

St. Paul's United Church of Canada
 Leadership Team Meeting
 Estevan, SK — March 9, 2016

- Call to Order** Chairperson Melissa Fiest opened the meeting at 7:10 pm in Room 202 at St. Paul's United Church, Estevan, SK.
- Devotion** The Reverend Susan Reed invited us to share where we have seen the work of Jesus in recent days. She then closed with a prayer.
- Welcome and Resignation** Melissa Fiest welcomed Jerilee Jones to the Leadership Team and announced the resignation of Norma Flemming due to family pressures. Melissa will put a notice in the bulletin asking for motivated volunteers to join the Leadership Team.
- Attendance** Rev. Susan Reed, Melissa Fiest, Don Kindopp, Lynn Kindopp, Kaye Hemus, Wendy Suchan, Astrid Friesen, Angel Boxell, Jerilee Jones
 Regrets: Troy Duncan
 Guest: Jim Pratt
- Agenda/Reports** **Motion: Wendy Suchan/Angel Boxell**
 The agenda and Pastoral Care Worker's reports be approved. CARRIED
 See Appendix A, page 229.
- Minutes** **Motion: Wendy Suchan/Angel Boxell**
 The minutes of the January 13, 2016 meetings of the Leadership Team be approved as circulated. CARRIED.
- Request for use of Church** Jim Pratt attended to make a request of the Leadership Team on behalf of Investor's Group. He wished to rent St. Paul's Sanctuary for a company event at which a hypnotist is to perform.

 Approval was given by consensus.
- Old Business:**
 Sunday School Flooring Bob Holden and crew have completed the installation of the flooring. Another crew is coming on Friday, March 11 to move everything back into the room and set it up.

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Essential Ministries
 – Check-in

Christian Education: Jerilee Jones

- Materials for Vacation Bible School have been ordered. They are a Holy land Adventure “Egypt”.
- Looking into getting Veggie Tales videos for use in the summer months.
- We are able to apply to Twin Valleys Presbytery for grants available for children and youth programs.

House Groups/Hospitality: Astrid Friesen

The February House Group spearheaded a spaghetti lunch for the Annual Congregational Meeting in February.

Mission/Outreach: Wendy Suchan

Seedy Sunday is set for March 13.

Motion: Wendy Suchan/Jerilee Jones

Community Garden-

St. Paul's to purchase one garden plot at the Community Gardens and a second if available.
 CARRIED

Warm Welcome

Rory Flemming reported;-

- Social Services is now assisting the Warm Welcome Program
- Washing Machine is in St. Paul's but not hooked up yet. Dryer is back-ordered.
- number of clients is currently averaging 6-7 per night
- has sufficient volunteers

Future Planning: 5 % funds are being put into a building fund. They are looking at addiction, employment and counseling programs.

Pastoral Care: Kaye Hemus:

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Property: No report

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Stewardship: Melissa Fiest

Nothing new to report. Melissa will take a picture of the Leadership Team for her bulletin Boards in the Narthex.

Worship: Julie Anne Wallewein

Pulpit Supply

- Sunday, February 28: John Ferrier with Communion at both Pastoral Charge points
- Thursday, March 24: Maundy Thursday Service in North Portal. Sandi will lead the worship
- Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunday – Gary Keefe from Weyburn who is a licensed lay leader, will lead worship at both points
- Sunday, April 24: Kathy Kyle from Carnduff, ordained minister, will lead worship with communion at both points.

Treasurer's Report: Don Kindopp

Current report shows a deficit of \$5,535 to date. We are still waiting for the grant from Sask Energy for the furnace project.

Motion: Don Kindopp/Astrid Friesen

The Treasurer's Report be accepted. CARRIED
 See Appendix C, page 232.

Congregational Meeting

Motion: Don Kindopp/Astrid Friesen

To call a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 3, 2016 to deal with the following motions:

- a) to rescind the motion made by Don Kindopp and seconded by Astrid Friesen accepting the 2015 Financial Statement report presented at the Annual Congregation Meeting
- b) to accept the corrected 2015 Financial Statement of St. Paul's United Church
- c) to accept the 2015 Financial Review of St. Paul's United Church
- d) to accept the resignations of Doreen Avery and Audrey Johnson from the Trustee Committee

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Private Members Bill re: Charitable Donations Don Kindopp also shared information about a private members bill C-239, The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act that is being brought forward in Parliament. It would make benefits from charitable donations level with those of Political donations. Don will put a note in the bulletin with the information and action that can be taken by individuals in agreement with the proposed Bill.

Presbytery Remits

Don Kindopp:
 Discussion regarding the Remits that will be coming, four of which involve the proposed structure changes to the United Church of Canada. These Remits will be sent to the Presbyteries and Congregations to study and vote on. 2/3 of all congregations must vote yes for the remits to pass and failure to reply is a considered a no vote. More background material will be available. First votes will be by February, 2017.

Edge

A workshop is being looked into as to how congregations might work together to address such things as vacancies, sharing resources, and collaborative ministries.

Motion: Don Kindopp/Wendy Suchan

To accept the Presbytery Report. CARRIED. See Appendix D page 234.

New Business:

Search Committee Update

Astrid Friesen:
 Shared again the Search Committee's information given to us at the Annual Meeting. Their ad appears in the March Observer.

Refugee Sponsorship

Jim Kedge of Estevan Ministerial emailed asking if we have any interest in becoming part of a consortium supporting a refugee family. The Southeast newcomers group is involved. Cost would be \$27,000/family. Kaye Hemus will contact Jim Kedge on our behalf for more information.

Remits

Dealt with above

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The Walrus Webinar - Observer	The Webinar is advertised in a poster in the Narthex. Live streaming in April 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm. It will be recorded and available online on or before April 15, 2015
Goals of Essential Ministries	In order to keep moving forward, we will begin reviewing and updating the Essential Ministry goals we brainstormed in 2014. It will be on the agenda in April.
Caring Ministry	Lynn Kindopp has all the congregational phoning lists and names of the persons who will phone. A second round of update phone calls should be completed before Easter. We will need one more person to phone as Helen Ross is unable to continue because of her failing eyesight. I have asked for phoners to contact me with any necessary feedback.
Correspondence	None
Report to Congregation	Melissa Fiest will make the report to the congregation.
Next Meeting	Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 7:00 pm.
Adjournment	Motion: Wendy Suchan/Angel Boxell. CARRIED

Melissa Fiest, Chair

Lynn Kindopp, Recording Secretary

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Appendix A – Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Devotion
3. Approval of the Agenda, Approval of Pastoral Care Worker Report
4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - 5.1. Sunday School Room Flooring
6. Essential Ministries
 - 6.1. Christian Education
 - 6.2. House Groups/Hospitality
 - 6.3. Mission/Outreach
 - 6.4. Pastoral Care
 - 6.5. Property
 - 6.6. Stewardship
 - 6.7. Worship
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Presbytery Representative Report
9. New Business
 - 9.1. Search Committee Update
 - 9.2. Refugee Sponsorship
 - 9.3. 42nd General Council Remits
 - 9.4. The United Church Observer's – The Walrus Webinar
10. Correspondence
11. Leadership Team Report to Congregation
12. Next Meeting
13. Adjournment

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Appendix B – Pastoral Care Report

Last report was January 13, 2016.

AGM Report presented February 21, 2016.

Bereavement and loss

Since early January, several of our seniors have been trying to cope with loss following death of family member or life-long friends, loss of awareness and ability in one's own life or in life of friends, change of residence due to illness and changing physical circumstances. Have endeavoured to provide support through careful listening, compassionate non-anxious presence, scripture readings and prayer.

Seven prayer shawls have been presented to folks in bereavement or dealing with illness and/or post-op recovery.

January 20, 2016 – attended Memorial Service for Marie Wood; later, took order of Service and Memorial cards to two elderly friends of Marie who were unable to attend; each shared memories of Marie.

January 24, 2016 – took part in Prayer for Christian Unity Service hosted at the Alliance Church.

In total, representatives of eight Estevan churches contributed to the service.

January 27, 2016 – trip to Lampman Health Centre to visit Sheila Dies on her 86th birthday. Sheila was hospitalized after a fall then took up residence in Lampman Long term Care.

February 11, 2016 – quarterly meeting with IPC Ministry Committee.

February 18, 2016 – provided Worship Services at ERNH and LTC based on Psalm 91. Thank you to Shirley Andrist for playing piano.

February 21 - to 28, 2016 – sent three e-Well Wishes to seniors in hospital in Regina, two of these folks are now back in Estevan.

February 23, 2016 – called to see a resident at ERNH, from another church, whose pastor was away.

February 26, 2016 – attended part of Presbytery meeting here at St. Paul's; interesting to hear what the chair of Sask Conference had to say about the future of United Church of Canada.

February 26, 2016 – UCC Moderator, Rev. Jordan Cantwell released a statement which was sent to The Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying of the federal government.

I have a copy should anyone want to read it.

From the minutes of the Ministerial meeting of February 9, 2016 –

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- Choose Life Ministries (spear-headed by Shelley Boyes) will now be opening in September, 2016 with six clients. She asked if Ministerial would be willing to write a letter of endorsement.
- a Joint Good Friday Service will be held at the Church of God, led by Pastor Jim Kedge of Alliance with assistance from some other churches.

