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St. Paul's United Church of Canada  
Leadership Team Meeting  
Estevan, SK — October 11, 2023

**Attendance:** Astrid Friesen, Don Kindopp, Diane Wrubleski, Cheryl Deren, Lawrence Burnard, Wendy Suchan, Greg Suchan, Gail Schlamp, Emily Gillies (guest), Jordan Cantwell (Regional Representative)

**1. Call to Order**

- ☐ Chairperson Diane Wrubleski opened the meeting at 7:04 pm via Zoom

**2. Acknowledgement of Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 Territory**

- ☐ Chairperson Diane Wrubleski acknowledged the Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 Territory

**3. Devotion**

- ☐ Diane Wrubleski provided a devotion

**4. Approval of Agenda**

- ☐ **Motion:** *Lawrence Burnard / Gail Schlamp*
  - *That the agenda to be approved, with the ability to add items if needed. CARRIED.*
  - See Appendix A, Page 63

**5. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

- ☐ **Motion:** *Wendy Suchan / Lawrence Burnard*
  - *That the previous meeting minutes be approved. CARRIED.*

**6. Business arising from previous minutes**

**Ecumenical Happenings**

- ☐ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday ecumenical service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 29, 2023 at 10 am

**Baptism and Communion**

- ☐ Kathy Kyle will be leading service on November 5, 2023 with baptisms and communion
- ☐ For communion, Kathy would prefer to go the old style with Pre-COVID bread and juice at the front of the sanctuary than the COVID friendly cups
  - This would mean we would need to have 3 servers for that Sunday. The House Group responsible for November would need to be notified
  - How many servings should we be preparing for? 60 because of the families in attendance for baptism?

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- We need to check the Best Before and Expiry dates on the communion supplies (like the gluten free crackers)
- ☐ There will be 3 children / babies being baptized.
- ☐ Kaye Hemus will provide Prayer Shawls
- ☐ Need candles
- ☐ Do we need sponsors for the baptisms?
  - We need to check with Kathy Kyle
  - Diane Wrubleski will likely be in attendance that Sunday to present the children with their names
- ☐ **Motion:** Cheryl Deren / Gail Schlamp
  - That **Grayson James Paul**, son of Tyrae Carter, **Ryah Monique Monteyne**, daughter of Drew Dowhaniuk, and **Rylee Emily Marie Delmaire**, daughter of Cheryl Delmaire, be baptized on November 5, 2023. **CARRIED.**

### Remit 3 Vote

- ☐ Some of us participated in the Kairos Blanket exercise
  - A big take away from this exercise was that the First Nations want to be able to control their lives without being told by colonial powers what they can and cannot do
- ☐ The idea of having a Rural Connect service or town hall information session might be a way to educate congregations of the upcoming vote
  - It turns out that some Town Hall events are being scheduled. It is possible for several congregations to join on Rural Connect to attend the Town Hall event. It does not have to be the “mother” hub church that the congregation normally joins for Sunday morning worship services.
- ☐ Don Kindopp will contact Julie Graham for town hall information.  
jgraham@united-church.ca
- ☐ If we ever need to reach out to anyone who works for the United Church, the rules are first name first initial last name full name (all one word) @united-church.ca.

## 7. Reports

### Treasurer's Report

- ☐ Emailed
- ☐ **Motion:** Don Kindopp / Wendy Suchan
  - That the Treasurer's Report be adopted. **CARRIED**
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**Ecumenical Shared Ministry**

- ☐ There was a meeting in the last week. Cheryl Deren was unable to attend due to illness
- ☐ Looking to have members on this committee from other congregations deliver the reports to the other congregations was further discussed but wouldn't start until November at the earliest
- ☐ We still need a formal letter from Regional Council saying that they are aware that we are having these conversations with the other two churches

**Ministry and Personnel**

- ☐ Due to Sharilee Schnell stepping down from this committee, we need another member to join this committee.

**8. Essential Ministries Updates**

**Christian Education**

- ☐ Jordan Cantwell can share St. Martin's Sunday School curriculum so we can have our children also participate
- ☐ We don't have a Sunday School teacher.
  - Should we maybe consider hiring a teenager and pay some form of honorarium to be a Sunday School teacher?
  - Let's brainstorm for the next meeting
    - Perhaps Melissa Feist's kids?

**Mission / Outreach**

- ☐ Warm Welcome has resumed
- ☐ Angel Tree and Christmas Hampers will be starting soon
  - We should ask for financial statements for these causes because in the past, the extra money from White Gift Sunday could go toward this or our benevolent fund

**House Groups**

- ☐ Wendy emailed Patty Schachtel asking about how having Patty reach out the House Group leaders is working out and if there have been any concerns. Things are working well, however there have been technical difficulties with Rural Connect

**Property**

- ☐ There is a list of to do things
- ☐ The handicap bathroom stalls have been switched to be out swing doors (which is code)

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- We also need grab bars for these same stalls
- There is currently a leak on the roof

**Stewardship**

- No report

**Youth Group**

- No Report

**9. New Business**

**9.1 Richards Family – Go-Fund Me page**

- Jason Richard's father started a Go-Fund Me page. Just before Jason (our former minister) passed away, Young Seo, his widow, also got a cancer diagnosis. The fund is for Lincoln Richards, their son, and his future.
- Do we wish to promote the Go-Fund Me?
- **Motion:** Wendy Suchan / Cheryl Deren
  - *That we promote the Go-Fund Me website page that Jason Richard's father started, and that if there are people who are unable to access the Go-Fund Me, that they contact the church office. CARRIED.*
- **Motion:** Gail Schlamp / Wendy Suchan
  - *That we give \$500 to the Go-Fund Me page that Jason Richard's father started with funds from the Benevolent Fund. CARRIED.*
- We should inform Trinity Lutheran of this Go-Fund Me page, because Young provided Lay leadership while they were without ministry.

**9.2 Rental of Room 102**

- Maria Walter would like to rent Room 102 to host a fitness class for 10 participants on Monday evenings.
- She would like to start in November.
- However, we are having the Christmas Bazaar fundraiser in that time, and we would need to have access to Room 102 for the sale, and we get first dibs on our rooms.
- She would either have to start after November 13 or use Room 202 for the first November date.

**9.3 Warm Welcome**

- Warm Welcome has resumed and in the past we have given money to this cause

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- ☐ **Motion:** *Lawrence Burnard / Greg Suchan*
  - *That we donate \$500 to Warm Welcome from the Outreach Fund. CARRIED.*

## 10. Correspondence

### 10.1 Benevolence request

- ☐ A person, who has requested Benevolent funds money from us in the past on more than one occasion, including the 2023 calendar year, is requesting funds to fix a vehicle again.
- ☐ Do we help her again?
  - Request denied

## 11. Leadership team report to congregation

- ☐ Don Kindopp will send the newsletter

## 12. Next Meeting

- ☐ Leadership Team Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7 pm over Zoom.

## 13. Adjournment

- ☐ **Motion:** *Lawrence Burnard / Greg Suchan*
  - *That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED*

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Diane Wrubleski, Chair

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Astrid Friesen, Recording Secretary

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**Appendix B – Treasurer's Report (Reconciled)**  
**January 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023**

**a) Financial Report**

General Fund

Income:

		<u>2023 Yearly Budget</u>
Receipted Givings	76,725.49	126,300
Benevolent T/F	500.00	
Elliott Investment Interest	480.60	
Other Income	<u>25,487.70</u> <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	24,962
	103,193.79	151,262

Expenses:

Administration	3734.79	5,700
Children & Youth	201.35	1,650
Congregation Life	439.11	2,700
Fund Raiser Expenses	5,693.37 <sup>4</sup>	
M&P	46,635.71	96,638
Outreach	12,000.01	18,250
Property	18,947.49	29,250
Pastoral Charge	9,519.28	14,866
Trustee (Insurance)	9,360.80	8,378
Benevolent T/F	500.00	
Elliott T/F (Transfer)	480.60	
Memorial T/F (Transfer)	155.00	
Refugee T/F (Transfer)	100.00	
	<u>107,767.51</u>	<u>177,433</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	(4,573.72)	(26,171)

General Fund Reconciliation:

January 1, 2022	37,802.84
Surplus (Deficit)	(4,573.72)
Bank Balance	33,229.12

<sup>1</sup> Rental - \$10,111.00

<sup>2</sup> Auditorium Sale - \$3,000.40

<sup>3</sup> Fair Booth Income - \$10,939.85

<sup>4</sup> Fair Booth Expenses - \$5,693.37

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Balance Sheet

Assets:

Elliott Investments	15,311.25
Trust Funds	171,259.87
General Fund	33,229.12
<u>Prepaid: PastCharge (91.71)</u>	<u>1,729.68</u>
Total Assets	221,529.92

Liabilities:

CEBA Loan	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	40,000.00

**b) Trust Fund Balances:**

Un-restricted Trusts:

Bequest .....	108,141.71	
Interest .....	3,648.54	
Memorial.....	16,690.30	128,480.55

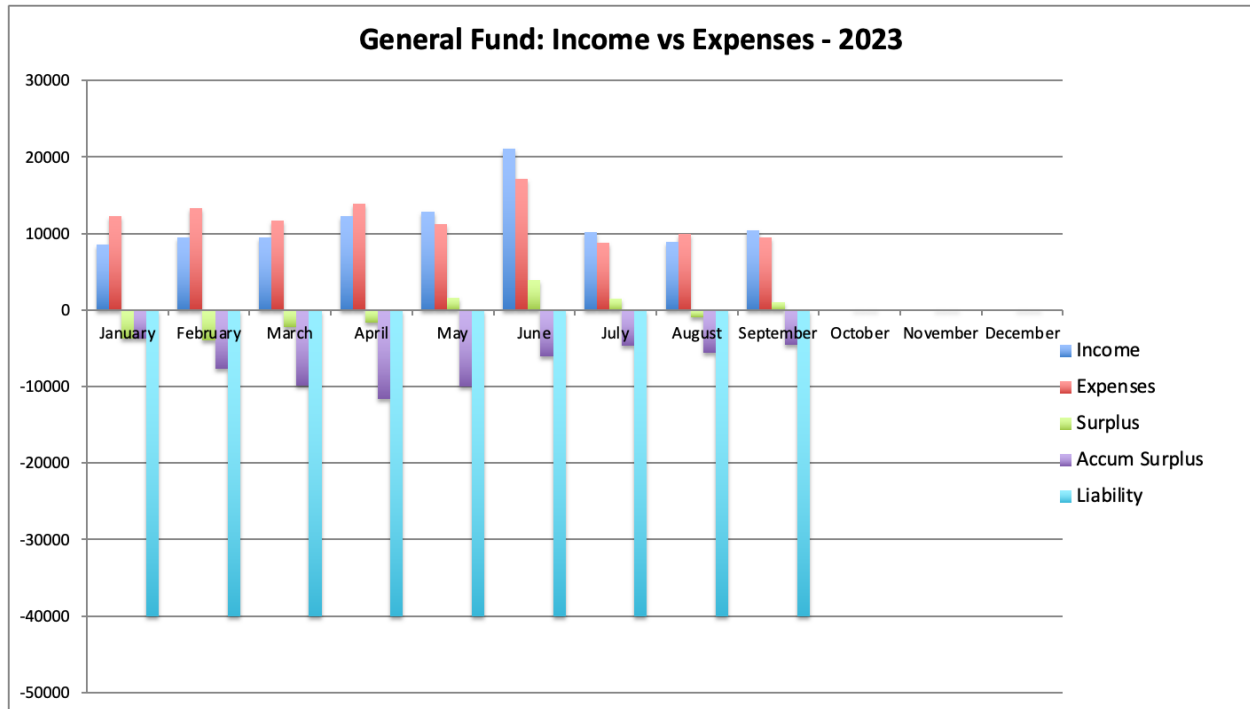
Restricted Trusts:

Benevolent* .....	5,478.32	
Capital* .....	11,076.82	
Elliott* .....	13,116.50	
Refugee* .....	7,722.16	
Senior Choir* .....	288.06	
Youth* .....	5,097.46	<u>42,779.32</u>
Total		171,259.87



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**c) 2023 Income vs Expenses by month (General Fund):**



**d) GoFundMe for Lincoln**

Bruce Richards, grandfather of Lincoln, has set up a GoFundMe page in support of Lincoln.

- Do we promote this GoFundMe page within our communities of faith?
- Do we wish, as a community of faith, to contribute to the campaign from our Benevolent Fund?

**e) InfiniteNet**

SaskTel has completed the free installation of a fibre optic cable into our building and installed the InfiniteNet service to our church on September 18, 2023. We have signed a one-year InfiniteNet service agreement that reduces our internet charges by \$5.00 per month. The InfiniteNet service provides us with 60 Mbps down and 60 Mbps up. The old Internet speed was 5 Mbps down and 2 Mbps up.

**f) Warm Welcome Program**

The Warm Welcome program has begun. Does St. Paul's wish to contribute financially to this program?

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**g) Third-quarter Statement**

Third-quarter statements are being prepared and will be handed out to our community of faith members.