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

Attendance: Astrid Friesen, Don Kindopp, Diane Wrubleski, Cheryl Deren, Lawrence Burnard, Greg Suchan, Gail Schlamp, Judy Pratt, Jordan Cantwell (Regional Representative)

Regrets: Wendy Suchan, Emily Gillies

1. Call to Order

- Chairperson Diane Wrubleski opened the meeting at 7:03 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:** Cheryl Deren / Gail Schlamp
 - That the agenda to be approved, with the ability to add items if needed. CARRIED.
 - See Appendix A, Page 26

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes

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

6. Business arising from previous minutes

Remit 1 Vote

- The Remit 1 vote passed in the National Church

7. Reports

Treasurer's Report

- Emailed
- **Motion:** Don Kindopp / Judy Pratt
 - That the Treasurer's Report be adopted. CARRIED
 - See Appendix B, Page 27.

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Ecumenical Shared Ministry

- They had a meeting last week
- Trinity Lutheran and St. Paul's United passed all of the motions at their respective ACMs.
- St Giles Anglican passed all of the motions except the building assessment motion. St. Giles isn't quite ready for going through the process of addressing the building because of what they have for assets.
- Sandi Klatt is willing to sit on the joint Ecumenical Pastoral Care committee
- Because we will be going to an ecumenical worship service every month on the 4th Sundays, a joint Ecumenical worship committee will be formed with members from each congregation and the clergy.
- Upcoming schedule of Worship Services
 - April 28, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran
 - May 26, 2024 at St Giles Anglican and a picnic might be involved
 - June 23, 2024 at St. Paul's United
- There was a Messy Church and Men's Breakfast discussion, including the schedule. For example, we don't want one location doing all three (Sunday Worship, Messy Church, and Men's Breakfast) in one location in one month
- For addressing the building assessment motion, it is possible that selling 2 of the 3 buildings might not be recommended.
 - A goal could be repurposing the buildings

Ministry and Personnel

- Pulpit Supply
 - Everything is set up until the end of June

8. Essential Ministries Updates

Christian Education

- No report

Mission / Outreach

- No report

House Groups

- No report

Property

- Change the lights in the sanctuary

Stewardship

- No Report

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Youth Group

- No Report

9. New Business

9.1 Chair of the Leadership Team

- **Motion:** Cheryl Deren / Lawrence Burnard
 - That Judy Pratt be the chair and that Gail Schlamp be the vice-chair of the Leadership Team. CARRIED.

9.2 Rural Connect Virtual Meeting

- Rosetown, Estevan, and St. Martins will have a joint meeting with a few members from each congregation. It will either be at 10:30 am or 1:30 pm on the next Tuesday.
- Patty Schachtel should attend this meeting, because she has the most interactions with St. Martins through the week in Sunday Worship Service preparations
- Lawrence Burnard and Don Kindopp plan to attend as well

9.3 Baptism Liturgy

- Revisiting the Baptism Liturgy from Kathy Kyle
- **Motion:** Gail Schlamp / Lawrence Burnard
 - That St. Paul's United use Kathy Kyle's proposed Baptism Liturgy when she performs baptisms in Estevan. CARRIED
 - See Appendix C, Page 29.

9.4 Meals on Wheels

- May is our month and sign-up sheets will be going up

9.5 Fair Booth

- June 14-16, 2024

9.6 Blue Statistical Forms

- The Blue Statistical forms are coming due
- Patty Schachtel prepares them

9.7 Living Skies Annual Meeting

- One of the agenda items is to vote for members to attend the General Council, which will be held in Calgary this time around.

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- Living Skies would like to send some members from rural Saskatchewan. (Not just Regina and Saskatoon.)
- 15 members with 3 alternates are permitted to attend from Living Skies. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, let Jordan Cantwell know.

10. Correspondence

- None

11. Leadership team report to congregation

- Don Kindopp will send *The Messenger*

12. Next Meeting

- Leadership Team Meeting – Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7 pm over Zoom.

13. Adjournment

- **Motion:** *Gail Schlamp / Judy Pratt*
 - *That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED*

Diane Wrubleski, Chair

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 (February 12, 2024)
6. Business arising from Previous Minutes
 - 6.1. Remit Vote Results
7. Reports
 - 7.1. Treasurer's report
 - 7.2. Ecumenical Shared Ministry
 - 7.3. Ministry & Personnel
 - 7.3.1. 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. Chair of Leadership Team
 - 9.2. Rural Connect virtual meeting
 - 9.3. Baptism Liturgy
 - 9.4. Meals on Wheels
 - 9.5. Fair Booth
 - 9.6. Blue Statistical Forms
 - 9.7. Living Skies Annual Meeting
10. Correspondence
 - 10.1.
11. Leadership Team Report to Congregation
12. Next meeting: May 8, 2024 7:00 pm
13. Adjournment

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 4 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with our Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We are all Treaty people bound by the understandings made in the agreements known as Treaty 2 and Treaty 4.

