

PEMBINA PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
St. Paul's United Church, Morden, MB Thursday, July 6, 2017 4:30 PM

CALLED to ORDER at 4:40 pm

Present: Edith Lovatt (secretary), Rev. Cathie Waldie (chair), Bev Wilson, Louise Gardiner (Treasurer), Deb Hamilton, Karen Ching (M&P Rep). Karen Dyck

OPENING WORSHIP Rev. Cathie Waldie, read from Psalms 74, a reading about the seasons and the maker of those. Went around the table with the members saying what they are looking forward to this summer.

APOLOGIES: Marlene Holewka

APPROVAL OF AGENDA : (attached "a") As circulated adding #8 to business arising. Suzanna Bates gift to the church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – June 7, 2017

Moved by Deb Hamilton, **seconded** by Bev Wilson minutes be accepted as circulated. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING

1. **Meeting with Youth Representatives from St. Paul's and Zion Calvin**
 - Has not happened, questions have been formulated.
2. **Update on Gap Ministry appointment:** nothing has been happening from the Wpg. side of things as the H.R. person is on holidays. The Pembina Parish group is meeting next week for a strategy session.
3. **Choir Leader Position:** Received a letter from a lady who would take the choir director positions, but has asked for some use of space for free a few times a year for some private voice student she teaches. **Moved by** Edith Lovatt , **seconded** by Deb. Hamilton : That Laura Anne Bateman upon taking the choir director position will be offered two , 4.0 hour rentals of CEU at no cost. Additional hours to be negotiated. **Carried.**
 - Cathie Waldie is willing to speak to Laura Anne Bateman about this position and the board discussion.
 - Edith Lovatt, Marlene Holewka and Jean Motheral will follow this up.
4. **Management of the St. Paul's Property and Grounds and Responsibilities** – Fred Mayor wants to step down. Louise Gardiner, Karen Dyck, Marlene Holewka are currently in discussions to find a workable solution. They have some ideas and suggestions are most welcome.
 - In discussion about having a coordinator to call people to get jobs done.
 - Also make a list of potential workers, especially the younger people who do not necessarily attend church but might help a work party.
5. **Newsletter** - Shannon Holenski prefers to work on this independently as she is able to work it into her schedule. Cathie Waldie has been in contact with June Steiner re the Newsletter.
6. **Website:** Cathie Waldie has been in contact with June Steiner if she could be the manager of the website.
7. **Church Trac:** Louise Gardiner has not had time to meet with Arlene Link or Linda Sandercock.
8. **Suzanna Bates gift of art.** This needs to be hung for people to see. It will go to Zion Calvin-Darlingford for the first 6 months and then move to St. Paul's for the remaining six months of the year.

CORRESPONDENCE**Incoming:**

- The Remit counts are in and 1, 2, 3, & 4 have all passed. Now the work to making all change has to start.
- A policy update from the United Church as of July 1st. re: safe workplace against violence and harassment within the church.
- Office received a letter from the Harvey Stambuski foundation that Pembina Parish has been granted \$ 4,486.24 for general funds.

Outgoing:

Thank you notes:

Kaye Lyng and Grace Young for making new pads for the change tables in the washrooms.—Bev Wilson.

- A thank-you will be sent to Harvey Stambuski for his generous donation.—Louise Gardiner.

REPORTS

1. **M & P:** Karen Ching reported on the joint service that happened July 1st in Darlingford, and Aug 6th, long weekend will be in St. Paul's only and Jackie Stark and Bob Menzies will do that service. M&P is proposing that there be a worship interest group, this group would help plan the help needed for the time we have only one minister for some service and to find coverage for service when the minister is away. M&P will pursue finding someone to spear head such and interest group.
2. **Finance / Opportunity Fund:** (attached "b") Louise Gardiner reported: We are o.k., giving's are down, our expenses are also down, with only one minister being paid. The Finance interest group is going to do session's at church for people to sign up for PAR. It appears that the cheque back for Coop after the fundraiser was for \$700.00 less than what was actually raised. Louise Gardiner will check with Lori Willcocks.
3. **House Groups / Interest Groups**
 - 3.1. Property Discernment – Marlene Holewka from an update written by Bruce Shewfelt on June 18/17
 - i.) **Identity, Mission and Needs Analysis – The IMNA group** had a great discussion on the IMNA report and have agreed to the following:
 - a. Hold three “engagement” sessions around exploring the results of the IMNA report – two general sessions and one targeted session to engage young people – September dates have been suggested and are to be confirmed.
 - b. Bruce Shewfelt will issue a 2 page summary and advertisement of the upcoming engagement sessions in advance of the sessions.
 - c. Bruce Shewfelt has advised the congregation through News and Notes that the report is available electronically or in limited hard copies for anyone to see.
 - ii.) **Viability Study** – Rev. Cathie Waldie met with the Finance Interest Group, who reviewed the figures prepared by Louise Gardiner. Bruce Shewfelt will be helping Linda Sandercock generate the demographic stats required for the viability input. Much of the other input is done or in the works. It is hoped the input can be finalized sometime in July.
 - iii.) **Community Needs Group** - Earl Gardiner has indicated that they have completed follow-up discussions with Individuals who did not attend the Community Round Table Meeting, and there is a high level of interest in our facility within the community. The trick will be to match our needs (e.g. points (i.) our finances (e.g. point (ii) and our mission with these opportunities and have a long term plan.

QUESTION from Marlene Holewka:

Please note that during our meetings the people of our community that we were interviewing commented that we should have better outdoor signage, and that it is difficult to find our building if you are not familiar with it. The Community Needs Group suggested at that time that this concern be taken to the Leadership Team. Keeping in mind that we do not have signage in the budget, and that this may not be a priority expense at least until we are further along with our discernment process – would you authorize me to get an estimate or two for updating our existing outdoor sign, as well as checking into whether the light could be repaired, and possibly adding another street address - as an interim lower cost improvement. Perhaps in order to compare, we should also cost out a larger option that would allow for a space to advertise special events, like our Soup and Pie Luncheons, Fall Supper, Concerts, etc.

-Discussion around the current sign it is so dated and should be replace with a new , is it a waste of time to look at fixing the current sign,,

-table till fall,

-could Soup and Pie group look at helping with this cost.

----- No reports for the point below.-----

4. Sunday Schools
 - 4.1. St. Paul's
 - 4.2. Zion Calvin
5. Zion Calvin
6. St. Paul's
7. Minister

NEW BUSINESS

1. Morden Corn and Apple Festival Involvement Update: there is a group that has booked the CEU to have a craft sale that weekend. There is lots of concern about the church being open and people wondering around, using the bathrooms. We are suggesting that the CEU doors be chained shut. Signage that there are no public bathrooms. Lock as many doors as possible.
 - Marlene Holewka is asking the C&A group if would like to have a shuttle bus stop in our parking lot.
 - Louise Gardiner will speak to Arlene Link to tell the renter that there will be no washrooms available.
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2. Co-op Gift Card Fund Raiser, the Coop wants to have a specific project and Lori Willcocks told Coop it would be used for maintenance.
3. Zion Calvin List of Volunteers who do the work to keep the church operational (attached "c")–
Compiled by Kathryn Luger – Shared for info by email with Pembina Parish Leadership Team and Admin Office July 5, 2017

NEXT MEETING: Sept 14th. 4:30 p.m.

CLOSING:

ADJOURNMENT at: 6:45 pm