

March 9, 2016

Fort Saskatchewan – First United Church

**Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2016 @ 6:30pm**

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.

First United Church Board Covenant

The Board of First United Church is called to be the Church:

- will demonstrate honesty, integrity and high ethical standards
- will respect the differences in each other, their ideas and opinions
- will accept responsibility for individual actions and speech
- will demonstrate care and concern for one another
- are expected to be co-operative, attend meetings regularly and come prepared
- will work on Board matters in good faith
- will covenant to hold Board issues in strict confidentiality when necessary
- will be willing to act on – and remain accountable for – decisions made by The Board
- have the right to be safe and to feel safe at any Board meeting
- have the right to be treated with dignity and respect
- will hold each other accountable for behavior and actions related to Board issues
- will address conflict using the tools of “conflict management.”
- will share gifts and skills toward the fulfillment of the church vision and Mission

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

We Gather As God’s People

Devotion and Prayer by Brenda Nichols

We Celebrate God's Work Among Us

Consent Agenda

1. Board Minutes February 10, 2016
2. Interim Chair Report
3. M&P Report
4. Feb 29, 2016 Balance Sheet and Income Statement from Treasurer
5. Board of Trustees Report
6. Minister’s Report
7. UCW Report
8. ANWC Correspondence
9. Catering Report
10. Presbytery Report

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Attendance: Diane Durnford (Interim Chair), Brenda Nichols, Elwood Galloway, Cathy Pearson (Acting Secretary), Jen Pollack, Joan Prochnau, Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall.

Regrets: Jackie St. Goddard, Al Gummesen

MOTION 16-03-01: To accept the consent agenda as set. Moved by Joan Prochnau, seconded by Jen Pollack, to accept the consent agenda as set. Carried by consensus.

Discussion Agenda Items:

1). Agenda adjustments:

MOTION 16-03-02: February Board Meeting Minutes moved as printed Paul, 2nd Jen, with the inclusion of required page #'s and motion #'s.

2) Follow-up to March 21st Stewardship Information session hosted by Rev. Paul good participation in the March 21st event. Also received contact from a couple people who wish to continue to be involved.

Action: Paul will meet with Sandie Woods, Donna Goertzen to discuss stewardship and set a date for first meeting of the committee.

3). Participants for April 14-16th Stewardship event in Red Deer.

Action: Joan will investigate funding opportunities for the April Stewardship Event.

4). Update on search for Accompanist.

Jen, Dianne Grainger, and Freda Spearing meeting to work on Accompanist Search. Placing some paid ads. Information about position being shared widely across church and community. Megan may extend her part-time position for another month if needed.

5). Property Committee (including update on elevator repair)

Elevator repair progressing. Appears to be on track for March 15th inspection. Need some clarity regarding role of members of Property.

Action: The need for additional members will be brought to the Congregational Meeting.

6). Action related to March 2016 Board of Trustees Report

- Board of Trustees need to meet at least annually.
- Areas of responsibility include Insurance, investment, and property.
- A search of records will be made to review Board minutes for information around the Red Stone Investment. (Cathy to review)
- Action items identified within March report from the Board of Trustees affirmed.
- Joan will share updates with the Board of Trustees and send a notice to Presbytery of current state of the Redstone Investment.
- Rev. Paul is by his role, the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He will serve as liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Board.

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- 7). M&P Committee – recommendation for 4th member (Freda Spearing).
Action: This recommendation will be included in the March Congregation Meeting.
- 8). Host plans for April 29-May 1st AB and NW Conference Youth event.
Action: Notice will be placed in this week's bulletin looking for a volunteer lead.
 Catering Group aware.
- 9). Rev. Paul will be attending April 26-27th 2016 Ministers Consultation event in Calgary.
 No pulpit supply required. (See AB and NW Conference letter).
- 10). June 3-5th 2016 'Minister Recall' and Celebration event in Edmonton
 (AB and NW Conference letter) Rev. Paul will attend.
- 11). 42nd General Council 'Remit'. Rev. Paul recommending a process of review and study, preparing the Pastoral Charge to vote on remits in an informed and systematic manner.
- 12). Agenda and process for March 9th Congregation Meeting including:
- appointment of Chair and Secretary of the Congregational Meeting. The named individuals will have these roles for all Congregational meetings until the next Annual General Meeting.
 - preparation of paper ballots for motions
 - Nomination Committee Report
 - affirmation of Trustees, Presbytery Representatives, M & P Members
 - Affirm/Nominate Board Chair
 - Board will announce appointment of Treasurer
- MOTION 16-03-03:** To appoint Joan Prochnau as Treasurer for 2016-17. Moved by Rev Paul, Seconded by Jen, carried by consensus.
- 13) Minister's Report –Baptisms
MOTION 16-03-04: That sacrament of Baptism be celebrated for individuals named in report. Moved Rev. Paul, Seconded Paul, carried by consensus.
- Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated Sunday March 20th, 2016 for:
- Children of Robert Evan Jordan and Jade Maria Jordan:
- Remy Emmett Jordan (age 4)
 - Dominic Kane Jordan (age 2)
 - Kealey Maria Jordan (age 3 months)
- Child of Sarah Anne LaCoste
 -Sebastien Joseph LaCoste (age 4)

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- 14) Fundraising: discussion around strategic promotion of fundraising projects. Consider raising the visibility of sharing, promotion of fellowship and celebration of outcome.
- 15) Missions Sunday June 12th recommended as Mission Sunday. This will include a highlight of work being done in Haiti. Guest speaker opportunity.
Rev. Paul recommending that each Sunday when Sacrament of Communion is celebrated, that an offering for poor and needy is gathered. Of funds collected, 10% be designated for the Benevolent Fund. Of the remainder 3 outreach projects be supported.
- 1) local school breakfast program ,
 - 2) Education Ministry of the Methodist Church in Haiti.
 - 3) A third project at the provincial level is to be determined.
- MOTION 16-03-05** of support for this strategy moved by Joan, Elwood seconding, carried by consensus.

Meetings & Events

1. March 13th Annual Congregational Meeting (AGM) following Worship
2. Holy Week Services: Monday – Thursday 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Friday 10:00 AM
3. March 20th after worship, information session re: Bible study
4. March 20th Perogy Supper 5:00 – 7:00 PM
5. April 13th Next Board Meeting
6. April 14-16th Stewardship and Congregational Leadership Event
7. April 29-May 1st AB and NW Conference Youth event at First United

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

Closing Prayer

Adjournment @ 9:12 PM

Next regular meeting of the Board scheduled for Wednesday April 13th @ 6:30 PM.

Approval of March 9th, 2016 Minutes

Recording Secretary

Date

Interim Chair of the Board

Date