August 27, 2025

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS, AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, VIRDEN, MB, HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY - SEVENTH OF THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY- FIVE AT SEVEN P.M.

PRESENT:	Maxine Chacun	Helen McCormick	Barb Johnston
	Gwenda Hayward	LeAnne Langlois	Marilyn Warkentin
	Diane Janzen	Tanis Podobni	Fran Bayliss
	Laura Maxwell	Jan Waller	Kay Kristjanson
	Teresa Makarchuk	Carol Polk	

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Gwenda Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: With gratitude we are gathered on the land of the Dakota, the Ojibway the Cree, the Ogi-Cree and the homeland of the Métis nation, that we graciously share, in part, thanks to treaty 2.

3. DEVOTIONAL: Laura Maxwell gave the devotional on behalf of the Stewardship Committee.

4. AGENDA:

MOTION: Marilyn Warkentin/Laura Maxwell that the agenda for tonight's meeting be accepted as Submitted.

CARRIED.

5. MINUTES:

MOTION: Barb Johnston/Jan Waller that the minutes of May 14, 2025 be accepted as submitted.

CARRIED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: The United Church of Canada has a new Moderator Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath will be taking over from Rev. Carmen Landsdown.

7. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

a). Basement Wall: Back in June it was noticed that a ceiling tile had fallen out of the ceiling in the banquet room due to being wet. Couldn't really see where the water had come from so a plumber had been contacted and he found a pin hole in the old copper pipe in the ceiling that led out to the out-door tap. So, every time the outside water was turned on of course it spewed water which in turn made the ceiling tile wet and also run down the wall making the panel board buckle.

Not really knowing if there would be mold behind the wall it was thought best to call the insurance company to see what our best options would be. They contacted WINMAR Restoration and they came and had a look at the damage and determined that the plaster behind the panelling was indeed crumbling. A sample of the plaster was taken to test for asbestos and thankfully none was found. WINMAR then returned and took the two sheets of panelling off and cleaned up the crumbling plaster and now we wait for them to return to finish the job.

The cost is estimated at $3,206.83 for the repair work. St. Paul's will have to pay a $2,500.00 deductible along with half of the GST for the removal/clean up and the repair work.

b). 100th Anniversary Celebration: The date of October 19, 2025 was picked to hold our community celebration of the church's 100th Anniversary. How do we want to proceed? Council decided that we would have worship at the regular 11:00am time with a potluck lunch and cake and ice cream to follow.

Invitations would be sent to our surrounding communities and our hope is to have 100 voices for 100 years. Booking the handi-van will be looked into. Membership and Pastoral Care Committee will host the lunch.

LeAnne will look into the grant being offered by the Region.

c). ALF Retreat: The ALF Retreat is being held here at St. Paul's from October 24-26. This gathering is open for youth grades 7-12. St. Paul's commitment will be mainly for food. More information will be given out when made available. As in the past St. Paul's will reimburse any of our youth who wish to attend.

d). St. Paul's Policy and Guideline Booklet: This booklet was last updated in 2020 and is need of updating again. Barb Johnston, Diane Janzen, Gwenda Hayward and Helen McCormick have offered to sit on a committee to do this work.

Each Committee is asked to go over their committee's mandate and amend as needed whether you add or delete things that you no longer do or perhaps your committee has picked up other jobs along the way that you now do. Please bring your changes to the October council meeting. Please be sure to go through the whole booklet as well and mark any changes that you may notice.

e). Meals on Wheels: we have been asked if St. Paul's would like to pick up a second month of delivering meals. After some discussion it was settled on that we were not interested at this time.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a). Property Committee: Fran Bayliss
All window coverings washed and at the church – now what- do we hang them up? Do we send them to the rummage sale?
Will check with Brian Blackshaw about creating the box for the air conditioner and installing it.
Carpets cleaned in upper hall and narthex.
Sign in front of the church painted.
Sanctuary door threshold painted.
Upper hall painted $1,439.45.
Discussion with Ken Bouchie re: repairing the blocks on the planter.
Sidewalk into church entrance repaired - $1,153.85.
Flowers in planter tended to all summer.
Barry Stuart did an excellent job of keeping the lawn and hedge in great shape all summer.
Water damage in lower hall – what is happening?
Recommended putting 2 high rise toilets (one in the upper hall and one downstairs in the lady's washroom). Perhaps we could apply to planned gift for these?

b). Finance Committee: Helen McCormick
Meeting was held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Paul's United Church Virden, Manitoba.

