

FIRST UNITED CHURCH - FORT SASKATCHEWAN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20 2016 @ 6:30PM

Call to Order @ 6:35

Opening Devotion from "A Song of Faith"

Changes or Additions to Agenda

- Request from Joan Prochnau to move Treasurers Report to discussion agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2016 Board meeting
2. Treasurer's Report – Joan Prochnau
3. Presbytery Report – Jackie St. Goddard
4. First United Church Women's Group Report – Carol Peterson

Motion 2016-10-01 by Jackie St. Goddard to accept consent agenda items for information, seconded by Al Gummesen. Motion carried by consensus.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Board Planning Workshop - Eleanor will send a Doodle Poll to select dates for next gathering.
2. Building Security
 - contact in progress, Fire Department will audit doors entrance/egress. Recommendations will be shared as available.
3. Occupational Health & Safety Report – M & P requested to complete this.
4. Review of Leases – Eleanor. Holly will let Eleanor know when they are ready.
5. Cookie Walk – has been cancelled for lack of a coordinator.
6. Wedding Request – no follow-up required from last meeting, has been looked after.
Rev. Paul Joined the Meeting
7. A presbytery discussion request – "What does it mean to be in good standing in the UCC"
What is a "member in good standing" in our congregation. Pastoral Charge Boards are being asked identify in policy what a member or adherent can vote on.
8. Presbytery Pastoral Oversight visit – UCC policy after 1st year and then every 3 years following.
Review of Official Minutes for 2015 and 2016. Cathy & Eleanor will review and ensure minute are in order.
9. Update Governance & Operations Policy to reflect recent practice of referring emergent matters to the Board Executive. Will bring forward to future meeting to revise Governance Policy to include this practice. – Eleanor Heusing.
10. Treasurer's Report
 - Joan requesting to have replacement in place by June 30th 2016. Eleanor to follow-up with Nomination Committee regarding this timeline.
 - Budget items not met in the areas of Food Grains Bank, Bissell, Kairos, Faithlift. \$500.00 ea will be paid out this month.
 - We are well under the committed M & S funds for 2016. M & S promotion will be continued to end of year to try to bring funds in to meet this pledge.
 - Letter received from Regent Law Professional Corporation regarding the legal action against Redstone Investment Corporation and Redstone Capital Corporation.Motion **2016-10-02** by Joan Prochnau, seconded by Diane Durnford instructing the Board of Trustees

to write off the \$25,000 asset formerly invested with Redstone Investment Corporation. Motion carried by consensus.

11. M & P Report

Motion **2016-10-03** by Joan Prochnau, Seconded by Al Gummesen that the Office of First United be closed Dec 26th to Jan 2 inclusive, reopening Jan 3rd. Motion carried by consensus.

ACTION:

- M & P Committee will discuss the office closure with Administrative Assistant.
- Message on answering machine will reflect a contact # during the closure of the office.
- Rev. Paul will pre-arrange a colleague to be available for urgent pastoral care.
- Voicemail of the office phone will be monitored.

12. Minister's Report

- Baptism will be held this week. (Individual approved last month).
- Rev. Paul received a request for clarification around the consumption of alcohol on the premises. The agreed response is that it is upon the approval of the Board.
- Suggestion that our Pastoral Charge participate as a "Learning Site" for someone from our Pastoral Charge would need to attend a 10 day Ministry Supervision Training session @ Living Sky's Retreat Center near Regina, Saskatchewan. \$1785.00 includes accommodation and meals. Conference would have some grant funding for this.
- Rev. Paul has been asked to be part of a delegation to Haiti in February.
- Thanks and appreciation to all involved during the recent hosting of Conference Meeting and Covenanting Service.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Saskia & Darrell Concert October 29th
- Annual Turkey Supper October 30th
- February Presbytery Meeting here February 10, 11, and possibly 12th

FUTURE PLANNING

- Remit #3 (Office of Vocation) – vote at November board meeting
- Remit #4 (Funding a new model) – congregation discussion Jan/Feb 2017
- Visit to Board Chair

Motion 2016-10-04 by Al Gummesen, seconded by Jackie St. Goddard that all emergent matters will be referred to the Board Executive to address prior to the next meeting of the Board. Motion carried by consensus.

Motion 2016-10-05 by Diane Durnford, seconded by Joan Prochnau, that all matters discussed including prior to the Minister's joining the meeting are ratified by the Board. Motion carried by consensus.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment @ 8:23 PM

Approval of Board Minutes 20-Oct-2016

Secretary

Date

Chair-Elect (Acting Chair)

Date