

**Meridian Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting Minutes  
2025 Annual General Meeting  
February 24, 2026 at Sanford United Church  
Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Cathy Beavis, Michele Ammeter, Margaret Porter, Georges Cormier, Diane Trudeau, Darryl Manson, Stuart Manness, Janice Harrison, Julie Ringash, Nancy Langlois, Jamie Scharf, Marc Nolette, Rev. James deBeer and Melanie Stanley.

Regrets: Barb Kirk

Call to Order at 7:08.

Opening Prayer by Rev. James deBeer

**Meeting Chairperson:** Stuart Manness/Michele Ammeter nominate Jamie Scharf as chair. Carried

**Meeting Secretary:** Margaret Porter/Michele Ammeter nominate Melanie Stanley as secretary. Carried

**Motion:** Michele Ammeter/Diane Trudeau That the 2025 AGM meeting agenda be accepted as amended. Carried

**2024 MPC AGM minutes**

On page 8 Barb Kirk was not on the M&P committee, Stuart Manness was on Avonlea M&P. Worship should read Barb Kirk and Julie Ringash.

**Motion:** Georges Cormier/Janis Harrison That the 2024 AGM minutes be accepted with corrections as circulated. Carried

Business arising from 2024 AGM meeting: none

**Reports**

**Minister** -Written report as circulated. Rev. James thanked everyone for all the hard work they do within the churches.

**Chairperson** – no report

**Committee reports**

**Worship** -Written report as circulated. A correction that it should read Margaret Porter not Margaret Trudeau from Starbuck.

**Ministry and Personnel** – Written report as circulated.

**Trustee** – Written report as circulated.

**Prairie to Pine-** No report

**Interchurch** – Written report as circulated. Rev. James will fill in for Cathy in March.

### **Church reports**

**Avonlea** – Written report as circulated. Cathy Beavis should be noted as part of the board as member at large.

**Sanford** – Written report as circulated.

**Starbuck** – written report as circulated.

**Motion: Michele Ammeter/Diane Trudeau** that all reports be accepted as circulated and amended.

**Carried**

**Financial** – Written report as circulated.

**Motion: Georges Cormier/Darryl Manson** that the financial report be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

### **Budget for 2026-**

An amendment for the meetings/workshop changed to \$400. Travel expenses will change to \$230.

**Motion Georges Cormier/Diane Trudeau** to accept the proposed budget for 2026 with the amendments to travel and meeting/workshop. **Carried**

We held a discussion about the future of the congregations. It is important that each church continues to discuss where they see themselves in the next couple years. People also discussed finding innovative ways to continue.

We discussed having a congregational meeting with all the charges to discuss future budget and sustainability.

### **Old Business:**

### **New business:**

**1)Appointment of Auditor-** the auditor will be Isaac Ringash

**2)Determine MPC board members for 2026** (Listed after new business)

**3)Interchurch-** The interchurch council is planning a supper for all members of the church councils on April 23. Potluck with Oak Bluff supplying meat dish. Rhonda will need names of people wanting to attend by April 5. This will be to celebrate 55 years of the council meeting.

Rev. James will find out if partners are invited at the March meeting. We can let Rev. James know how many from each congregation will attend and he will relay that to Cathy Beavis.

**4)2026 meeting dates –**

April 14, 7:00 p.m. Sanford, September 15, 7:00 p.m Sanford, November 17, 7:00 p.m.(Zoom)

Or

April 14,7:00 p.m. Sanford, October 13, 7:00p.m. Sanford. If the United Church Manual does not require 4 meetings to be held in a year.

5)**Joint Service** on May 24, 2026 10:00 a.m. in Sanford. Worship committee will organize.

**MPC Board for 2026**

**MPC Chair –** Stuart Manness

**Starbuck Chair-**Margaret Porter

**Sanford Chair-**Jamie Scharf

**Avonlea Chair-**Janis Harrison

**Vice Chair -** Melanie Stanley

**Treasurer –** Georges Cormier

**Secretary –** Jamie Scharf

**Ministry and Personnel –** Julie Ringash

**Worship –** Diane Trudeau

**Interchurch –** Cathy Beavis

**Members at large**

**Starbuck-** Michele Ammeter

**Sanford-** Nancy Langlois

**Avonlea-** Cathy Beavis

**Prairie to Pine** vacant

**Motion: Georges Cormier/Cathy Beavis** that the 2026 board be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**Local treasurers**

Starbuck – Michele Ammeter

Sanford- Anne Kirk

Avonlea- Connie Arran

**Local M&P**

Starbuck- Michele Ammeter

Sanford- Julie Ringash

Avonlea- Janis Harrison

**Local Worship**

Starbuck- Diane Trudeau

Sanford- Barb Kirk and Julie Ringash

Avonlea- Jane Manness

**MPC Trustees**

Starbuck- Michele Ammeter

Sanford-Nancy Langlois

Avonlea-Ron Manness

Rev. James deBeer

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**AGM February 23, 2027** 7:00 p.m. Sanford

**Margaret Porter** adjourned the meeting at 8:54

Recording secretary for this meeting – Melanie Stanley