

**Prairie Spirit United Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2023**

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Mission Statement

*Prairie Spirit United Church is an inclusive community of faith
walking the path of Jesus as we worship God.*

*We do this by engaging with our community; by offering our gifts to aid where we can
and by telling our faith stories to all generations.*

PRESENT:

Dennis Bitton, Linda Bitton, Ivan Poitras, June Poitras, John Hunt, John McLeod, Sherri Glazier, Naomi McLeod, Wendy Murphy, Bev Smith, Donna Little, Sylvia Graham, Mark Friesen, Diane Proutt, Marg Fisher, Marilyn McCorrister, Marshall Jones, Thomas Ormonde, Colleen McIntyre, Judy Brown, Gerry Brown, Bryan Gawryluk, Jocelyn Fournier-Gawryluk, Anne Walker, Gary Crouch, Joan Cole, Doug Cottrell, Norne Crouse, Anita Kroeker, Heather MacMillan, Carol Blacher, Marg Devries, Edlene McPherson, Doug McPherson, Phyllis Poole, Jim Poole, Louise Groulx, Betty Roggenbuck, Linda Uhrich, Shirley Hill, Fred Birrell, Dorothy Birrell, Mike Hill, Pat Rothman, Judy Reilly, Heather Friesen, Sylvia Friesen, Viola Wilson, Christine Hashimoto, Barbara Hammer, Mary Lee Lecky, Jeanie McAlpine, Val Goodridge, Rev. Karen Lumley (Pastoral Care Supervisor) – 54 in attendance, quorum met

Guest: Derrick Vander, Exchange Group

1. Call to Order by Val Goodridge.

2. Opening Prayer and our Act of Remembrance - Reverend Karen Lumley

The list of those who have gone before us was read by Rev. Lumley. Their contributions to our faith community were recognized and appreciated. After reading the names of those who died in 2022, Rev. Lumley offered an opening prayer.

3. Eligibility to Vote

MOTION

Moved by Dennis Bitton

Seconded by Sylvia Graham

That adherents may vote on all matters before this meeting.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of the agenda

MOTION

Moved by Louise Groulx Seconded by Betty Rogers
That the agenda be adopted as circulated with a short information piece to be added at the end of the meeting by Jeanie McAlpine.

CARRIED

5. Approval of the minutes of the April 03, 2022 Annual Meeting

MOTION

Moved by Wendy Murphy Seconded by Heather MacMillan
That the minutes of the April 03, 2022 Annual Meeting be approved.

A question was posed regarding the status of the Community Outreach Worker position. Val responded that this will be addressed by the present M & P Team.

CARRIED

6. Presentation of the 2022 Audited Financial Statement – Mike Hill/Derrick Vandel
Derrick Vandel provided a short review of the financial statements.

MOTION

Moved by Mike Hill Seconded by Carol Scott
That the 2022 audited financial statement be accepted.

CARRIED

6.1 Action Item

MOTION

Moved by Mike Hill Seconded by Carol Scott
That, on the recommendation of the Finance and Stewardship Team, the Exchange Group be engaged to perform an audit of the 2023 financial records.

CARRIED

7. Presentation of the Oversight Council, Standing Team and Other Bodies' Reports

- 7.1.** Pastoral Charge Supervisor (Pg 3) - Reverend Karen Lumley
- 7.2.** Oversight Council Report (Pg10) - Val Goodridge
- 7.3.** Oversight Council Past Chairperson's Report (Pg 13) - Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk

Standing Team Reports:

- 7.4.** Congregational Wellness (Pg 14) - Heather MacMillan
- 7.5.** Finance and Stewardship (Pg 15) - Mike Hill
- 7.6.** Ministry and Personnel (Pg 16) - Anne Walker
- 7.7.** Property and Building Sustainability (Pg 17) - Dennis Bitton
- 7.8.** Social Justice and Outreach (Pg 20) - Linda Uhrich
- 7.9.** Worship and Faith Formation (Pg 23) - Patricia Rothney

Other Bodies

7.10. Board of Trustees (Pg 21) - Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk

7.11. United Church Women (UCW) (Pg 22) - Donna Little

7.12. Portage Avenue Food Bank (Pg 19)

Time was given to ask questions about each report. No questions were brought forward.

MOTION

Moved by Pat Rothney Seconded by Tom Carlyle

That the Oversight Council, Standing Teams and Other Bodies' reports be received.

CARRIED

8. Governance Review Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk

Based on the recommendations from Rev. Heather Lea of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council's Committee on Community of Faith Support, the Governance model, approved at the Community of Faith Meeting on November 27, 2022 has been revised. The amendments had been circulated and were be presented. Once the Governance model has been ratified by the Community of Faith, it will be submitted to the Committee on Community of Faith Support for approval.

The amendments to the document were presented and explained. There were no questions.

Notes from Annual Meeting

Amendment 1: Separation of Governance structure and Governance practices

- Nil

Amendment 2: Calling Meetings

- Nil

Amendment 3: Membership of the Oversight Council Executive

- Nil

Amendment 4: Addition of Team Leader to the Standing Teams and Other Bodies section

- Nil

Amendment 5: Expanding areas of Other Bodies with the addition of Roll Clerk

- Nil

Amendment 6: In Standing Teams and Other Bodies and explanation of and Interest Group was expanded for clarity

- Nil

Amendment 7: In Standing Teams and Other Bodies a statement of accountability for the Interest Group has been added

- Nil

MOTION:

Moved by Linda Uhrich

Seconded by Shirley Hill

That the Community of Faith approve the Governance model as amended.

CARRIED

9. Nomination Team Report - Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk

9.1 Thank you was expressed to all those who are retiring Oversight Council members.

The sharing of their time and talents contributed to the life and work of PSUC.

9.2 Presentation of the slate of officers for 2023

Call For Nominations from the floor for each team x3:

No nominations from the floor were received for the empty positions.

No one has come forward to fill the positions of Oversight Council Chairperson or Oversight Council Vice Chairperson. Without senior leadership in place, Prairie Spirit may not begin to look for a minister or pursue other initiatives important to the future of our community of faith. The following motion will allow for the work of the Nominating Team to continue the search for people to fill these important roles.

MOTION

Moved by Heather MacMillan

Seconded by Gerry Brown

That the Community of Faith request that the Nominating Team remain in place to continue to recruit appropriate person/persons for the role of Chair or Co-Chair (and potentially Vice Chairperson) and bring that nomination to the Oversight Council for appointment as soon as possible.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Dennis Bitton

Seconded by Donna Little

That the slate of officers be accepted for 2023.

CARRIED

The nomination slate of officers will be attached to these minutes.

Question: If someone decides to co-chair the Council can they also be chairing another Team? There is nothing written that prevents this.

If we find ourselves with co-chairs, there are ramifications as outlined by the Regional lawyer. Work will need to be done to understand these ramifications.

9.3 Trustee Appointments

MOTION

Moved by Jim Poole

Seconded by Betty Rogers

That Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk, Tom Carlyle, Ernie Gallant, John Lawrence and Val Goodridge be appointed to the Board of Trustees at Prairie Spirit United Church for the 2023 term.

CARRIED

10. Presentation of the 2023 Proposed Budget (pg. 29-30) Mike Hill

MOTION

Moved by Mike Hill

Seconded by Carol Scott

That the 2023 draft budget with revenue of \$186,000 and expenses of \$196,600 with a shortfall of \$10,400 be accepted.

CARRIED

11. New Business:

11.1 Jeanie McAlpine provided information about International Church advocating for churches who have sold their building to consider allotting a percentage of their profits to an Indigenous organization. Oversight Council will examine this project and make a recommendation as to how SUC could be involved.

12. Adjournment at 1:22 p.m.

As the business of the 2022 Annual Meeting was concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

13. Benediction – offered by Rev. Karen Lumley

Val Goodridge,
Oversight Council Chairperson

Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk
Acting Recording Secretary.