

## **,Meridian Pastoral Charge Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

April 13, 2026 Sanford 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Stuart Manness, Julie Ringash, Georges Cormier, Diane Trudeau, Nancy Langlois, Margaret Porter, Rev. James deBeer, Janice Harrison, Michele Ammeter and Melanie Stanley.

**Regrets:** Jamie Scharf

### **Call to order at 7:01**

Rev. James began the meeting with the Lords Prayer.

**Motion:** Michele Ammeter moved Janice Harrison seconded that the agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

### **Minutes from November 18, 2025**

**Motion :** Georges Cormier moved Michele Ammeter seconded that the minutes of the November 18, 2025 meeting be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

### **Committee reports**

#### **Minister**

Rev. James would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. Easter was good and it was nice to reflect on Gods love for us.

#### **Worship**

The church year has/is following as reported in the September Worship Report. The only new item is the focus on the Union 101 Service on May 24<sup>th</sup> at Sanford United Church at 10 a.m.

The Worship committee had a Zoom mtg on April 7<sup>th</sup> to sketch out service. The service will be a Meridian Pastoral Charge service with all churches involved in the service.

Margaret Porter and Jane Manness will look after the music.

Offerings in envelopes will be dispersed to appropriate churches and any non designated monies will be considered a donation to Knox United Church under the leadership of Rev. Leslie Harrison. Georges has volunteered to disperse the monies as discussed.

A pot luck meal and fellowship will be held in the basement.

The service will be streamed on the Meridian Pastoral Charge Channel (YouTube)

The set- up will be Saturday, May 23 at 9:30 am.

**Respectfully submitted** by Diane Trudeau

**Ministry and Personnel** – M & P will get together in late April or early May to work on scheduling.

Ray Klassen has said that he enjoyed leading a service last year. He may be willing to help again in the future.

### **Meridian Interchurch-**

We have had two meetings since the MPC annual meeting. Our MIC is celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> year of existence at OBBC on April 23. Doors open at 5:30 and supper will be at 6:00. Posters have been distributed to all our churches to highlight this event. MIC will supply meat and buns and OBBC will provide drinks/coffee. Each church is to RSVP final numbers for our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (to Cathy Beavis). Each church is asked to contribute a dessert and salad for the meal. The formal part of the evening will include a short praise/prayer and a historical table will be set up.

The Meridian Inter Church Service Award Application has been circulated to churches. The deadline for applications is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The bursary/bursaries will be awarded at the baseball tournament.

The annual barbecue/baseball tournament is planned for Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to match up with youth night. Rhonda will confirm with Brunkild about hosting. More details to follow.

**Respectfully submitted** on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by Cathy Beavis

### **Prairie to Pine**

Rev. James will be attending the regional meeting which will be held the last weekend in May in Selkirk.

**Motion:** Georges Cormier moved/Michele Ammeter seconded that the reports be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

## **Church Reports**

### **Avonlea**

- \*14 services scheduled with Jan 18 and 25 falling victim to winter 2026
- \*one annual meeting and one Board meeting
- \*February 15 lay minister prepared and led by Linda Manson
- \*2 congregational meals. Lasagne for annual on January 11<sup>th</sup> and Lenten pancakes on February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- \*Multi charity drive together with La Salle churches throughout the Lenten season.
- \*Very meaningful Good Friday service at 10 AM on April 3<sup>rd</sup> incorporating the stained glass windows.
- \*Easter Sunday service April 5<sup>th</sup> with Rev Peter Mitchell. Well attended. Jan Harper presented the children's story.

### **Sanford**

The last few months at Sanford United has been an opportunity for us to use all our support skills to care for our own congregation. It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Kelly Epler – our main accompanist for many years and a devoted member of our congregation. This is a huge loss for not only her family but also our congregation and community. We trust in God to help us process this and also support her family. At the same time, we are also praying for healing for my daughter, Naomi Scharf, as she deals with very serious health issues. Our congregation and pastoral charge has been a huge support for Onnolee and I in this time and we are very grateful for that.

In addition to that, we continue our regular business. Our Easter service was well attended. Also, we're having another Bingo night on April 18th.

We are happy to report that we have a new member, Miriam Stobbe, who has joined our congregation via membership transfer and jumped right into the life and work of our church.

Looking forward to joining the whole charge on May 24th for service. We also wish to continue the healthy conversations started during the annual meeting of the pastoral charge on the topic of how to continue our work in the future when our structure is likely to be different.

**Respectfully submitted** by Jamie Scharf

### **Starbuck-**

Nothing new to report

**Treasurers Report**

March 31, 2026, Meridian Financial Statement

		ACTUAL	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	NOTES
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
	INTEREST	\$2340.00	\$3000.00	-\$660.00	
	AVONLEA MPC	\$7800.00	\$31200.00	-\$23400.00	
	STARBUCK MPC	\$7800.00	\$31200.00	-\$23400.00	
	SANFORD MPC	\$7800.00	\$31200.00	-\$23400.00	
	AVONLEA M&S/WD		\$3000.00	-\$3000.00	
	STARBUCK M&S/WD		\$2000.00	-\$2000.00	
	SANFORD M&S/WD		\$3000.00	-\$3000.00	
	S/H Dividend	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	Other		\$225.00	-\$225.00	
				\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$25740.00	\$104825.00	-\$79085.00	
	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
	PAYROLL JAMES	\$26230.92	\$103573.00	\$77342.08	
	PAYROLL OTHER		\$260.00	\$260.00	1 pulpit Supply
	UCC ASSESSMENT	\$5160.00	\$5160.00	\$0.00	
	WORLD DEVELOPMENT		\$1200.00	\$1200.00	
	MISSION AND SERVICE		\$6800.00	\$6800.00	
	PULPIT SUPPLY EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
	MILEAGE EXPENSES JAMES	\$716.40	\$5000.00	\$4283.60	.60/km
	TRAVEL EXPENSES OTHER		\$230.00	\$230.00	

	MISC	\$352.00	\$400.00	\$48.00	Printing annual reports \$252/Interchurch fees \$100	
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00		
	WEBSITE DOMAIN	\$136.50	\$136.50	\$0.00		
	MEETINGS AND WORKSHOP	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00		
	Capital	\$0.00		\$0.00		
	Banking Fees	\$6.00	\$20.00	\$14.00		
	Sunday school/Children	\$0.00		\$0.00		
	<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	\$32601.82	\$124029.50	-\$91427.68		
				\$0.00		
	<b>RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	-\$6861.82	-\$19204.50	\$12342.68		
	TRANSFER FROM MANSE	\$15000.00	\$15000.00	\$0.00	Balance \$50,000	
	<b>RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	\$8138.18	-\$4204.50	\$12342.68		

**Motion: Georges Cormier moved, Michele Ammeter** seconded that the report be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Old Business**

**Correspondence –**

**New Business**

- 1) The Meridian church service will be held on Sunday May 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Sanford United. The offering will go to Knox United. Information about Knox United will be put into our bulletins prior to this service. The service will be streamed for those who cannot join in person.

- 2) **Motion** : Margaret Porter moved, Michele Ammeter seconded to wave the bylaw for 4 meetings and change it to 3 meetings and to combine the September and November meetings and have 1 meeting on October 13, 2026 at Sanford United at 7:00 p.m.

**Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 moved by Nancy Langlois.

**Next meeting will be October 13, 2026** 7:00p.m. at Sanford United.

Secretary for April 13, 2026 Melanie Stanley