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St. Paul's United Church of Canada
Leadership Team Meeting
Estevan, SK — January 14, 2019

Call to Order Chairperson Cheryl Deren opened the meeting at 7:00 pm in the Youth Group room at St. Paul's United Church, Estevan, SK

Attendance Present: Cheryl Deren, Jason Richards, Astrid Friesen, Gail Schlamp, Jeri-Lee Jones, Mike Little, Wendy Suchan, Greg Suchan, Don Kindopp, Julie Frostad

Regrets: Sheena Wock, Heather Vermeersch

Devotion

Approval of Agenda **Motion: Wendy Suchan / Gail Schlamp**
That the agenda as amended be approved. CARRIED
See Appendix A, Page 6-2019.

Approval of Minutes **Motion: Greg Suchan / Mike Little**
That the minutes from the previous meeting be approved. CARRIED

Old Business

Nut Free Signage

- Sharilee Schnell
- We should follow up with the House Groups
 - Gail Schlamp will phone the House Group leaders

Epipen

- Jeri-Lee Jones will follow up with the pharmacy on the pricing and the expiry dates on the pen

AED

- The AED has been ordered and delivered, but has not been installed yet.

Piano – 102

- The Free Believers group that is using the 102 room has purchased the piano in that room and are free to what they want with it (including disposal)

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Transfer membership – Wade Avery

- Wade Avery wants to transfer his membership from Bienfait to Estevan however records from Bienfait are missing.
- Emily Gillies (the chair for North Portal) can and has sent a letter on behalf of Wade stating that he is in good standing (which is permitted when records are missing).

Motion: Wendy Suchan / Greg Suchan

That we accept the membership transfer for Wade Avery. CARRIED

February Concert

- Stephen Palmer contacted Jason Richards to have our church host a concert
- If the youth group helps, we can get 50% of the proceeds.
- Looking to have a Valentine's Day concert on Thursday, February 14, 2019 in the auditorium
- Stephen plays the guitar and plays country, love songs, and "oldies"
- We would likely charge \$20-25 per ticket
- There is a poster list for where to put them throughout Estevan

Motion: Greg Suchan / Wendy Suchan

That the youth group organize the concert. CARRIED.

Reports

Worship / Minister's Report Jason Richards

- Emailed

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Student Minister's Report Jeri-Lee Jones

- Emailed

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Youth Report Julie Frostad

- The youth group has a list of what they plan to

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do for the rest of the year

Treasurer's Report Don Kindopp

- Faye Harris (the treasurer for St. Paul's International) will be retiring and moving to Saskatoon

Motion: Gail Schlamp / Mike Little

That the 2018 Treasurer's report dated December 31, 2018 showing:

Income: \$231,887.40

Expenses: \$220,703.94

Surplus: \$11,183.47

be adopted. CARRIED.

Motion: Don Kindopp / Wendy Suchan

That the 2018 Financial Statements and the 2019 Budget be presented at the Congregational Annual Meeting. CARRIED.

Presbytery Report Jeri-Lee Jones

- The Presbytery meetings will now become "Regional Meetings" which will be held annually.

**Essential Ministry
Updates**

Christian Education – Jeri-Lee Jones

- They need more Sunday School teachers
- The Christmas Pageant was done well

House Groups / Hospitality – Gail Schlamp

- The House Groups might have to go from 6 groups down to 5 groups because it is currently difficult to fill the roles
- House Groups need to be willing to ask people outside of their groups for help; maybe they should refer to the Potluck helpers list

Motion: Wendy Suchan / Greg Suchan

That we continue with how we are preparing regular and decaffeinated coffee. CARRIED

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Mission / Outreach – Wendy Suchan

- 21 Christmas food hampers from our church and 2 more anonymously donated were donated, so we had a total of 23 hampers
- Cheryl Anseth was happy with all of the help and we had little bit of extra money as well
- The Angel Tree and the Toy Store went well

