

**Pembina Parish Pastoral Charge  
353 Thornhill Street, Morden R6M 1T8  
Minutes of Leadership Team  
May 20, 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.

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**1. Call to Order** at 7:02 pm

**2. OPENING WORSHIP**

Rev Carrie opened with a reflection on our mission statement and the meaning of "caring Christian community" in Scripture.

**3. ROUNDTABLE**

We considered how we are living our Mission Statement in pandemic times.

**4. ATTENDANCE/REGRETS**

Brian Saunderson	Kathryn Luger	Cathy Sandercock
Esther Rothenburger	Charlene Morrow	Sharon Deceuninck
Nancy Penner	Rev Carrie Martens	Lynne Sanderson

Regrets : Karen Dyck  
Guests : none

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with the addition of 8.5 Report from Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – April 22, 2021**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 22 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed by: Charlene Morrow Seconded by: Esther Rothenburger

**CARRIED**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**7.1 Meeting Management**

**7.1.1 Streamlined Minutes:** Brian acknowledged the revised format for the minutes; Kathryn acknowledged Laurie Wiebe for developing a style template.

**7.1.2 Calendar of Discussion Items:** A calendar prepared by Rev Carrie, Brian and Laurie was introduced; additional comments are to be sent to Laurie for organization and return to Rev Carrie and Brian.

## **8. REPORTS:**

### **8.1 Finance Report**

Nancy indicated that a renovation cost spread sheet is being developed; no financial report is available as Covid restrictions and renovations make the church inaccessible; a report will be available in June.

### **8.2 Minister's Report**

Rev Carrie commented that walking with people in grief is a challenge in pandemic times, as is helping people to connect; the Pentecost service will offer something different with input from many people as well as celebrating some faith markers for five youths; she reported on participation in United Church events, completed and planned; and noted that our covenanting service is planned for June 27.

### **8.3 Ministry and Personnel Committee**

Cathy Sandercock identified the vacation plans, days remaining and cover-off arrangements for Laurie, Rev Carrie and Thong; next M&P meeting will be in June.

### **8.4 Zion-Calvin**

Charlene reported agreement by congregants and Trustees about landscaping and the desirability of internet access. Application for an internet connection is time sensitive as a new provider is offering incentives for hook-ups. On behalf of the Trustees who are unable to meet, Kathryn asked for approval of an application. There are no installation costs; the monthly fee (\$75 plus tax) will begin when service is available.

**Motion:** To authorize Zion Calvin Trustees to apply to Valley Fibre for an internet connection for the church. Proposed by: Charlene Morrow Seconded by: Kathryn Luger  
**CARRIED**

### **8.5 Prairie to Pine Regional Council**

Lynne has notified Trustee chairs of a new Trustees Handbook (2021); a new training workshop (likely to be required for M&P) is being developed related to the Workplace Abuse Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy; training on respectful congregations is also being developed.

## **8.6 Interest Groups:**

### **8.6.1 St. Paul's Building Group**

Demolition is underway, asbestos has been removed and air quality has passed inspection; high AV costs are necessitating a review of plans; some architect's drawings of the new look will be shared with the congregation as soon as suggested revisions have been finalized; Nancy reported approval by Prairie to Pine Regional Council's, Community Access and Accessibility Program for \$4500 for a sanctuary ramp.

### **8.6.2 Opportunity Fund**

Nancy reported a request from St. Paul's IT Group for \$1500 to purchase new camera equipment to record services and for other future uses.

**Motion:** To approve the request for \$1500 from the Opportunity Fund to purchase a Canon camera, mic and memory card. Proposed by: Esther Rothenburger Secoded by: Sharon Deceuninck

**CARRIED**

### **8.6.3 Affirming Conversation Interest Group**

Brian indicated planning is underway for the online Congregational Meeting, June 13 at 1:00 pm. for the affirming vote. He and Kathryn outlined the communication strategy, voting process and motions. Joining Affirm United requires 75% majority to pass; adopting the new vision statement requires 2/3 majority to pass.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **9.1 Coop giftcard fundraiser**

Brian reported that Lori Willcocks will organize this event in June.

### **9.2 Church photo directory**

Given pandemic restrictions, we will discuss this in the fall. Action: Brian will determine who the photographers were last time.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE and Thank-you cards**

Esther volunteered to send a card of thanks and congratulations to Dave DeStoop (Morklers) Morden's Citizen of Distinction/Volunteer of the Year; Nancy sent a thank you to the community member who made a large donation to St. Paul's building project.

## **11. PARKING LOT ITEMS**

Church signage outside/inside

Rev Carrie noted there is an immediate need for signage at St. Paul's to identify where information and services can be found online; a banner has been discussed. Action: Brian will talk to Karen about her research into outdoor banner options.

## **12. NEXT MEETING(s) DATE**

Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm online by Zoom

## **13. CLOSING WORSHIP**

Rev Carrie closed in prayer.

## **14. ADJOURN**

Agreement to close the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Chair: Brian Saunderson

Secretary: Kathryn Luger