

**Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**September 19, 2012**

In Attendance: Linda Holden, Cheryl Deren, Don Kindopp, Jim Pratt, Kaye Hemus, Brenna Nickel, Heather Vermeersch

Devotion: Psalm 1 and a prayer

Approval of the July minutes – moved by Marilyn, seconded by Linda, carried

Approval of agenda and submitted reports for September meeting – moved by Cheryl, seconded by Jim, carried

Treasurer's Report presented, moved by Don, seconded by Jim, carried

Meeting will be held on September 30 at 12:00 to discuss the proposal for an Emergency Shelter. Heather's Minute for Mission will be posted on the website.

A list of repairs was presented to the Leadership Team. Jim will create an interest group to deal with items on the list. Paul is to do what he is able during his work hours and is to research the cost of a scrubber.

A Leadership Retreat will be held on Friday evening September 21 and Saturday, September 22 to discuss the book Tribal Church and draft a constitution.

Information was presented regarding the Directory. It will be posted on the website.

Jim will report to the congregation about: Meeting on the 30th and Seed Grant, the Leadership Retreat, the need for maintenance volunteers

Next meeting: October 16, 2012 at 7:00

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Chair/Secretary

### ***Pastor's Report for September***

Outside of regular pastoral duties, much of this last month has been spent in conversations around creating some sort of shelter ministry at St. Paul's. I've spoken with church members, other pastors in Estevan, social agencies, and another church in Canada who hosts a similar program. My hope is that these conversations will create partnerships as we seek to move forward as well as provide the information needed for grants and other funding.

Secondly, I was very encouraged by the meeting of the Communications Interest Group this past month. I'm excited for some new developments in the ways we're fostering community – both technologically, and non-technologically. We have a second meeting of this group next week.

For my study leave this past month, I focused on planning out my preaching for this next year. Without going into too much detail here, I can say I'll be talking about prophecy during Advent and what it means to carry a message of Good News into a dark and hurting world. During the weeks of Advent, our texts will focus on passages from some of the "minor" prophets of Scripture. Then, for Lent this year, each week will focus on a specific image as we explore the idea of distance from God and the need for resurrection. Also during this study time, I read a book called, *The Beloved Community*, which is about how Christianity shaped various social justice movements – from Civil Rights until today. I'm hoping this will provide some inspiration as we take on the new ministry of sheltering folks who are housing insecure.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenna Nickel  
September 18, 2012

### ***Pastoral Care Report***

- Continued with pastoral care visits to ERNH, LTC and Creighton Lodge, Hillview Manor ,the hospital and individual homes.
- Had two Prayer Shawls delivered. The PS group will be getting together once a month for handiwork, fellowship and prayer.
- Led informal Worship services at CL, ERNH and LTC; the focus at CL was on the Hope Village/Minot experience.
- Assisted Brenna with a small Communion service at LTC/ intimate and very powerful.
- Wrote Prayers of the People as requested by Rev. Pat Wotton (ret'd) for service on Sept 9.2012.
- Attended a presentation sponsored by Marian Huber, on Advanced Care Directives and Power-of-Attorney in Saskatchewan. The presenter was an ethicist who works out of St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon.
- Stitched together the VBS "quilt" of God Sightings now hanging in the Sanctuary. The children can see that we value their thought, creativity and contributions.
- Will be attending Ina Irwin's Funeral this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted

Kaye Hemus  
Pastoral Care  
St. Paul's International  
Pastoral Charge

**Treasurer's Report  
September 19, 2012**

(a) **Financial Report** (August 31, 2012)

General Fund	
Income:	137,150.53
Expenses	<u>143,370.98</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	(6,220.45)
Balance Sheet	
Capital Investment:	34,724.69
Trust Funds	157,036.72
General Fund	<u>28,303.46</u>
Total Assets	220,064.87

Notes on Expenditures:

1. Flooring from Bequest Fund – 9,929.22
2. Computers from Memorial Fund – 4,084.26 with offset donation of 2,500 from Candyne Pumps.
1. Tables – 2,685.90 with offsetting donation of 2,000 from the UCW.

(b) **Photocopier**

The new Xerox CQ8900 Colour copier arrived near the end of August.

- (c) **SaskTel** has indicated our present phones (4 of SmartTalk models) will no longer be maintained by the end of 2013 because of design and parts available to repair. Effective December 31, 2013, SaskTel will not be able to repair our SmartTalk phones. Effective November 1, 2012, there will be an approximate 10% increase (\$5.00) to our monthly rental rate. Presently, we pay \$119.50 for all phone and fax services, excluding long distance.

**Alternatives.**

The **Aastra 9120** is compatible with two line standard telephone service. It has no intercom feature. The cost is \$9.20/month.