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Appendix B – Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report (Reconciled)
January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

a) Financial Report

General Fund

Income:

		<u>2024 Yearly Budget</u>
Received Givings	23,570.00	126,300
Elliott Investment Interest	121.98	
Other Income	<u>2,082.71</u>	24,962
	25,774.69	151,262

Expenses:

Administration	1,029.65	5,700
Children & Youth	111.96	1,650
Congregation Life	157.65	2,700
M&P	15,558.44	96,638
Outreach	4,000.03	18,250
Property	7,021.76	29,250
Pastoral Charge	4,113.68	14,866
Trustee (Insurance)	2,750.70	8,378
Elliott T/F (Transfer)	121.98	
Memorial T/F (Transfer)	100.00	
	<u>34,865.85</u>	<u>177,433</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	(9,191.16)	(26,171)

General Fund Reconciliation:

January 1, 2022	30,474.58
Surplus (Deficit)	(9,191.16)
Bank Balance	21,283.42

Balance Sheet

Assets:

Elliott Investments	15,311.25
Trust Funds	178,263.77
General Fund	26,525.57
Prepaid: PastCharge (91.35)	<u>1,731.19</u>
Total Assets	221,831.78

Liabilities:

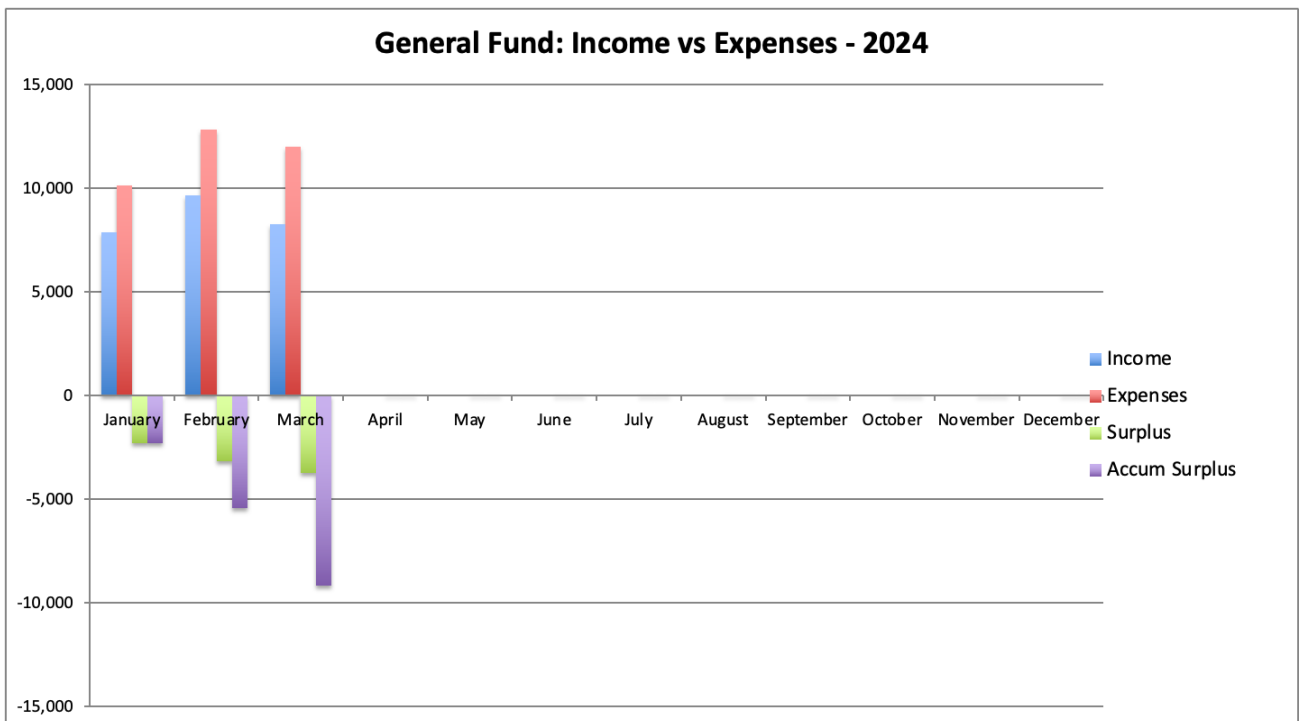
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Total Liabilities	.00

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b) Trust Fund Balances:

Un-restricted Trusts:			
Bequest	111,379.28		
Interest	1,396.60		
Memorial.....	17,385.33	130,161.21	
Restricted Trusts:			
Benevolent*	5,157.30		
Capital*	16,408.44		
Elliott*	13,616.78		
Refugee*	7,950.35		
Senior Choir*	296.71		
Youth*	5,250.06		<u>48,679.64</u>
Total			178,840.85

c) 2024 Income vs Expenses by month (General Fund):



d) 2023 Charity Return:

The Charity Return for 2023 has been filed with Canada Revenue Services.