Present: Helen McCormick, Marlene Heaman, Jan Waller, Lorne Andrews, LeAnne Langlois.
Tanis Podobni was unable to attend.

Meeting called to order at 11:07am.

Motion: Jan Waller/Marlene Heaman that the agenda for today's meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Lorne Andrews/Jan Waller that the minutes March 20, 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Lorne Andrews/Helen McCormick to accept the bills of March and April 2025 ratified as paid.

CARRIED.

Motion: Jan Waller/Marlene Heaman to accept the Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Marlene Heaman/Lorne Andrews to accept the Profit and Loss Statement as of April 30, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

The Credit Union now requires a second person for online banking for organizations that require two signatures. This person gets a notification of transactions needing approval and then needs to go online and approve transactions started by the administrator. Helen McCormick is our second person.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Meeting was held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Paul's United Church Virden, Manitoba.

Present: Helen McCormick, Marlene Heaman, Jan Waller, LeAnne Langlois and Tanis Podobni.

Meeting called to order at 11:15am.

Motion: Marlene Heaman/Jan Waller that the agenda for today's meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Helen McCormick/Marlene Heaman that the minutes May 22, 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Jan Waller/Helen McCormick to accept the bills of May, June and July 2025 ratified as paid.

CARRIED.

Motion: Marlene Heaman/Jan Waller to accept the Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Helen McCormick/Jan Waller to accept the Profit and Loss Statement as of July 31, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Jan Waller/Marlene Heaman that we pay an insurance deductible of $2,500.00 to WinMar Restoration Company prior to the work on the basement ceiling due to a water leak. 50% of the GST to be paid upon completion of the work. We also need to pay WinMar Restoration an amount of $103.00, 50% of the GST on the removal of the debris.

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm.

c). Ministry & Personnel Committee: Carol Polk
We will be having a joint M&P Meeting with the Oak Lake Pastoral Charge at the end of October beginning of November.

Ella McCormick is going to be our new Sunday school leader. She is going to begin on September 7th and will remain with the 1st Sunday of the month for now. She will be given the Sunday school honorarium of $50.00 per week.

The church office hours for the month of September will be Monday – Thursday beginning September 8th.

d). Stewardship Committee: Laura Maxwell
Stewardship Committee met on August 13th. Joan and Laura attended. Regrets were Betty and Bev.
M&S total for June was $765.50, for July it was $655.50 for a total of $6,507.00
Our main discussion was mainly on the upcoming rummage sale. It was decided that whoever could make cookies would do so and whoever had plants to sell would do that.
Our health issues continue to be a concern for our committee but hopefully we are, for the most part, on the upswing and will try to me more active in the future.

e). Membership and Pastoral Care: Maxine Chacun
Our committee didn't meet in the summer. Will have to make more casseroles.

f). Outreach Committee: Barb Johnston
No report at this time.

g). Worship Committee: Marilyn Warkentin
Services at the homes did not happen while Tanis was on sick leave. She will look into when/if they will resume. December is St. Paul's month to do services.
World Wide communion is Sunday, October 5th, service is in person at St. Paul's that day. Hosts will be determined. next meeting.
Ushers: Florence has the sign-up sheet in narthex. It was suggested that each committee opening up could be responsible for ushering.
Offering: It was felt that we continue to pas the offering plate especially when the kids are present to help rather than have it at door as you come in.
Name Tags: Tanis suggested we have name tags as a welcoming gesture. A clipboard could be passed so everyone could write their names then print them on tags to be used weekly.
Memorial Sunday: All Saints Sunday, November 2. LeAnne will be asked to start distributing info.
Wedding: On September 6th, St. Paul's will see the wedding of Logan Biccum and Tyler Dereniwski.

> **MOTION:** Marilyn Warkentin/Jan Waller that Logan Biccum and Tyler Dereniwski be married at St. Paul's United church on Saturday, September 6, 2025 with Tanis Podobni officiating.

CARRIED.

Minister's Report:
I'm Back!!
Thank you to everyone for all of the love and support while I was away convalescing.
Thank you so much for all of the food, cards, puzzles, phone calls, texts, and even letters.
It all meant so much.
During the summer, I did the annual service at Wallace United Church. We had a baptism and also celebrated the 100th Anniversary. I have had two funeral services, one for Nola Webb and the other for Barry Nolan.
I am looking forward to returning to worship on September 7th.

MOTION: Teresa Makarchuk/Maxine Chacun to accept all reports as submitted.

CARRIED.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

a). Christmas Service will be on Sunday, December 14th. More details to come.

9. CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Tanis Podobni.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next council meeting is Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

Chairperson

Secretary