March 3, 2016 – made a Welcome phone call to a family who has moved to Estevan from Moosomin; a letter had been sent to us from Bethel United Church where they attended. Bridget and Curtis Doane have twin two year old boys, Ethan and Lewis, and a little brother, Kyle, who is seven months old.

March 6, 2016 – Worship service provided at Creighton Lodge.

As we journey through Lent, where have you seen the work of Jesus? – “ in compassion, love , awe, forgiveness, community, belonging, in your life, in our churches, in the world.” (from Edge).

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Hemus

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Appendix C – Treasurer's Report

a) **Financial Report** (February 29, 2016)

General Fund

Income:		<i>2016 Yearly Budget</i>
Receipted Givings	20,203.38	<i>180,000</i>
Other Income	5,322.43	<i>21,411</i>
Capital Transfers	60,068.73	
Other Transfers	22.42	
Special Appeals	0.00	
	85,616.96	<i>210,411</i>
Expenses:		
Administration	953.82	<i>5,400</i>
Children & Youth	475.68	<i>1,700</i>
Congregation Life	602.77	<i>3,325</i>
M&P	15,452.92	<i>118,139</i>
Outreach	2,500.00	<i>18,250</i>
Property	8,683.01	<i>27,000</i>
Pastoral Charge	10,658.96	<i>35,832</i>
Trustee (Insurance)	878.00	<i>6,300</i>
Benevolence	22.42	
Capital	60,068.73	
EI Withheld	(8.54)	
	<u>100,287.77</u>	<i>215,946</i>
Surplus (Deficit)	(14,670.81)	<i>(5,535)</i>

General Fund Reconciliation:

January 1, 2016	8,737.16
Surplus (Deficit)	(14,670.81)
Overdraft Transfer	<u>7,000.00</u>
Balance Feb. 29, 2016	1,066.35

Balance Sheet

Assets:

Capital Investment:	35,573.51
Trust Funds	108,512.17
General Fund	<u>1066.35</u>
Total Assets	145,152.03

Liabilities:

Bequest Fund	7,000.00
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b) Trust Fund Information:

Benevolent	6,339.46
Bequest	69,164.64
Capital	9,457.00
Memorial	20,772.47
Senior Choir	1,971.21
Interest	119.05
Suspense	688.34

c) Note re: General Fund Reconciliation and Balance Sheet

A transfer of \$7,000 was made February 24, 2016 from the Bequest Trust Fund to the General Fund. A motion of the Congregation allows us to transfer funds from the Bequest Trust Fund to cover our shortages in the General Fund.

d) Note re: Bequest Fund

We received the Green Initiative Grant from Saskatchewan Conference for \$4,038.00 and it was placed in the Bequest Fund.

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Appendix D – Presbytery Report

Twin Valleys Presbytery Notes: February 26, 2016 at St. Paul's United Church, Estevan, SK
*These notes are for the use of Twin Valleys Presbytery Congregational representatives to help in making congregational reports
(Communications Committee)*

Worship

Worship leader: Don Kindopp spoke on the theme of God's love. How we treat others has lasting impressions on the relationships we build in life.

Keynote address: John Haas

As a Commissioner to General Council this summer, our Conference president saw the determination of UCC to continue being a strong voice for social justice, peace and inclusivity. Although the church in the future may be very different than it appears now, our mission remains the same: to love God and neighbor. As we struggle to come up with a structure to survive, our biggest challenge is to live out Jesus' teaching to love one another. When we do, the community work will follow.

EDGE: Vic Wiebe

A workshop to explore collaborative ministry and process will be looked into. This will explore the context of ministry, our call as a missional church, best practices of regional models, resources available, what this kind of ministry might look like in our presbytery.

Committee Reports

Mission & Outreach

- Mission and outreach project ideas posted on TVP website.
- Syrian refugees coming to Weyburn. As a local project sponsored by the community including Grace United, fundraising has been successful for housing, furniture, greeting and second language training.

- South Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy dealing with chaplain's medical leave, pager relief and Board reorganizing.

Children and Youth

- Applications and process approved to access funds for children and youth programming in local churches.
- VBS Caravan available to churches in July and August. Book early to reserve your week program (first come first serve). Cost \$1000 + \$25/child for full days; \$1200 + \$25/child for half days.

Finance

Income	\$16,957
Expenses	\$21,109
Excess expenses	\$ (4,152)

Things to note

- Attendance. 41 delegates present: 14 clergy, 1 retired clergy, 24 lay, 2 visitors.

Upcoming Meetings

- Executive meeting Friday, March 18 in Stoughton
- Full court meeting in Carievale, April 22.