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St. Paul's United Church of Canada  
Leadership Team Meeting  
Estevan, SK — January 10, 2024

**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**

- Don Kindopp provided a devotion

**4. Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion:** Cheryl Deren / Wendy Suchan
  - That the agenda to be approved, with the ability to add items if needed. **CARRIED.**
  - See Appendix A, Page 5

**5. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

- **Motion:** Wendy Suchan / Gail Schlamp
  - That the previous meeting minutes be approved. **CARRIED.**

**6. Business arising from previous minutes**

**Ecumenical Happenings**

- Messy Church January 21, 2024 St Giles
- Men's Breakfast January 14, 2024 at our church
- Book study is starting on Wednesdays
- Wilma Woods sent an email about Lent schedule and Sandi Klatt said she is willing to attend

**Remit 3 Vote**

- Emily said that there was quite a discussion at North Portal with some hesitation and voiced concerns including how much of a change from United Church Theology. If a vote were to be held today, they would likely vote no to defeat the motion, but they are open to more information.

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- Don Kindopp sent out the form that would need to be filled out to submit our vote. We get one vote as a Pastoral Charge (North Portal and Estevan)
- In Estevan, Don Kindopp did the presentation, which was followed by a Q&A session. There were a few questions and there was a feeling that this would not affect us very much
- Plan to do the vote at the next Leadership Team Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 as long as the North Portal people can join us. (The normal Wednesday meeting time falls on both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday which is why the meeting date was changed.)

## 7. Reports

### Treasurer's Report

- Emailed
- It is the full 2023 fiscal year
- The CEBA loan has been paid off fully which means no more liability
- Don has arranged for the financial review
- **Motion:** *Don Kindopp / Wendy Suchan*
  - *That the Treasurer's Report be adopted. CARRIED*
  - See Appendix B, Page 6
- 2024 Budget
  - Don assumed that we would have a top tier minister for 0.5 years
  - The pulpit supply includes the Rural Connect Sundays
  - The insurance went up
- **Motion:** *Don Kindopp / Greg Suchan*
  - *That the 2024 St. Paul's United budget be received by the Leadership Team and be forwarded to the Annual Congregational Meeting with the Leadership Team's recommendation to accept the budget. CARRIED.*

### Ecumenical Shared Ministry

- We want to work toward doing more worshipping together
- There will be a motion that will be shared at all 3 congregation's AGMs
- Wilma Woods is starting a book study with a good book about Ecumenical worship.
  - "When Church Stops Working" by Andrew Root and Blair Bertrand

## 8. Essential Ministries Updates

### Christian Education

- No Sunday School teacher (teenager?) yet

### Mission / Outreach

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- 297 Christmas hampers given (a variety of different sized hampers)
- 420 toy store recipients

**House Groups**

- Still smooth sailing
- Still need readers
- Groups are getting smaller to do the same tasks

**Property**

- No report

**Stewardship**

- No Report

**Youth Group**

- No Report

Note: That annual reports are due by the end of January

**9. New Business**

**9.1 AGM**

- March 10, 2024 at around 12:30 pm
- Jordan Cantwell is thinking of attending the AGM in person (weather permitting)
  - She would also do the pulpit supply for the worship service on that Sunday.
- There would be a potluck meal as well

**10. Correspondence**

- None

**11. Leadership team report to congregation**

- Don Kindopp will send *The Messenger*

**12. Next Meetings**

- Leadership Team Meeting – Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7 pm over Zoom.
- Annual Congregations Meeting – Sunday, March 10, 2024 following the worship service

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**13. Adjournment**

- **Motion:** *Greg Suchan / Gail Schlamp*
  - *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 A – Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Traditional Land Recognition
3. Devotion
4. Approval of agenda
5. Approval of previous meeting minutes
6. Business arising from previous minutes
  - 6.1 Ecumenical happenings
  - 6.2 Remit 3 vote
7. Reports
  - 7.1 Treasurer's report
  - 7.2 Ecumenical Shared Ministry
  - 7.3 Pulpit Supply
8. Essential Ministry updates
  - 8.1 Christian Education
  - 8.2 Mission/outreach
  - 8.3 House groups
  - 8.4 Property
  - 8.5 Stewardship
9. New business
  - 9.1 Annual Congregational Meeting
10. Correspondence
11. Leadership team report to congregation
12. Next meeting Feb 14, 2024
13. Adjournment

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**Appendix B – Treasurer's Report (Reconciled)**  
**January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

**a) Financial Report**

General Fund

Income:

		<u>2023 Yearly Budget</u>
Receipted Givings	120,187.64	126,300
Benevolent T/F	1,000.00	
Elliott Investment Interest	480.60	
Other Income	<u>65,315.64</u> <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>	24,962
	186,983.88	151,262

Expenses:

