

**Pembina Parish Pastoral Charge
353 Thornhill Street, Morden R6M 1T8
Minutes of Leadership Team
June 24, 2021, 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 7:00 pm

2. OPENING WORSHIP

Rev Carrie opened with reading from "Sorry, Why Our Church Apologized" a United Church apology to Indigenous people. What does "sorry" mean?...

3. ROUNDTABLE

We shared out thoughts around Residential School History.

4. ATTENDANCE/REGRETS

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| Brian Saunderson | Kathryn Luger | Karen Dyck |
| Esther Rothenburger | Charlene Morrow | Sharon Deceuninck |
| Nancy Penner | Rev Carrie Martens | Lynne Sanderson |
| Regrets : | Guests : | |

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of 9.2 Covid Restrictions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – May 20, 2021

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 20 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Moved by: Esther Rothenburger Secoded by: Nancy Penner

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7.1 Meeting Management Calendar of Discussion Items

A revised calendar was distributed.

7.2 Co-op Gift Card Fundraiser

With some delay at the start, the campaign is now underway. **Action:** Karen Dyck will speak with Lori Willcocks about determining whether Coop would distribute the cards.

7.3 St. Paul's Banner

Brian acquired and hung a large, highly visible banner on the exterior east-facing wall of the church indicating that worship services are on line on Pembina Parish You Tube.

8. REPORTS:

8.1 Minister's Report

Rev Carrie is observing energy for learning and growth in the interest shown for book study and Indigenous issues; she is talking with local churches about shared activities; feedback has been very positive on affirming and on the young adult service June 20th; social tension is evident in the community between those getting vaccinated and those not; summer worship services will be lighter/playful, some outdoors; the Covenanting Service is June 27th.

8.2 Ministry and Personnel Report

Karen reported on vacation dates for Rev Carrie and Laurie, and on actions to be taken re policies on workplace harassment-prevention and sexual misconduct prevention; **Action:** add review of these policies and their affirming language to the next agenda; discussion about an "office cell phone" and the need for a phone at Zion-Calvin; **Action:** Karen will ask Laurie Wiebe to make recommendations and provide details of phone plans; no conclusions were reached about improving contact with congregants who lack internet access; there was consensus that Rev Carrie respond positively to a request for her to marry a Muslim couple.

8.3 Zion-Calvin

Kathryn reported that maintenance is ongoing with the removal of a downed tree, annual water analysis completed and arrangements for the installation of internet cable; would like to have new signage for the Affirming celebration; **Action:** add church signage to the next agenda.

8.4 Finance Report

Nancy referenced the distributed Statement of Income and Expenses for the Period Ending May 31, 2021; next meeting she will bring a comparable for June 2020/2021.

8.5 Interest Groups:

8.5.1 St. Paul's Building Group

Brian reported that anticipated project costs have risen; a congregational meeting is planned for July 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm online at which time an update will be provided to congregants and a motion will be presented seeking approval for an increased budget.

8.5.2 Opportunity Fund

Nancy presented the minutes of the Opportunity Fund Interest Group meeting of June 22, 2021 to support their recommendation for approval of an application request from the St. Paul's Building Discernment Group.

Motion: To approve the recommendation from the Opportunity Fund Interest Group for the granting of \$33,000 from the Opportunity Fund as per the application from the St. Paul's Building Discernment Group. Moved by: Karen Dyck Seconded by: Esther Rothenburger

CARRIED

8.5.3 Affirming Conversation Interest Group

Kathryn reported that with the motions to adopt a new affirming Vision Statement and to join Affirm United having passed unanimously at the June 13th Congregational Meeting, the application and membership fee are in the mail; the congregation has been notified but celebrations will be held off till Fall; a target date for the celebration would be useful;

Action: Kathryn will notify Prairie to Pine Regional Council about our vote; **Action:** add Affirming celebration to the next agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Church Office to Remain Closed till September

9.2 Covid Restrictions

Recent Provincial COVID Restrictions allow a maximum of 25 people to attend worship; the COVID Committee will continue their work in preparation for a safe return to in-person services in September.

10. CORRESPONDENCE and Thank-you cards

11. PARKING LOT ITEMS

Church signage outside/inside
Church photo directory in Fall

12. NEXT MEETING(s) DATE

Thursday, July 29, 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 8:50 pm.

Chair: Brian Saunderson

Secretary: Kathryn Luger