

**Pembina Parish Pastoral Charge
353 Thornhill Street, Morden R6M 1T8
Minutes of Leadership Team
July 29, 2021, 7:00 pm Online**

Pembina Parish is a caring Christian community, welcoming all people to join in our journey of celebrating God's presence, sharing our gifts locally and globally, while exploring our faith.

1. Call to Order at 7:10 pm

2. OPENING WORSHIP

Rev Carrie spoke of looking for prayers for summer in the midst of drought then invited Lynne to share in the reading of several such prayers written by people of different faiths and denominations in other times and places. She commented on the ecumenical and community spirit found in the words, as well as a sense of hope as those droughts did end.

3. ROUNDTABLE

Memories of special summer experiences were shared.

4. ATTENDANCE/REGRETS

Brian Saunderson

Kathryn Luger

Karen Dyck

Esther Rothenburger

Sharon Deceuninck

Lynne Sanderson

Nancy Penner

Rev Carrie Martens

Regrets : Charlene Morrow

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – June 24, 2021

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 24 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Moved by: Karen Dyck Seconded by: Esther Rothenburger
CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7.1 Pembina Parish Office Cell Phone

In response to a question, Karen clarified that the new cell phone plan arranged for office use has adequate minutes at a monthly cost of approximately \$27.

7.2 COVID- 19 Response

Brian reported that the COVID Response Group will meet next week to discuss measures for the Fall with respect to worship, meetings, etc.

8. REPORTS:

8.1 Finance

Nancy presented several financial reports for review: a Comparative Income Statement (actuals) for the period January 1--June 30 for 2021 and 2020; a Comparative Income Statement (actual and budgeted) for the period January 1—June 30, 2021; and a Balance Sheet as at June 30, 2021.

8.2 Minister's Report

Rev Carrie noted that August 25—September 1 she will be taking a required admissions orientations course. August 29th worship will be covered by the Worship Interest Group. Recently, she attended a meeting of a local group working at Truth and Action in relation to our Indigenous neighbours. Participants represent several churches and communities. All are welcome and there appear to be many learning opportunities. Finally, Rev Carrie expressed gratitude to Lynne Sanderson for her excellent coverage during Carrie's holidays, including her compassionate care for families involved in the funeral and graveside service she officiated.

8.2 Ministry and Personnel Committee

Karen reported that the M&P group will meet the third week of September. Lynne raised questions about an employee's contract in relation to relevant United Church policy.

Action: Lynne and Karen will discuss this matter further.

8.3 Zion-Calvin

The church building is being checked regularly. The sanctuary will be used during August to record services. We are waiting for the internet installation.

8.4 Interest Groups:

8.4.1 St. Paul's Building Group

Brian reported that the new space configuration is becoming more evident. The new stage holds promise for great concerts. There was discussion on how best to acknowledge donations and an agreement that a policy should be developed in this regard. **Action:** Nancy, Rev Carrie and Sharon will meet to discuss policy guidelines.

8.4.2 Opportunity Fund Group

Nancy indicated that a previous motion regarding the purchase of camera equipment for St. Paul's (Minutes of 3.2021 May 20 item 8.6.2) missed a step in the approval procedure. **Action:** Nancy will present the funding request to the Opportunity Fund Interest Group for approval.

8.4.3 Affirming Conversation Group

Kathryn reported that she has been in contact with Affirm United and clarified that each church will receive a certificate of membership in its own name. Following discussion, it was decided to hold the affirming celebrations during worship services on October 10, 2021. The specifics of the service/celebrations are dependent on COVID restriction and weather but all will be worked out and Affirm United requirements will be met.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Sign Discussion

Brian referred to drafts of work previously done to create interior signage of our mission and vision statements. That work was halted in anticipation of a new affirming vision statement, now adopted. Also, the Affirm logo must be added to exterior/interior signage, website and print materials. **Action:** Brian will contact the Design Group for the St. Paul's building project and ask them to develop suitable signage designs for the parish and seek Laurie Wiebe's participation to represent Zion-Calvin.

10. CORRESPONDENCE and Thank-you cards

11. PARKING LOT ITEMS

Church photo directory in Fall

12. NEXT MEETING(s) DATE

Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm online by Zoom

13. CLOSING WORSHIP

Rev Carrie closed in prayer: *Lord it is night....*

14. ADJOURN

Agreement to close the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Chair: Brian Saunderson

Secretary: Kathryn Luger