Administration	4,574.82	5,700
CEBA Repayment	40,000.00	
Children & Youth	332.23	1,650
Congregation Life	1,192.67	2,700
Fund Raiser Expenses	5,811.03 <sup>5</sup>	
M&P	61,677.44	96,638
Outreach	20,275.00	18,250
Property	30,131.65	29,250
Pastoral Charge	16,774.27	14,866
Trustee (Insurance)	11,707.43	8,378
Benevolent T/F	1,000.00	
Elliott T/F (Transfer)	480.60	
Memorial T/F (Transfer)	255.00	
Refugee T/F (Transfer)	100.00	
	<u>194,312.14</u>	<u>177,433</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	(7,328.26)	(26,171)

General Fund Reconciliation:

January 1, 2022	37,802.84	
Surplus (Deficit)	(7,328.26)	
Bank Balance	30,474.58	

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<sup>1</sup> Rental - \$11,606.00

<sup>2</sup> Auditorium Sales - \$10,625.45

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

<sup>4</sup> White Gift - \$2,025.00

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

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Balance Sheet

Assets:

Elliott Investments	15,311.25
Trust Funds	177,222.27
General Fund	30,474.58
<u>Prepaid: PastCharge (91.71)</u>	<u>1,770.11</u>
Total Assets	224,778.21

Liabilities:

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Total Liabilities	.00

**b) Trust Fund Balances:**

Un-restricted Trusts:

Bequest .....	108,141.71	
Interest .....	5,010.94	
Memorial.....	16,790.30	129,942.95

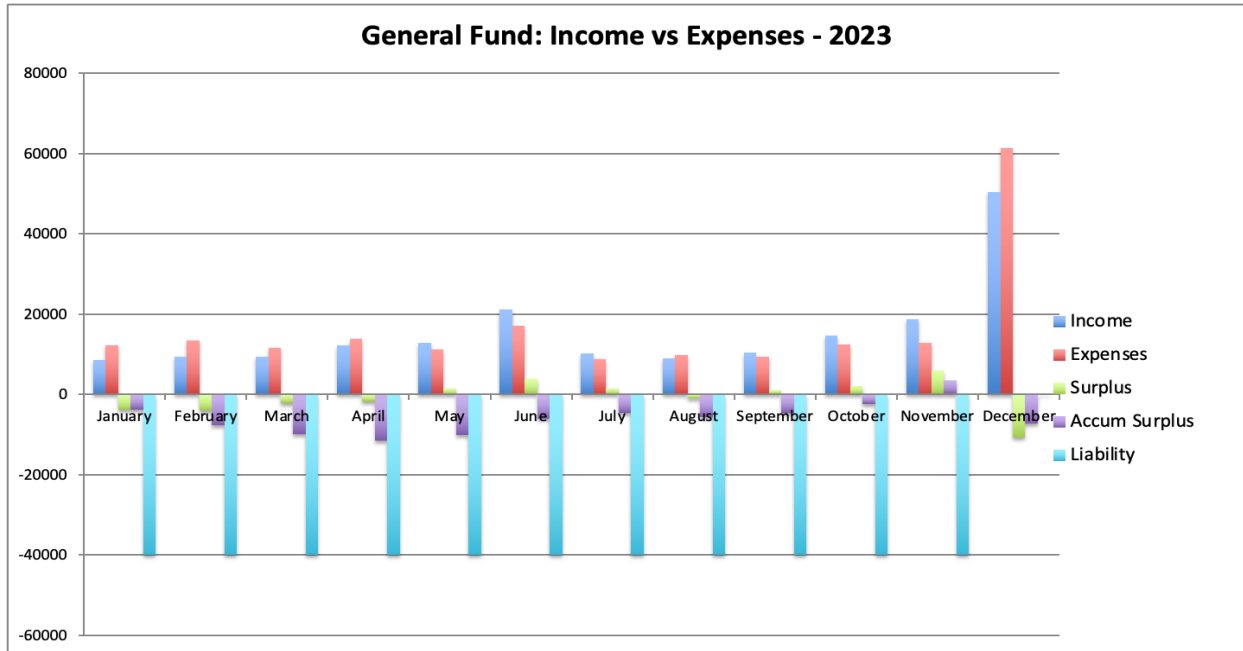
Restricted Trusts:

Benevolent* .....	4,978.32	
Capital* .....	16,076.82	
Elliott* .....	13,116.50	
Refugee* .....	7,722.16	
Senior Choir* .....	288.06	
Youth* .....	5,097.46	<u>47,279.32</u>
Total		177,222.27

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



**d) CEBA Loan Repayment**

Our CEBA loan was repaid on December 29, 2023. Our repayment was assisted greatly by the generosity of members of our church family. The gifts towards the CEBA repayment were \$33,202.89. A letter of appreciation and thanks has been sent to these church members expressing our gratitude.

**d) Financial Review**

Denise Olsen will review the 2023 financial records for St. Paul's United Church and the St. Paul's International Finance Committee.