**Westminster United Church Council Meeting**

**November 24, 2020 7:00 PM Westminster United Church Hall**

**MINUTES**

***Mission Statement***

*Westminster United Church is a community called by God, guided by the teachings of Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a spiritual, caring and open community of faith. We work towards growth and sustainability in all that we do.*

***Acknowledgement***

* For thousands of years Indigenous peoples have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. As we open our meeting today, we acknowledge that we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Cree, Salteaux, and Assiniboine First Nations – in the area most recently defined as Treaty 6, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

**Present:** Mary Ruthven, Willie Kosokowsky, Murray Stevens, Maxine Mesenchuk, Carol Gossner, Elan Buan, Sarah Miller, Jacquelynn Souter-Elliott, Ruth Mostoway, Allison Sarauer, Brenda Curtis, and April Kozar.

**Welcome/Centering Prayer –** Brenda Curtis opened with a story and a prayer.

**Call to order -** Mary Ruthven call the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

**Correspondence –**

1. Card and donation received from Wynyard United Church
2. Emails from Planned Giving
3. Walter Heit has offered to loan the church the use of his snow blower. Maxine Mesenchuk/Carol Gossner to accept Walter Heit offer for the church to use the snow blower.” Carried.
4. Sarah Miller offered to look into the sound system and microphones for live-streaming
5. Discussion took place regarding the new Janitor’s contract. Sarah Miller/Carol Gossner, “To approve the contract to hire Debbie Dust as the janitor for Westminster United Church.” Carried.

Sherry Hogemann is appointed as the liaison between the janitor and the M&P Committee.

Willie Kosokowsky/Allison Sarauer, “That the M&P Committee oversee the janitorial position.” Carried.

1. Bookkeeping position – The search and Hire Committee will meet and report back at the next Council meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM