**Westminster United Church Council**

**Thursday, June 23, 2022 @ 7:00 PM in person at home of Renee MacKenzie**

**Preceded by BBQ & potluck gathering**

**MEETING 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.

...Check in as we gather...

**Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order; Attendance & Regrets**

Present: Renee Mackenzie, Brenda Curtis, Maxine Mesenchuk, Willie Kosokowsky, Elan Buan, Allison Sarauer, Linda Johnson, Jacqueline Souter-Elliott, Kevin Ackerman, Doug Berger

Regrets: Carol Gossner, Amber McDougall

**Item 2: Reading Territory Acknowledgment (**Renee) **& WUC Mission Statement (**Jacqueline)

**Item 3: Opening Devotional/Prayer**

Brenda read from **, Leaving from Within.** We become what we write and we become what wesay. She also read from the poem **, The Grasp of Your Hand,** followed by prayer

**Item 4: Additions/deletions to the agenda – Motion to accept agenda as circulated**

* Added Worship time change to the old business
* Added Property Maintenance to New Business
* Added Church Insurance and User Group Rental report to New Business

**Motion to accept Agenda as amended : Doug/Linda Carried**

**Item 5: Consent Agenda**

* Council Minutes – May 2022
* Minister Report
* Christian Education Report
* M & P Report
* Affirm Report
* Treasurer Report

**Item 6: Motion to approve Consent Agenda**

 **Allison/Willie**

**Item 7: Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

 **None**

**Item 8: Correspondence**

* + Joyce Shulan: Thankyou Card

**Item 9: Reports**

Property Report (Kevin)

* Kevin checked in to see if everyone was happy with the placement of the new ramp, but at this time our finances dictate that we wait to go further.
* Discussed CO monitors for the church and Kevin will look into buying one for upstairs.
* Fire Panel 24-hr monitoring is active now.
* The shed door where the mower is stored is broken. Kevin will take a look at it, but in the meantime the mower will be put in the Scout’s shed that can be locked,

**Item 10: Old Business**

1. Setting Church Self-Assessment priorities for Regional Council (Brenda)
2. Post Council Meeting Minutes on Website and keep copies on hand for access by congregation and in hard copy form in the church office.
3. Gather and post publicly supporting policies and documents such as : Workplace Discrimination, Harassment & Violence Prevention Response Policy and Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Response Policy.
4. Worship and Membership Committee to define what it means to be an adherent of the Community of Faith, recommend to Church Council for approval
5. Continue to actively search for Stewardship Committee members
6. Set Privacy Policy & confidentiality agreement
7. Upload current congregational policies on Church Hub
8. Locate Church Deed/Title and keep in secure firesafe bag in church office
9. Vision and Values Congregation Workshop (Allison)

It was decided to work on a Needs Assessment in Sept and once that’s done work on our Visions and Values. Linda will send a copy of the Needs Assessment to all council members. Allison will still check with Sage Hills about the amount of grant they can provide for a facilitator for a Vision and Values Workshop.

1. Worship time change.

**Motion to change the church service time to 10:00 starting Sept 4. Doug/Jacqueline Carried**

 The time change will be noted in the bulletin each week until Sept.

**Item 11: New Business**

1. Humboldt Soup Kitchen (Church User Group Committee)

The Church User Group gave a report to council about the benefits of renting space to the Soup Kitchen to prepare one meal a week for takeout.

**Motion: We recommend that Council allow the Rental/User Group Committee to proceed with entering into an agreement with the Humboldt Community Soup Kitchen to rent our commercial kitchen on Tuesdays, plus storage in the basement, for 1 year and that the agreement be updated on an annual basis. Allison/Doug**

1. Office Administrator (Willie)

Ruth Mostowy has taken on a new job in Saskatoon from Monday to Thursday and has proposed that she would adapt her work schedule to be set for Fridays. Council was in agreement with her proposal and Brenda will check phone messages and emails and when she’s on holidays she will train someone else to do this task

1. Minister Holidays (Willie)

Aug 8-22 and Oct 12-19

**Motion: To accept the minister’s holidays. Willie/Doug**

1. Donald Hill Estate (Willie)

There is a meeting of the committee on June 2

1. West side of church property is an overgrown mess of weeds and trees.

Maxine will organize a work bee to clean it up

1. The Church Insurance is up for a renewal in July. Elan will renew it on the same basis as last year.
2. Linda reviewed the Rental/User Group Committee report along with the new fee schedule and plans that they have to move forward with.

**Item 12: Emergent Issues**

 **Motion: To release Manse Account money to cover operations until our Sept meeting. Linda/Kevin Carried**

**Item 13: Announcements & Encouragements**

**Item 14: Next Meeting Date** Sept 8/22

Please have all reports and agenda items into the church office by: Sept 4

**Item 15: Adjournment @8:58**