

**PEMBINA PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**  
**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**  
**St. Paul's United Church, Morden, MB**

**OPENING WORSHIP:** Cathie read a poem The Long View.

**Present:** Suzanna Bates, Louise Gardiner, Edith Lovatt, Shannon Holenski, Bev Wilson, Cathie Waldie, Charlene Morrow, Marlene Holewka, Debbie Hamilton

**APOLOGIES:** Karen Dyck

Called to order at 4:30pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With additions of #5: Set a consistent meeting date.

**Motion** by Shannon Holenski, seconded by Bev Wilson the approval of the amended agenda. **Carried.**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

- Remits 6 should read deadline Feb, 28, 2018
- **Motion** by Louise Gardiner, seconded by Marlene Holewka that we accept the minutes as corrected. **Carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

1. **Annual Meeting reflections:** Good meeting, no controversy, Charlene Morrow had heard that people appreciated the simplified budget report.
  - Cathie Waldie handed out the amended Constitution, as of the 2016 Annual meeting held on Feb 26, 2017.
    - a) Youth Representative: Constitution 5.2.3 reads that there should be a youth (teenaged person) to work with the Leadership Team. This will require a 2/3 vote at the annual meeting to have it changed.
    - b) Marlene Holewka will talk to St. Paul's Sunday school and Debbie Hamilton will do the same at Zion-Calvin to see if they have a youth they can appoint to meet with the Leadership team. Once we have names we can decide what we want to speak with them about, then we decide when we would like to meet with them.
2. **Leadership Team: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary for 2017/8 & Photos:** Edith Lovatt will stay on as secretary, Marlene Holewka will take on chairperson and at the next meeting will determine vice chair. Suzanna Bates has offered to take a picture of all the leadership team, or if you wish you can send a photo to Suzanna Bates for the next newsletter.
3. **Property Discernment:** Marlene Holewka reports, there are meetings coming up next week for this group. They are looking at how to keep people informed about the EDGE process and the online survey. There is lots of work ongoing to meet with stakeholders and potential partners. See the annual report for in-depth information.
4. **Gap Ministry Appointment:** Edith Lovatt reported on the meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup> the team consisting of Nancy Penner, Sue Nelson, Edith Lovatt, Charlene Morrow and absent was Earl Gardiner, met with Cathie Waldie, Suzanna Bates and Harold Kenyon, the presbyteries appointed rep. for this

process. They established a job statement and will meet with the two ministers later to clarify the job description.

The meeting stopped for supper and shared farewells with the members leaving the team today.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you's need to go to the outgoing folks from the different boards and interest groups of the church that have finished their term as of this past annual meeting.
  - a. Shannon Holenski, M&P
  - b. Charlene Morrow, Leadership
  - c. Kaye Lyng Presbytery rep
  - d. Gerald Barclay, Brian Nedohin, Edith Lovatt as Trustees
  - e. Doug Lone for Sound and dishes at the Annual meeting.
  - f. Jean Motheral for being secretary at the Annual meeting
  - g. For the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper  
Ted & Sue Nelson, Fred and Myrna Mayor, Rish and Arnold Law

## REPORTS

1. **M&P:** Shannon Holenski reported from their meeting of today. They have moved Suzanna Bates study leave to March 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and Cathie Waldie has leave in March 27- April 3rd. Suzanna's last service will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. In May Alan Armstrong is doing pulpit supply. May 28<sup>th</sup> conference Sunday will be covered by Terri-Ann Lee. Both these persons are doing both services.
  - Request to leadership that early this spring we place an advertisement for a choir director to start in the fall 2017.
  - The M&P representative to the leadership could be on a rotation bases, shared between Cathy Lone and Karen Ching.
2. **Finance**
  - Louise Gardiner reported, copy attached (a).
  - We are in debt, but this is the same as last year at this point and it often takes care of itself by the end of the year.
  - Opportunity fund group met and had a request from the Sunday school group to purchase a lap top and software, for a cost up to \$2000.00.
  - **Motion** by Louise Gardiner, seconded by Debbie Hamilton: That the Sunday School group be granted up to \$1700.00 from the opportunity fund for the purchase of a laptop and software. **Carried.**
  - Louise Gardiner is requesting that there be a lock placed on the door of the finance room, concerns about it being open on Sundays for the offering to be placed in the safe. Much discussion. Louise will see that this lock happens.
3. **House Groups / Interest Groups**
  - House group leaders had a meeting in January.
  - There are a few weak groups and it may mean two groups down the road will have to combine.
  - Edith Lovatt will take on the House group coordinator position.

**4. Sunday Schools**

- No report.

**5. Zion-Calvin**

- Have received a large bequeath.

**6. Ministers**

- It's Lent, Suzanna Bates leaves in two months and there are busy times ahead.
- Suzanna Bates is feeling some pressure with closing down here and preparing to move.
- Suzanna Bates is offering a Lent course for the three Thursdays for the weeks ahead of Maundy Thursday.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Property Discernment** - request to increase Edge Funding from \$1200 to \$2400.

- **Motion** by Louise Gardiner, seconded by Bev Wilson, that we increase the line in the budget for the EDGE group from \$1200-\$2400. Carried.

**2. Transfer of Membership**

- June and Brian Steiner are transferring in from Deer Park United in Calgary to Pembina Parish
- **Motion** by Edith Lovatt, seconded by Debbie Hamilton that we accept the transfer request of the Steiner's. Carried.

**3. Process for booking space for weekly meetings, events**

- Marlene Holewka spoke to the process of booking a space, perhaps we need to make people aware the process of booking with the office if you want meeting space.
- New leadership members need to have a use of space agreement to review.

**4. Tabled: Remits from General Council**

Remit 1 = Three Council Model (deadline 30 June 2017)

Remit 3 = Office of Vocation (deadline, 30 June 2017)

Remit 4 = Funding a New Model (deadline, 30 June 2017)

Remit 6 = One Order of Ministry (deadline – 28 Feb 2018)

Anyone can go to United church of Canada –Remits and study these, there are other resources in the area too, [www.gc42.ca/remits](http://www.gc42.ca/remits)

We need to dedicate time specifically to this project. We will meet March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

5. Set a consistent meeting date. This will be tabled to March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** \_\_\_\_ **March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**\_\_\_\_\_

**CLOSING:** Cathie Waldie ended the evening with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Marlene Holewka  
Chair Person

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Edith Lovatt  
Recording Secretary