a booklet he will look at and will work with that committee for planning the service.

-food: Jane suggests a committee be formed and decide on a menu

-games: Janice Harrison has offered to investigate planning for games that encompass all ages/inside or outside.

-an **invite committee** will need to be formed to send out invitations to this special service.

-For more information on the celebration, refer to Jamie's email for November3, 2024, regarding the "cluster groups". The consensus of the group was to move forward with our plans.

-Furthermore, in the email from November 3, 2024, the United Church of Canada Foundation and Friends are suggesting the communities of faith contribute to an endowment fund. Diane suggests this be an agenda item for the MPC Annual Meeting.

Correspondence

1. Jamie reports only information received is about the United Church 100th Anniversary. He relayed that information in his November 3, 2024, Official Board email.

New Business

1. Georges reports that he presented a gift, on behalf of the MPC Board, to Rev. James at the Avonlea service on November 10 for Minister Appreciation Week. This item is in the budget, so there is no need for a new motion.
2. MPC Annual General Meeting: Planned for February 18, 2025, in Avonlea. Have all reports to Jamie by January 26, 2025. Some discussion on moving the meeting to Sanford. To be discussed further.
3. Jane enquired when Sanford and Starbuck are planning their Church Annual Meetings.
   Sanford- no date set
   Starbuck- January 19
   Avonlea- January 12 possibly
4. Rev. James says he is not planning a winter holiday.

Meeting adjourned by Michele at 7:48 pm.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2025, at 7 pm for the MPC AGM. Location is to be confirmed.

Minutes submitted by

Shelley Robson, Secretary

APPENDIX I

MPC Worship Report

November 12th,2024

Nothing new to report and no one has shared concerns.

The 100th Anniversary Service on June 8th, 2025 - still looking for people interested in planning the event with our 3 congregations and with James.

There is an interesting historical article on the June 10th, 1925 service in the 2024/2025 A/C/E Gathering magazine.

Respectfully submitted: Angie Cormier/ Jane Manness / Avonlea Chairpersons

Meridian Interchurch Report

November 12/2024

1. The Interchurch committee is having a event on March 21 st , 2025 in the Fellowship Church in La Salle. Matt Falk(Christian comedian) will come as the headliner and we are hoping to sell 200 tickets at $10/ticket. Matt will be given a $2000 plus GST honorarium.

2. The Advent Service will be held on December 1 st , 2024 at 7 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church hosted by the United Churches of Domain, Sanford and Starbuck. Our three churches will be expected to help out at this event. The La Salle Community Choir will be singing at this event.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cathy Beavis

Avonlea United Church Report

November 12th, 2024

We continue to Worship at 9:30AM, with coffee following.

We held one in person Board meeting in September. Our up-coming November meeting, will be to plan for our Annual meeting.

On Recovenanting Sunday in September, we used it as our Fall Kick-off and enjoyed lunch together after church.

October 6th, we celebrated Worldwide Communion.

October 13th, a Baptism, made our Thanksgiving Service a special time of worship.

We're looking forward to the Advent Season: Hanging of the Green and Pizza, Memory Tree, Virtual Blue Christmas and ice candles, White Gift and our "Multi-community, Multi-church, Multi- purpose Advent Collection".

On Christmas Eve we are on our own. Connie Arran has offered to coordinate our 7:00PM service.

And always, Thank you James for being our teacher/ preacher/ techie/ friend - the many roles you fill on our Charge.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Manness / Avonlea Chairperson

Sanford United Church - Report to MPC Nov. 12, 2024

Our fall worship season continues to be quite good. We haven't noticed attendance being significantly different due to the non-regular Sunday worship hours. However, there definitely is some confusion on the time as we still continue to search for the best way to keep everyone informed of each Sunday's worship time.

We celebrated a baptism and a blessing on September 22.

This year so far, we've returned to weekly choir practices and have enjoyed connecting a little with the community by having some non-members join the choir for our Remembrance Day service.

As usual, our collections for Harvest Manitoba have been well supported by the community and we are planning another Bingo event on Nov. 16th.

All in all, a good start up after our summer break!

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Scharf

Starbuck Report.

The fall services are working well and we are grateful to have James' support for the lay services when

he is not with us.

Upcoming events include the Interfaith Advent Service which is to be held at our home in Trinity

|Lutheran Church in Starbuck and hosted by the Meridian Pastoral Charge subject to confirmation.

The Annual Cantata is scheduled for the 12 th December at 11.30 and we are thankful to have the service input from James and Pastor Debra.

Attendance is still steady but we are now missing our “snow birds”.

Margaret Porter

Chair

MPC FINANCIAL REPORT October 31, 2024

REVENUE	ACTUAL	PROJECTED 2024	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
ALLOCATIONS	$73500.00	$88200.00	-$14700.00	
INTEREST	$3690.08	$1200.00	-$35.00	
M&S/WD		$6900.00	-$6900.00	
S/H DIVIDEND	$13.44	$25.32	$25.32	
OTHER		$225.00	-$225.00	Min gift/SUC
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$77203.52	$96550.32	-$19346.80	
DISBURSEMENT				
PAYROLL JAMES	$82164.61	$98209.56	-$16044.95	
PAYROLL OTHER	$247.00	$741.00	-$494.00	247x3
UCC ASSESS	$4588.00	$4588.00	$0.00	
M&S/WD		$6900.00	-$6900.00	
SERVICE SUPPLY	$0.00	$300.00	-$300.00	i.e. Palms, etc
MILE EXP JAMES	$3429.25	$5020.00	-$1590.75	
TRAVEL OTHER		$300.00	-$300.00	Travelling Min. and meetings
MISC		$500.00	-$500.00	Min Appr, etc
OFFICE SUPPLY	$556.88	$550.00	$6.88	
WEB DOMAIN		$136.50	-$136.50	
MEETINGS		$500.00	-$500.00	PtoP, etc
CAPITAL		$500.00	-$500.00	
BANKING FEES	$10.00	$30.00	-$20.00	
SUNDAY SCH		$300.00	-$300.00	
TOT DISB	$90995.74	$118575.06	-$27579.32	
REC/DISB	-$13792.22	-$22024.74	$10391.45	
Jan 1 Bank Bal	$26832.46	$26832.46		T/D $80,000
Receipts	$82203.52	$96550.32	Add $5000 fr T/D	-5000
Expenditured	$90995.74	$118575.06		
October 31,2024	$18040.24	$4807.72	$9807.72	$75000.00