The **Meridian 9417CW** is a two line business phone compatible with standard telephone service. It has no intercom feature. The cost is \$16.20/month.

The **Key System** is a business system that works with two lines. The costs of such a system would be estimated to be \$215/month.

**Recommendation:** our current phones are working well and provide intercom capabilities. Therefore we stay with our SmartTalk phones, absorb the 10% increase in November. Review our situation near the end of 2013.

- (d) **September third-quarter giving letters.** I have been the custom to give members of the congregation a letter indicating their church givings as of September 30, 2012. The letter is for their information only.

(e) **Seeds of Hope**

The Seeds of Hope granting program of the United Church of Canada Foundation. It is intended to provide seed money for new, innovative, and unique projects. Application deadline for the Fall cycle is October 15, 2012. The Spring cycle ends in April, 2013. Application forms and guidelines are available at <http://www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grantinformation/>.

(f) **Federal Government grants**

The Federal Government has announced grant funding of up to \$50,000 per project to improve the built environment through renovation, construction and retrofitting of buildings; the modification of vehicles for community use; and enhancements to make information and communication technologies more accessible. The deadline to apply for a grant from the Enabling Accessibility Fund is October 5, 2012. At least 25 percent of the total eligible project costs must come from non-federal government sources. More information at [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability\\_issues/eaf/cfp/small\\_projects/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/cfp/small_projects/index.shtml).

(g) **Investments**

An investment of \$20,000 matured July 27, 2012. It was re-invested with Laurentian Bank at 2.1%. It will mature August 2, 2014.

Our second investment of \$14,724.69 is invested with Laurentian Bank at 2.6% and matures July 26, 2013.

(h) **Fund Raising - Metasoft Systems:** We are specialists in helping nonprofits find sources of funding, for instance are you aware, that in Saskatchewan alone there 1,947 grants, with a total value of \$ 48,083,825, given to Faith-based organizations?

We have helped Non-profit Organizations like yours increase their revenues by showing them additional sources of funding they didn't know about. I can show you a number of Foundations who are looking for organizations like yours to help fund any community focused work, operating expenses or building expenses.

Fall is historically the highest funding cycle of the entire year, and now is the perfect time to position your organization for fall funds for a couple of key reasons. There are 872 foundations with grant application deadlines from September through to December 31. That means foundations have to make sure they have given there 3.5% away by year end or they will lose their status if any funds are uncommitted, they will be given to those that ask. We'll help you identify qualified funders quickly and easily, so you don't miss out during this great time of opportunity! Let's get funds in the door in 2012

For over 20 years, Metasoft Systems has helped more than 10,000 non-profits, foundations, faith based organizations, schools, school districts, colleges, universities and charities throughout North America raise over a billion dollars.

Using our resources you can fast-track your research for funding by:

- Identifying thousands of potential funders quickly and easily
- Knowing who to contact and how to approach an organization for donations
- Submitting your proposals at exactly the right time
- Asking for the dollar amount most likely to be approved
- Managing contacts to know what's going on, even when a staff member leaves
- Writing and presenting a proposal that is both professional and highly effective
- Avoiding pitfalls that may sabotage your success

Have a look: [www.foundationsearch.com](http://www.foundationsearch.com) and [www.bigdatabase.com](http://www.bigdatabase.com) (check out our "About Us Tab")

If your organization is interested in moving forward, what I would like to do is further explore your fundraising goals, strategies and on-going programs over the next 6 – 12 months and then I will conduct some free research which will reveal those organizations that are interested in funding you for your specific needs.

It would help my research if you would consider the following questions prior to our next conversation:

- What projects are you currently working on?
- How much do you need to raise?
- When do you need to raise the money by?
- What are the consequences of not raising the money by then?
- What is your current fund raising strategy?
- What resources do you currently use?
- What are your greatest challenges and obstacles to fundraising?
- How does the approval process work at your end?
- Who needs to be involved in the approval process?
- Which organizations, similar to your own, would you be interested in finding out where they get their funding from?

I am quite confident that we would be able to find funding opportunities for your organization during a free no obligation Online Tour focused specifically for your on-going projects and funding requirements.

Take a look at what some of our clients have to say:

[http://www.foundationsearch.ca/about/client\\_testimonials.asp](http://www.foundationsearch.ca/about/client_testimonials.asp)

[http://www.bigdatabase.ca/big-html/nonsecure/resources/client\\_testimonials.asp](http://www.bigdatabase.ca/big-html/nonsecure/resources/client_testimonials.asp)

Cost for Metasoft Systems assistance is \$3,800 per year, but cheaper if you go multi-year. There is a guarantee from them that you will more recoup the costs.

### Monthly Income and Expenses 1/1/12 - 8/31/12

Income  
Expenses