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Appendix C – Baptism Liturgy

Presentation

P1 & P2 (first names) have come today to present their son/daughter CHILD (first name) for baptism. Sister/Brother, SIBLING, has welcomed a new member into their family. It is now my pleasure to invite this family forward and to present to the congregation CHILD (full name) for baptism.

The narrative

Hear these words from the stories of our faith:

People brought little children to Jesus, for him to lay his hand on them and say a prayer. The disciples turned them away, but Jesus said: 'Let the little children alone, and do not stop them coming to me, for it is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.' Then he laid his hands on them...

Baptism is the church's way of celebrating and naming the grace of God living in everyone of God's children. It is the way we initiate new Members into the life of the universal community of faith. And it marks the entry Point into the life-time pilgrimage of following in the Way of Jesus.

The request

*P1 & P2, by what name is your child to be known?

CHILD (full name)

*How did you come to decide on these names?

Little one, born to love, surrounded by love, child of God

we now name you CHILD (full name)

Take this name and make it your own.

Live in freedom and fullness as you travel your journey of life.

*And what do you ask of God's church at Estevan for CHILD (first name)?

Reply: **We ask that he be baptized into the faith and family of God's love.**

CHILD (2 Given names) you are wanted and welcomed by this family and this community.

We rejoice that you are here.

Thanksgiving

God is the heart of life.

All: And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

All: We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

Water is a precious commodity... Water is everything. Water is life.

We claim the joy of water and the way it sustains and nourishes us.

All: Let it flow and pour and sprinkle for all people. That all may

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know each day the gift of God in water.

The biblical stories also talk of the preciousness of water.
These stories remind us that water is a blessing and the source and strength of life. Without it humanity and all that is created could not survive.
And our stories remind us that God's way is the way of compassion and love.
God's love, like a shower of rain in drought,
awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom.

God's love, like a paddling pool, inspires the joy of children,
jumping, splashing each other, shivering with wet delight.

God's love, like a hot shower after a long day's work,
cleanses us, reawakens us.

God's love, like waves crashing on the shore,
breaks in on us and enfolds us,
leaving us feeling vital and refreshed.

-The water is poured into the font-

So let's give thanks for this love
that reaches out to us in what we say and do in love for this child
whom we are officially welcoming into our midst.

Prayer.

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this water.
May it be the birthing waters of a new and holy life.

All Amen.

The Baptism

CHILD (Given names) in the touch of this water, the ancient symbol of new life, I baptise
you into the love, service and joy of God:
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

CHILD (Full name)- I mark you with the cross, the sign of Jesus, love
incarnate. Amen

Laying on of Hands:

CHILD (First name) may the presence of the Spirit of Love in you
be nurtured and constantly affirmed by
your family,
your friends, and by
your church community.
May the gifts of God

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delight and touch your heart with fire
May you know God's blessing.

A walk to introduce the newly baptized child

Responses

P1 & P2, I ask you now to respond
by making these promises:

*Will you provide for CHILD (First name) a welcoming home of love and trust?

With God's help, we will.

*Will you help CHILD (First name) grow in their understanding and appreciation of a gracious religious faith?

With God's help, we will.

*Will you encourage CHILD (First name) to reach out to others with love and compassion?

With God's help, we will.

****to Congregation****

Each of us knows the need for support and care as we share in a journey of faith.
As this family gathers around this font and this water, symbols of belonging and community, let us pledge our care for them.

All: **We stand as witnesses to the commitment this family has made this day.**

And we pledge ourselves to their support and care as they discover the ways that God is working in their lives.

****to Godparent****

G1 (first name), G2 (first name)... you have been asked by P1 and P2 to be god parents for CHILD (First name).

Will you watch over CHILD (First name) and share with them your gifts of love, attention and faith in order to strengthen his faith.

G1 and G2. **I will.**

Baptism Certificate, Candle and prayer shawl are presented

Baptismal prayer

One: Holy God, bless this newly baptised child we pray.
May they always know that the Source of all Love lives and comes to unique expression, in them.

All: **Amen.**

One: Bless P1 and P2, may they always show their gratitude for the new life given them by loving and caring for CHILD (First name).

All **Amen.**

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One: Bless this faithful people. May we all live in love.
And may we continue to draw encouragement
from the faith which roots us in you.

All **Amen.**

One: This is a day of great celebration for CHILD (first and last name).

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN!**