

**PEMBINA PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING AGENDA**  
**St. Paul's United Church, Wednesday, June 19th 2019, 4:30 p.m.**

**CALL to ORDER** at 4:38PM

**OPENING WORSHIP** – Rev Cathie Waldie shared her experience from the inaugural meeting of the Prairie to Pine Regional conference in Brandon. The theme was “Walk with Me”. Cathie shared the Luke passage about the walk to Emmaus when Jesus walks along the road with the grief stricken disciples. Only when they invite him to have a meal with them and he breaks bread do they recognize he is Jesus. Like the grieving followers, change is different for everyone. Some embrace it; others do not. We are going through changes in our parish about which Cathie opened with prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:** Rev Cathie Waldie, Brian Saunderson, Louise Gardiner, Bruce Lyng, Deb Hamilton and Leslie Bezte

**REGRETS:** Margot Craig

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:**

**MOVED BY** Deb Hamilton **SECONDED BY** Bruce Lyng to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7. Kitchen items under BUSINESS ARISING.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – May 15th, 2019**

**Motion:**

**MOVED BY** Louise Gardiner **SECONDED BY** Deb Hamilton to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019 with the following changes:

Under BUSINESS ARISING 7 the minute should read “...ecumenical groups. Pembina Mennonite Fellowship and Pembina Parish...”

Under REPORTS 6.6.4 delete the statement “List of all involved in affirming should be on the banner.”

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Congregational Designated Minister position – update**

Edith Lovatt was asked to re-post the position but not sure if this has been done. We discussed if hiring a CDM right now is good timing.

**2. Use of Space Renters**

**2.1 Fountain of Life – report on meeting of May 22** Louise Gardiner, Marlene Holewka and Brian Saunderson met for a strategy session prior to the meeting with Fountain of Life and wrote all the rental agreement concerns in a letter (attached). They met with Pastor Green. Fountain of Life agreed to turn in all keys when construction starts and a new rental agreement will be drawn up when they return after construction.

They promised to return the sound system as it was found after each service. However Doug Lone has already reported it was not returned as requested this past week

**2.2 Other users** – other renters will have to be given notice of the outcome of the upcoming June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting

- 3. Report on Prairie to Pine Region inaugural meeting** – Rev Cathie Waldie attended. She knew many participants at her table group. The United Church Moderator was present and lead worship. He also participated in the Brandon Pride Parade. At the meeting there were lots of youth and indigenous people. One indigenous woman was ordained. There were many intercultural events, conversations around affirming and decolonization. They voted on becoming an affirming Region. They did a lot of visualizing and prioritizing.
- 4. Covenant with Prairie to Pine Region** – Marlene Holewka is working on this.
- 5. June 23<sup>rd</sup> Congregational Meeting** – Brian Saunderson, Bruce Lyng, Louise Gardiner and Sue Nelson are going to bring soup. The congregation is to bring potluck extras. Brian will lead the meeting with voting on constitution changes. He will continue to lead through the discernment discussion with Earl presenting. Leslie Bezte will take minutes.
- 6. Responsibilities of governing bodies (Leadership Team) – discussion/questions – defer**
- 7. Kitchen items** – several antiquated items (silver plated tea service, communion trays, goblets, pitchers, etc.) were cleaned out of the kitchen cupboards and we discussed possible disposition options. We could check the value through local jewelry store, auction off, offer for sale, donate. This will be decided at a later date.

## REPORTS

- 1. Finance** – Louise Gardiner (as attached). We are at a net surplus of \$17,260.27 as of May 31, 2019. Zion Calvin expenses look higher because the increased insurance costs and high heat bill. Louise continues to shift monies from GICs to savings in the restricted funds since interest is much better.
- 2. Congregational Designated Minister search** – under BUSINESS ARISING
- 3. Minister** – Rev Cathie Waldie submitted a letter of retirement (attached) giving July 1, 2020 as her retirement date. Larry Danielson has agreed to give a 12 session `Healthy Aging` seminar at St Paul`s this coming fall.
- 4. Ministry and Personnel Committee** – Bruce Lyng. A JNAC (Joint Needs Assessment Committee) will be formed with about 5 people looking for a new minister. They will do a profile of our community of faith, then search. A liaison from the Region will be appointed to assist us. We should start to think about who will be on the committee. M & P are currently reviewing job descriptions and conducting employee reviews. They do not meet again until September
- 5. Zion-Calvin** – Deb Hamilton. They could not find a funeral policy on file for Zion Calvin. They have never had one because they thought they should not charge for funerals. However these days they should be paying the minister, musicians and custodians. Deb wants to discuss this with the Zion Calvin parishioners to get direction. We will add this to a fall agenda. It was noted that St Paul`s needs to update its funeral policy with respect to grave side services. Brian Saunderson would like to attend a Zion Calvin service this coming fall to introduce himself to members there.

**6. Interest Groups**

**6.1 St. Paul's Property and Grounds** – repairs on the roof recently. The lights in the choir loft have been fixed.

**6.2 Worship** – there will be no Sunday services on July 7, 2019 at St Paul's or Zion Calvin. Ila Swain of Roland will do the July 14<sup>th</sup> service.

**6.3 Property Discernment** – under BUSINESS ARISING 5

**6.4 Outreach** - no report

**6.5 Sunday School(s)** – Zion Calvin Sunday School picnic was on June 9<sup>th</sup>

**6.6 Affirming Conversation Interest Group** – the next meeting is next Thursday, June 27 to discuss the banner for the Corn & Apple parade.

**6.7 House Groups** – no report

**6.8 Other**

**CORRESPONDENCE: `**

Louise Gardiner will send a thank you note to Nancy and Henry Penner for moving the planters and planting flowers at St Paul's

Deb Hamilton will send a thank you note to Linda Maxwell for lending a mower to Zion Calvin (theirs' was in need of repair) so they could mow the lawn for the picnic

Sue Nelson is presenting the gift to Lynne and Joe Cawley on June 23<sup>rd</sup> so will ask her to write a card of thanks also.

**BULLPEN ITEMS**

- 1. Policy for weather cancellation of Church activities**
- 2. Renters Liability insurance**
- 3. Vacant Leadership Team spot**
- 4. Church keys – organize – who should have one?**

**NEXT MEETING(s) DATE:** July 25, 2019 at 4:00PM

**CLOSING** – Rev Cathie Waldie closed with prayer

**MOTION TO ADJOURN at 7:03PM**