

Prairie Spirit United Church Oversight Council Meeting
Approved Minutes
June 26, 2023
4:30 pm - 45 Sammons Crescent

Welcome was given by Val for our June meeting.

Present: Colin Russell, Jim Poole, Rev. Karen Lumley, Val Goodridge, Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk, Judy Restall, Donna Little, Linda Ulrich, Heather MacMillan

Regrets: Pat Rothney, Mike Hill, Anne Walker, Heather Friesen

Opening Prayer was shared by Joycelyn.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Moved by Heather MacMillan, Seconded by Judy Restall

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

2. Approval of May 29, 2023, DRAFT Oversight Council Minutes

Motion

Moved by Linda Uhrich, Seconded by Donna Little

That the DRAFT minutes of the May 29, 2023, Oversight Council be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Correspondence, Communications and Updates

No correspondence or communication received.

4. Pastoral Charge Supervisor

Rev. Karen Lumley

No report. Appreciation was expressed to Karen for taking one of our services in June.

5. Regional Representative

Heather Friesen

The Prairie to Pine Regional meeting was attended by Val Goodridge, Peter Buhendwa and Heather Friesen. The Business meeting on Thursday and Friday was followed by interest sessions on Saturday which people attended as per their preference. Peter is expressing interest in ministry and has been in conversation with Val as our Chairperson.

6. New Business

6.1 – no new business

7. Ad Hoc Team Reports

No reports

8. Finance and Stewardship Mike Hill

8.1 **Report** – a written report was received from the Finance Team.

8.2 Draft Financial Statement to May 30, 2023

The financial statements were reviewed. presented and questions responded to.

MOTION

Moved by Jim Poole and seconded by Linda Uhrich

That the Financial statement to May 31, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

9. Standing Teams and Other Bodies' Reports (1-2 highlights)

9.1 **Worship and Faith Formation** Judy Restall for Pat Rothney

MOTION

Moved by Judy Restall Seconded by Linda Uhrich

That \$6,500.00 for the purchase of the video equipment as per the proposal approved at the May Worship and Faith Formation meeting, be approved. Installation and set-up to be accomplished over the summer.

Further that the monies be taken from the Memorial Fund.

CARRIED

A short discussion on the purchase preceded the vote on the motion. It was agreed that this equipment would be an asset to both our congregation and organizations that rent our building.

MOTION

That the request of the Worship and Faith Formation Team to have the risers of the steps of the south parking lot be painted in the colours of the rainbow.

It was suggested that we table this topic until Fall with the conversation being part of the process to becoming an Affirming Ministry. This idea from the Worship Committee will be held and remain an idea as part of this process.

Motion from the Worship and Faith Formation Committee was tabled.

9.2 Congregational Wellness Heather MacMillan

Welcome Back at the beginning of September. Heather put forward some questions as to the logistics of this lunch and invitations to groups within our church community. It was decided that we have it for only our faith community and encourage congregants to invite friends to this Sunday service.

MOTION

Moved by Heather MacMillan and seconded by Donna Little.

That PSUC cover the costs for 1 person to take the Food Handlers Course.

CARRIED

Heather will coordinate a meeting with Bryan Gawryluk to make sure that communication is happening with Pastoral Care and a report be given at the Oversight Council meetings.

9.3 Ministry and Personnel Colin Russell for Anne Walker

As per the written report, Colin reported on the work of performance reviews and the review of job descriptions with our staff.

9.4 Social Justice and Outreach Linda Uhrich

No written report. Focus for the team is planning for the September 24th service. Niigaan Sinclair will be our guest speaker.

9.5 Property and Building Sustainability Jim Poole

A written report was reviewed. Some queries were addressed by Jim.

9.5.1 Rentals

The church group that meets in the Rainbow Room will be able to use the sanctuary in August. This needs to be conveyed to them as information.

9.6 Board of Trustees Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk

Property Insurance has been taken care of with the Company. Payments are being made. The renewal date is December 1, 2023. Trustees will need to convene prior to that date.

9.7 Nominating Team Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk

No report

9.8 Stewardship Team Val Goodridge

A team will be created in September to carry out a Stewardship Campaign in the fall.

9.9 United Church Women (UCW) Donna Little

No report.

10. Business Arising

10.1 Donation to the Indigenous church

MOTION

That PSUC donate \$5,000.00 to 1Just City for Indigenous Programming and Training.

Moved by Linda Uhrich

Seconded by Heather MacMillan

CARRIED

A discussion around the table indicated strong support for this initiative. Val will see that the community of faith is apprised of this decision. The Oversight Council will ask the Finance team to action this item at an appropriate time prior to December 31, 2023

10.2

Sacraments

Elders

Training

Darlene and Doug McPherson have withdrawn their names as potential Sacraments Elders. Thomas Ormonde has been given the UCC Manual for Sacraments Elders and will be informed when training will take place. The date for the training is forthcoming.

10.3

Governance

Document

Approval

Heather Lea informed Val Goodridge that the Committee on Community of Faith Support recommended the following to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council at their May meeting.

From the minutes of the Committee on Community of Faith Support, Prairie to Pine Region:

“Upon recommendation of the Committee on Community of Faith Support it is proposed that the March 23, 2023 revision of the governance structure for Prairie Spirit United Church be approved for continued use in that community of faith, and that the document be filed for reference in the Regional Council office.”

PSUC will begin implementation of the new governance structure as of September 1, 2023.

11. Adjournment at 6:15 p.m.

12. Closing Prayer

Reverend Lumley

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, September 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Rainbow Room

Oversight Council Acting Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Val Goodridge

Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk