

**Prairie Spirit United Church
Oversight Council Meeting
January 28th, 2025 – 09:30
Kirkfield Park Meeting Room
Final Minutes**

Welcome expressed by Pat Rothney.

Present: Pat Rothney (Chairperson), Val Goodridge, Mike Hill, Carol Scott, Judy Restall, Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk, Heather MacMillan, Anne Walker, Donna Little, Jim Poole, Linda Uhrich (joined via Zoom), Rev. Scott Macauley.

Regrets: Gwenda Matieshin

Opening Prayer: offered by Linda Uhrich

1. Approval of Agenda

Amendment from copy shared indicating that January 7th meeting was an Oversight Council meeting not an Executive meeting

Rev. Scott asked for an item to be added to the New Business regarding a request for a rental.

MOTION: that the Agenda for the Oversight Council of 28-Jan-25 be approved as amended.

MOVED BY: Val Goodridge **SECONDED BY:** Donna Little **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Oversight Council Minutes of 7-Jan-25

MOTION: that the minutes for the Oversight Council of January 7, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOVED BY: Carol Scott **SECONDED BY:** Mike Hill **CARRIED**

3. Minister's Message: Daring Justice

UCC Call and Vision Third key phrase – Reverend Scott provided an overview of the background on the topic of Daring Justice and how it is and will be played out by PSUC as we work in the community and beyond.

4. Collaborating to Mend Church and World

Pat

In preparation for our visioning workshop on Saturday, February 1st, Pat shared a piece from the United Church of Canada website. The link is:

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-vision/embolden-justice>

5. Correspondence, Communications and Updates

5.1 Prairie to Pine Congregational Self-Assessment

Pat

Pat who was the author of the document expressed a thank you to Mike Hill, Val Goodridge, Rev. Scott, Carol Scott and Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk for assisting in the writing of the response and to all of the Council who took the time to review and respond with their comments. The report was submitted on January 21st to the Prairie to Pine Region and a paper copy mailed on 22-Jan-25.

5.2 Letter from Manitoba Choral Association

Pat

Received a letter December 12 from the Manitoba Choral Association regarding some concerns that arose during Choral Fest. A copy of the letter in response has been drafted and was shared with the Oversight Council.

5.3 Updated Leadership Contact Listing

Pat

Pat reviewed the updated list of members on this list. There were further changes provided by the Oversight Council. Pat will revise and resend the list of members.

6. Finance and Stewardship

Mike

6.1 Report

6.2 Draft Financial Statement to Dec 31st, 2024

MOTION: to receive the financial reports of Dec 31st, 2024:

MOVED BY: Mike Hill **SECONDED BY:** Jim Poole **CARRIED**

6.3 Draft budget 2025

The budget was shared by Mike Hill and a discussion ensued regarding the development of this budget. A follow up meeting later in February to discuss the development of the budget was requested by Mike.

6.4 Requesting envelopes

Pat Rothney

The Welcome envelopes are the vehicle to encourage new folks who desire to make contributions to the church. Pat requested that each Team leader take an envelope to share with their members. Pat will make some revisions (as per suggestions made) to the envelopes that are in the pews for anyone to use.

7. New Business

7.1 Annual Meeting: Date & Schedule for reports

Pat Rothney

Pat reviewed the document on the schedule for receipt of reports. The meeting will be held on Sunday March 30.

7.2 Transfers in requests from Sparling UC:

Rev. Scott MacAuley

MOTION:

that the following people be accepted as full members of PSUC through transfer of membership.

Erna Calais
Bev Lindstrom
Olive Tarapaski

MOVED BY: Heather MacMillan **SECONDED BY:** Val Goodridge **CARRIED**

7.3 2024 P2P Regional AGM Report

Pat Rothney

The report was received with appreciation expressed to Carol for her report and for her attendance at the meetings. In addition, Pat Rothney and Rev. Scott each attended one set of meetings.

8 Ad Hoc Teams Reports

8.1 Affirming Process

Linda Uhrich/Val Goodridge

Draft Affirming Vision Statement for approval by the Oversight Council on January 28 and the Community of Faith on February 9, 2025.

MOTION:

That the following PSUC Affirming Vision Statement be approved as our official statements

“Prairie Spirit United Church believes that everyone is a beloved child of God, deserving of respect and full inclusion. As an affirming ministry of the United Church of Canada, we openly and publicly welcome all ages, abilities, races, ethnicities, gender identities and sexual orientations.” with tag line for publicity purposes, e.g. sign, banner, printed announcements: **“Jesus welcomed everyone and so do we”**

MOVED BY: Val Goodridge

SECONDED BY: Anne Walker **CARRIED**

8.2 United Church 100th Anniversary in June 2025 Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk

Joycelyn reviewed initial plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our national church. We will celebrate as a community of faith on Sunday, June 8th. Joycelyn requested that a couple of people from the Council put their names forward as well as the hope being that we have a number of folks from the congregation become members of this ad hoc committee. See the report from Reverend Scott for further details. Joycelyn will speak during the announcements on Sunday regarding an organizational meeting after the service on February 2nd.

8.3 Nominating Team

Val Goodridge

Val is requesting a couple of people to serve on the team with her to fill key positions on the Oversight Council. She will be meeting with Rev.Scott later this week to discuss this important process in the interest of building capacity in our community of faith.

8.4 Stewardship Team Development

Pat & Scott

Rev. Scott provided a background for the plan for stewardship to come together. He reinforced keeping it a positive initiative and that we will tackle one initiative at a time.

8.5 Council meeting date

April 22nd is proposed for a Council meeting as Rev. Scott is not available on the original date of April 29th. It was accepted by the Team as a revised date.

COMFORT BREAK

9 Standing Teams and Other Bodies' Reports

(assumption is the standing team submitted reports have been read. The sharing of 1-2 highlights and anything new requiring discussion is appreciated)

9.1 Property and Building Sustainability

9.1.1 Jim Poole: Request for new chairs

MOTION

That PSUC purchase 50 new stacking chairs to replace those lost to use and wear at the cost of \$6000.00 with funds to come from the Memorial Fund.

Moved by: Jim Poole

Seconded by Heather MacMillan

CARRIED

9.1.2 Roofing Update

Will begin work on February 3rd. Joycelyn will make a sign to post at the doors.

9.1.3 Rentals

Upcoming rental dates were shared with Council. Heather mentioned we are needing card tables.

9.2 Worship and Faith Formation

Judy Restall

The Funeral and Wedding policies have been revised and will be brought forward at the next meeting.

MOTION

MOVED by: Donna Little

SECONDED by: Judy Restall **CARRIED**

10 Business Arising

10.1 Board Member appointment for the Westlands at Oddy Housing Co-Op
Housing Pat

MOTION

That Faith Kopisky be appointed the PSUC representative to the Westlands at Oddy Co-op Housing Board.:

MOVED BY Anne Walker **SECONDED BY::** Judy Restall **CARRIED**

Faith will be approached by Pat Rothney to sit on our Oversight Council in the Member at large role in the interest of acting as a liaison between the Westlands Board and the PSUC Oversight Council.

10.2 Visioning Workshop Pat

Pat will send an email with information about the details for our workshop on Saturday.

11 Minister's Accountability Report

Away from February 10th to 14th. He will be here for our service on February 15th. Rev. Scott introduced that the businesses in our close surroundings will organize a market in August which would raise the profile of our community of faith. A decision was made to proceed with the negotiations with them.

12. New Business

A request has been made by a group of Apostolic ministers to hold a workshop in our sanctuary. After a discussion, the decision was made that we would not support this rental.

12 Closing Prayer Rev. Scott Macauley

13 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 by Anne Walker

Next Meeting Dates:

Executive Council: Tuesday 25-Feb-25 at 1pm in the Kirkfield Park Meeting Room
Opening Prayer: Anne Walker

Oversight Council: Tuesday 22-April-25 at 09:30 am in the Kirkfield Park Meeting Room. Opening Prayer: Donna Little

Chairperson of the Oversight Council Respectfully submitted by:

Patricia Rothney

Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk