

July 13, 2016

First United Church-Fort Saskatchewan
Board Minutes

Mission

As followers of Christ, we celebrate God, welcoming all people through Worship, Service and learning together.

Vision

As an engaged and committed community of faith, we continue to explore and grow our faith, encourage seekers and reflect the light of Christ into the world.

We Gather As God's People

Attendance: Eleanor Heesing, Jackie St. Goddard, Joan Prochnau, Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall, Cathy Pearson, Dick Baker, Diane Durnford, Elwood Galloway

Regrets: Brenda Nichols, Jen Pollack, Al Gummesen

Opening Reflection: Eleanor

Quorum is established for this meeting.

We Celebrate God's Work Among Us

Consent Agenda

1. Catering Group June Report
2. UCW June Report

Motion **16-07-01** by Diane Durnford, seconded by Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall, that the consent agenda as accepted be printed, moving no consent agenda items, into the discussion agenda. Motion carried by consensus.

Correspondence:

1. *from* Charlotte Fildes
2. *to* Kimberly Roy, Education and Students Convener, Yellowhead Presbytery

Discussion Agenda:

Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting of June 8, 2016

Noted correction required to draft minutes: date of meeting to June 8, 2016.

Motion **16-07-02** by Joan Prochnau, seconded by Eleanor Heesing to adopt minutes of June 8th, 2016 as corrected. Motion carried by consensus.

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Action or Business Arising from June 8, 2016 Minutes

1. Treasurer's Report from June meeting, including Redstone correspondence.

Motion **16-07-03** by Joan Prochnau, seconded by Jackie St. Goddard to receive the Treasurer's report as provided for the June 8th, 2016 meeting. Carried by consensus.

2. Board Planning Workshop/Retreat Eleanor
Discussion regarding the best way to set up times and days that would allow the Board work to be able to achieve the goals of the Workshop. The Board was favorable to 8 hrs of week day evenings. Information to follow to Board members regarding dates.
3. Building Security – defer to next meeting. Al has made contact with the Fire Department, to have them come do a review of our fire safety.
4. Saskia & Darrell Concert October 29th. Joan taking lead on coordinating this event.
5. Occupational Health & Safety Report from M & P – defer to next meeting.

Standing Item: Financial Report

6. Financial Report
Discussion/review of current financial position, including budget to date.

Joan has served in the Treasurer position for 5 years, and announced to the Board today, that she will complete her current appointment and finish the year end for 2016. Recruitment needs to start to find someone available for January 2017.

Motion **16-07-04** by Eleanor Heesing, seconded by Diane Durnford to receive the Treasurer's report as provided for the July 13th meeting. Motion carried by consensus.

ACTION:

-referral to Nomination Team to start looking for someone to be appointed to this position.

New Business

9. Remit 1 – Three Council Model
Background: The 42nd General Council 2015 approved, subject to remit, a new three-council model for the United Church. The 42nd General Council 2015 authorized this Category 3 remit to presbyteries and pastoral charges to test the will of the church with respect to the new model.

The Question: Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree that: (a) the United Church be re-organized into the three-council model approved by the 42nd General Council 2015; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

*Poll of Board - all 7 members present **in agreement** with Remit 1 question.*

Motion **16-07-05** by Jackie St. Goddard, seconded by Joan Prochnau to submit the provided ballot to General Council indicating that Fort Saskatchewan Pastoral Charge is in agreement with (a) the United Church being re-organized into the three-council model approved by 42nd General Council 2015, and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Remit item 2 – Elimination of Transfer & Settlement

Background: The 42nd General Council 2015 approved, subject to remit, the elimination of the transfer and settlement processes for members of the order of ministry within the United Church, including the elimination of the General Council Transfer Committee. The 42nd General Council 2015 authorized this Category 3 remit to presbyteries and pastoral charges to test the will of the church with respect to this change.

The Question: Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree that: (a) the processes of transfer and settlement for members of the order of ministry within the United Church be eliminated, including the elimination of the General Council Transfer Committee; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

*Poll of Board - all 7 members present **in agreement** with Remit 2 question.*

Motion **16-07-06** by Diane Durnford, seconded by Eleanor Heising, to submit the provided ballot to General Council indicating that Fort Saskatchewan Pastoral Charge is in agreement that (a) the processes of transfer and settlement for members of the order of ministry within the United Church be eliminated, including the elimination of the General Council Transfer Committee; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Cathy

- as Secretary of the Board, the required documentation for remits 1 & 2 be completed and provided to the First United Office for submission to General Council.

11. Connections Coordinator positions discussion. Defer to the Board Retreat.

12. Charlotte Fildes correspondence

ACTION: Cathy & Eleanor

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-a letter of acknowledge will be sent, thanking Charlotte for her letter.

Consideration of additional New Business

13. Discussion around the use of consent agenda. Will return to practice of including financial reports in the consent agenda. Importance of ensuring members take time to review all consent agenda items prior to meeting.
14. The following requests for leave have been submitted to M & P Committee, who will be meeting next Tuesday.
 - a) Rev. Paul has requested a leave for the dates: Aug 15th – Sep 3rd.

Motion **16-07-07** by Jackie St. Goddard, seconded by Joan Prochnau to accept Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall's requested vacation leave from Aug 15 – Sep 3rd, 2016. Motion carried by consensus.

- b) Holly Durnford has submitted a leave request to M & P Committee for the dates: July 8th, 22nd, 29th; August 19th.

ACTION:

- Request for Executive Committee to receive request from Holly and follow up as needed.

- c) Rev. Paul requesting a leave day July 24th to travel to Fort McMurray for ABNW Conference business.

Motion **16-07-08** by Diane Durnford, seconded by Elwood Galloway to approve July 24th Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall's request of a leave day July 24th to travel to Fort McMurray for ABNW Conference business. Motion carried by consensus.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- *Presbytery Meeting September 22 - 24, 2016 St. Andrews United, Spruce Grove*
- *Board Workshop TBA*
- *Board Meeting 2nd Wednesday of September 14th @ 0630.*

Future Planning

- *Calendar order for 2017*
- *September date for Covenanting Service*
- *Next Remit Congregational discussion in September*
- *Stewardship Committee planning Stewardship Month in October*

We Listen for God's Voice as We Leave This Place as Disciples of the Christ

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Closing Prayer

MOTION **2016-07-09** by Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall, seconded by Diane Durnford that all emergent matters be referred to the Board Executive to address prior to the next meeting of the Board. Motion carried by consensus.

Adjournment @ 8:01

Next regular meeting of the Board scheduled for September 16th @ 6:30 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 13th, 2016

Recording Secretary

Date

Chair of the Board

Date