

October 23, 2025

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

PRESENT:

Diane Janzen	Maxine Chacun	Helen McCormick
LeAnne Langlois	Gwenda Haywad	Barb Johnston
Laura Maxwell	Teresa Makarchuk	Marilyn Warkentin
Carol Polk	Jan Waller	Tanis Podobni via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Gwenda Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
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:** Helen McCormick gave the devotional and opening prayer on behalf of the Finance Committee.

4. **AGENDA:**

MOTION: Teresa Makarchuk/Jan Waller that the agenda for tonight's meeting be accepted as Submitted.

CARRIED.

5. **MINUTES:** Correction to page 1187 at the top of the page should read "The church office hours will be Monday – Thursday until Summer.

MOTION: Carol Polk/Laura Maxwell that the minutes of September 24, 2025 be accepted as submitted and amended.

CARRIED.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time.

7. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

a). **Christmas Service:** There had been some talk of joining with a local theatre group for a combined Christmas Service for December 13, 2025. However, that is not going to happen now and the theatre group may have their own performance at St. Paul's as a fundraiser for the local Food Cupboard.

So, St. Paul's will have a Carol Sing along on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 7:00pm with coffee and treats afterwards.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a). **Property Committee:** Diane Janzen
We have not had a meeting in October.

Brian Blackshaw is to come and put the winter cover on the air conditioner in the upper hall. The grab bars in the bathrooms will be installed by the end of the week and the royal purple storage cupboard door looked at as well.

b). **Finance Committee:** Helen McCormick

Meeting was held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Paul's United Church Virden, Manitoba.

Present: Helen McCormick, Marlene Heaman, Jan Waller, Lorne Andrews, LeAnne Langlois.

Meeting called to order at 11:14am.

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

CARRIED.

Motion: Helen McCormick/Marlene Heaman that the minutes September 18, 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Lorne Andrews/Jan Waller to accept the bills of September 2025 ratified as paid.

CARRIED.

Motion: Marlene Heaman/Lorne Andrews to accept the Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Helen McCormick/Jan Waller to accept the Profit and Loss Statement as of September 30, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

Helen will send something to Laura Maxwell for the fall newsletter.

LeAnne is looking into upgrading the donation tracking program. Have been trying out a trial program from a company from Saskatoon but seems a little complicated. The advice from the Finance committee was to look into what is offered from Quickbooks.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am

c). Ministry & Personnel Committee: Carol Polk

We have not had a meeting but are getting together next week.

We met with members from the Griswold/Oak Lake Pastoral Charge.

Ella McCormick is leading Sunday school on the 1st Sunday of the month and Jill Radwanski and Mia are helping with the intergenerational activities on the 3rd Sundays of the month. Our committee will check with Jill regarding compensation.

d). Stewardship Committee: Laura Maxwell

Our committee did not hold a meeting in October.

Reminder that any newsletter articles are due in to Laura by October 31st.

e). Membership and Pastoral Care: Teresa Makarchuk

No report at this time.

f). Outreach Committee: Barb Johnston

Our committee did not meet in October.

We continue to collect for the John Howard Society through the month of October.

g). Worship Committee: Marilyn Warkentin

No report at this time.

Diane Campbell has inquired about becoming a member of the worship committee. We would certainly welcome her.

Minister's Report:

No report at this time.

MOTION: Jan Waller/Teresa Makarchuk to accept all reports as submitted.

CARRIED.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

a). Christmas Bake Sale: Council decided to hold the Christmas Bake Sale & Tea on Friday, November 28, 2025 with the Outreach Committee to look after the tea. Someone to check with Fran Bayliss to see if she is interested in looking after the baking again for this year.

9. CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Diane Janzen.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Next council meeting is Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

Chairperson

Secretary