Property – Greg Suchan

- We are now on our fourth caretaker
- Ken Stelnicki was hired as the caretaker
- Quotes are being obtained to replace the front door.
 - Looking at steel insulated doors which is the whole unite including the window and an automatic door opener
 - Looking to be around \$12,000, so the capital fund can be applicable in this case

Stewardship

- No Report

New Business

Rental

- We may have a possible new renter
- A Safety Training company that has locations in Carlyle and Oxbow would like to use our auditorium and one of the offices.
- Christa is the person wanting to rent
- Starting in February 2019, if this is to go forward, \$500 per month was agreed on

Motion: Gail Schlamp / Wendy Suchan

That we proceed with pursuing this new rental relationship. CARRIED

Minister Exchange

- January 20, 2019 will have an Ecumenical service held at St. Giles Anglican Church
- On January 27, 2019, we will have Geoff

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Thiessen from Church of God preach in St. Paul's United. This will also be a potluck Sunday.

- On February 3, 2019, Jason Richards will go to the Church of God and preach there, and Jeri-Lee Jones will preach in St. Paul's United

Dog and Cats

- We had visitors to our church, and they brought their dog into the sanctuary with them and this was not a service animal
- Are we a pet free facility because there could be people with allergies to dogs and cats?
- We should let common sense prevail that people will not be bringing their animals on a regular basis

Correspondence

Letter from the Region 4 Commission

- The letter was about the 2019 Mission and Service grants
- They had approximately \$400,000 worth of requests for funds, but only had approximately \$125,000 of available funds to disperse.
- They are asking for more givings.

Leadership Team Report

Cheryl Deren can write a small report and Jeri-Lee Jones can deliver the report

Next Meeting

Next Leadership Team Meeting – Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Annual Meeting Date – Sunday, February 24, 2019 with Potluck
Wendy Suchan will be an outgoing member

Adjournment

Motion: Mike Little / Gail Schlamp

The meeting to be adjourned. CARRIED.

Cheryl Deren, Chair

Astrid Friesen, Recording Secretary

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Appendix A – Agenda
Leadership Team Meeting
Jan. 14, 2019
Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Devotion
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - 5.1. Nut free signage
 - 5.2. Epipen
 - 5.3. AED
 - 5.4. Piano - 102
 - 5.5. Transfer membership – Wade Avery
 - 5.6. February concert
6. Reports
 - 6.1. Worship/Minister's Report
 - 6.2. Report: Student Minister
 - 6.3. Treasurer's Report
 - 6.4. Presbytery Report
7. Essential Ministry Updates
 - 7.1. Christian Education
 - 7.2. House Groups/Hospitality
 - 7.3. Mission/Outreach
 - 7.4. Property
 - 7.5. Stewardship
8. New Business
 - 8.1. Rental
 - 8.2. Minister exchange
 - 8.3. Dogs and Cats
9. Correspondence
 - 9.1. Letter from Region 4 Commission about Mission and Service
10. Leadership Team Report to Congregation
11. Next Meeting –
- 12. Adjournment**

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Appendix B – Minister's Report

Preaching at Rev. Dr. Matthias Ross's covenanting service seems like a long time ago, and I guess that is where I left off! Fulfilling the final duties of the chair of Twin Valleys Presbytery kept me busy at the end of November – with the final service and meeting taking place here at St. Paul's. The Christmas Bazaar, as well as our provincial youth rally came next. I was happy not to have to lead the rally, and could pop by and enjoy time with the youth and leaders that were here.

Advent flew by, with sermons on Imitation, and a very fun one emulating John the Baptists' 'Repent!' In the midst of those was our White Gift/Christmas Hamper (in which we incredibly exceeded expectations!) and Children's Pageant (they did such a wonderful job!).

Christmas week was as crazy as ever. Jeri-Lee led the service on the December 23, 2018 for Advent IV. I did Christmas Eve with a little 'Clergy Christmas' skit, and then Christmas Day with a sermon on Dragons! Christmas to New Year's week saw three Lodge services, and a New Year's Eve worship on 'Time.' In the midst of that, and family Christmas celebrations, I sorted out my plan for the coming year. Purging my office, and making a yearly plan is one of the most rewarding things for a neat organizational freak like me.

