

**Pembina Parish Pastoral Charge  
353 Thornhill Street, Morden R6M 1M8  
Minutes of Leadership Team  
September 16, 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.

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**1. Call to Order** at 7:05pm

**2. OPENING WORSHIP-** Rev.Carrie shared about the recent supportive actions taken by community members at Boundary Trails Health Centre and the impact it had, not just in our community, but across the country via social media. She related the actions to 2 Corinthians 2:14 which says "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him." Certainly, the actions at BTHC spread the fragrance of Christ in our community. It uplifted where many were feeling torn down.

**3. ROUNDTABLE -**

**4. ATTENDANCE/REGRETS**

Brian Saunderson

Esther Rothenburger

Nancy Penner

Regrets : Kathryn Luger

Charlene Morrow

Sharon Deceuninck

Rev Carrie Martens

Karen Dyck

Lynne Sanderson

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented with one addition of **8.4.4** (Technology) being added under interest groups.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – July 29, 2021**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 29 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Moved by: Nancy Penner    Seconded by: Karen Dyck

**CARRIED**

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

**7.1 Covid 19 Protocols** – The group agreed that we are ahead of the game and in-person worship has been working well. We can ask about getting plexiglass/ vinyl sheeting left over from elections to add even more safety for individuals.

**8. REPORTS:**

**8.1 Finance** – Nancy presented Comparative Financial Report for Aug 30 2021 vs Aug 30 2020.

We have applied for a mortgage which needs to be put on the title. Every anniversary we can put down up to 20% pre-payment besides the regular \$1625/month.

The Building Fund remains strong and there is good community involvement plus we are appreciating the good working relationship with Kevin Steckley who gave a donation to offset his fees. Donations were down some in the weeks when the Church was closed and even when it is open it can only hold about 40% due to social distancing requirements. Work is being done to allow the donation of Co-op dividends to the fund.

**8.2 Minister's Report** Rev. Carrie noted that there is cautious optimism in the reopening of the Churches and hopes that we can continue in-person services. There is much curiosity about the renovations at St. Paul's and hope of possibilities to come at Zion Calvin (internet and projection capabilities are in the works there).

People are eager to do what they can with what they have. There is continued energy toward the Listening, Learning and Action for the upcoming Indigenous book study and presentation as well as support for BTHC, and anticipation of the Fall Supper.

Carrie, Alicia, Laurie, and June continue to refresh our website and it is up and running. We have had the opportunity to honour the lives of Garry Sandercock (St. Paul's) and Barb Nichol (Zion Calvin).

Rev. Carrie completed her admissions orientation through the Centre for Christian Studies and found it to be a very enriching experience where she met people from many countries (and 6 time zones). She has 3 more courses to complete that she is hoping to take as a combined course in February.

### **8.2 Ministry and Personnel Committee**

Karen reported that they were able to meet in person. There was some discussion of whether audio or DVD could be used to catch up on services missed. They believe there is Truth in Action.

### **8.3 Zion-Calvin**

No report this time as Charlene had been away.

### **8.4 Interest Groups:**

**8.4.1 St. Paul's Building Group** - It looks like the ceiling is done as the plastic has come down! Next comes: painting, lighting, and chandeliers, to be completed before the carpets can be installed next week. We need to ask for volunteers with strong backs to clear out the CEU and get it ready to be rented out. The cleaning bee went well – thank you to Karen for organizing that.

St Thomas was broken into and important property stolen. We discussed how many keys are out there for our churches and whether we should consider a fob system. Nancy will ask Mike (IT for the city) and see what he thinks would be the most feasible

**8.4.2 Affirming Conversation Group** – October 10<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Carrie will send a notice to Prairie-to-Pine about our celebrations and special groups (ex. PV Pride) will be

contacted. Kathryn and Kaye are working on details such as: Smarties, fabrics, and flags for the decorations- most of us are willing to help with setting up for the event. **Mission and Vision Statements** – we need to fix spelling errors. Eagle Eye will be doing a pale blue background and keeping the regular font the same size on both statements. Locations will be: toddler room door (St. Paul's) and stairwell walls (Zion Calvin).

**8.4.3 Fall Supper** – First Sunday November – plans are underway to have one this year and it will be take-out only. It is hoped that the new door from the kitchen to the sanctuary will be complete by that time.

**8.4.4 Technology** – Alicia (et al.) has done an excellent job of upgrading the website.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

**9.1 New Rental Application/Agreement for St. Paul's** - we all agreed to the wording of the Use of Space signature document and decided to leave the rental dollar values to the finance committee to update and submit - we can review them next meeting.

**9.2 Donor Recognition Policy** – tabled to next meeting.

**9.3 Morden Gymnastics Club**- Earl Gardiner came in to tell us about a request from the club to rent our facilities due to the Access Event Centre being a Vaccination Supersite. They would use: the gym floor, stage, downstairs room, and one room upstairs for 2-3 days a week or more as it is smaller than their usual space. We felt that this was in keeping with our desire to serve the community as it is a recreational activity for kids and the ratio of supervisors to students should ensure discipline. Maybe when people see the space in use, they will want to rent it for other activities as we will need to have options when this term is done? Charlene Morrow moved that we rent the space to the Morden Magics Gymnastics Club for 7-8 months. Seconded by Karen Dyck.

**CARRIED.**

**9.4 Renter discussion:** If the Fountain of Life want to continue to rent our facilities, they will need to adhere to our covid restrictions so therefore there can be no singing, and masks must be worn as well as social distancing enforced. Performance groups must be double-vaxxed. Does their rental amount stay the same?

**9.5 After Church collection and lock-up.** Rev Carrie mentioned that there seemed to be a lot of confusion for procedures after the service last week. We agreed that House Groups will be back in session (St. Paul's) so there is a detailed procedure in the booklet for this. It is important that there be two people (from different families) dealing with the money. We may need to look in to who is in charge and whether they wish to continue when it comes to counting on Monday.

Thong usually locks the doors right after the service and checks again in the evening.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE and Thank-you cards

Should be sent to Kevin Steckley (engineer), Alicia (website), and a mention to the cleaning crew. Glenn Dyck, Earl Gardiner, and Dennis Titchkosky can also receive thanks as they will be checking the building from the outside to see if there are any more fixes needing attention.

**11. PARKING LOT ITEMS**

Church photo directory in Fall

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

Thursday, October 14, 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: Sharon Deceuninck (filling in for Kathryn Luger)