I happily enjoyed a holiday after New Year's. Spent about a week in Saskatoon with friends, family, and shopping!!

Marriage Prep course is finished, the first class is booked to start on January 21st. I am still working on my 18 week Confirmation curriculum. It is taking a long time, but I hope to finish it soon. Then it is all mine, easy to edit and update, and more engaging (plus longer) than the ones the United Church set out for us.

The Youth group is growing beyond our wildest expectations. Taking a break over the holidays has been wonderful. In consultation with Embracing the Spirit and with our leadership group – it is our hope to apply for funding for an 8 hour a week part time coordinator for the youth. If we don't get it, we will be OK, but organizing the size that our group has begun is becoming hard for a leadership group that all works full time.

Things that are coming up (and included in this meetings discussion) are around a pulpit exchange for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; more groups using our space to start 2019; planning for the AGM; and one of the more interesting ones – a request to preach on the Gretta Vosper issue in the United Church.

Speaking of the wider church, I was nomi-appointed to the Region 4 nominations committee, with the goal of staffing any committees that require people before the rise of the Region at the end of May. I have no problem calling and asking people to do things, so it is not bad work, but just another thing on the plate.

Our application for summer students is up again already. Planning to apply for two in a joint application with the Estevan Literacy group.

That's all! Rev. Jason.

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Appendix C – Student Minister's Report

January 12, 2019

Happy New Year! Since our last leadership meeting in November I have presided over three services, November 18, 2018, December 23, 2018 and January 6, 2019. November 18, 2018 I shared my GC43 experience which was fun to briefly relive, and December 23, 2018 had me writing my first baptism service. I joined Jason on Christmas Eve for both services in North Portal and Estevan.

I have met with my Educational Supervisor on the first Friday of December and January. We have discussed that we will continue to meet monthly for at least the first year of my SME, and then re-evaluate how frequently we need to meet. I have been in contact with the new Minister of Vocation and have confirmed that my mid-term evaluation will be due towards the end of February so my LST and I will soon be prepping for that.

November had me continuing to find my feet and get comfortable with the student minister role. I continued to do pastoral care visits and hospital visits and I am beginning to feel more at ease with doing this. December I lead the Advent Bible Study "Awaiting the Already" this book was a big hit for those who attended. The Children's Advent Afternoon was a hit, and very easy to pull off. Throughout December I lent myself out on behalf of the church to many organizations, I put in time at the Angel Tree, The Toy Store and the Christmas Hampers from our auditorium. On my personal time I volunteered with MADD Canada, Hillcrest Elementary and the Salvation Army Kettle. I sure got out there and saw the need of the community this Christmas.

In December I made it to a choir practice, and was quickly inaugurated as their newest member which was unintentional. I have been calling participants from last year's Hospital Visit List and have filled a few slots but looks like I will continue to do the majority of the visiting unless we can get more volunteers. The women's bible study group should be starting up again within the next few weeks. I have been in discussion with Ardelle and we are considering having a bible study that meets out of her house on a weekly basis as she would like to participate in more bible studies and maybe this would draw in others to have a different location than the church.

I have started a complimentary distance course for my DLM studies, 'Hebrew Bible and UCCan Ministry'. My next learning circle will start in the beginning of February with the distance component, this learning circle will focus on Pastoral Care.

The calendar for the Estevan Ministerial Worship services is being finalized, however it appears that most of the dates that are slotted for our Church to provide worship to long term care and the nursing homes will coincide with my

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availability, so I look forward to being able to take more of these services on and relieving Jason's responsibility to these worship services.

January is the month where I am trying to learn to take better care of myself, after experiencing December's rush as a minister and not taking self-care time for myself. I am grateful that being a student has allowed me to continue to learn and grow, I am hoping that I will continue to be able to listen more to my peers about self-care and burn out.

Jeri-Lee