

September 24, 2025

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

PRESENT:

Diane Janzen	Donna George	Maxine Chacun
Helen McCormick	LeAnne Langlois	Gwenda Haywad
Barb Johnston	Laura Maxwell	Tanis Podobni
Teresa Makarchuk	Marilyn Warkentin	Carol Polk

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Gwenda Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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:** Maxine Chacun gave the devotional and opening prayer on behalf of the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee.

4. **AGENDA:**

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

CARRIED.

5. **MINUTES:**

MOTION: Marilyn Warkentin/Laura Maxwell that the minutes of August 27, 2025 be accepted as submitted.

CARRIED.

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

7. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

a). **Basement Wall:** The work on the basement wall is now complete and the banquet room carpet has been cleaned. The room is back in use. The updated quote received on September 4th was \$5,324.43. We paid to Win Mar Restoration \$2,626.11. \$2,500 deductible +1/2 of the GST.

b). **100th Anniversary Celebration/ALF Retreat:** Tanis asked if we would consider having our 100th Anniversary Celebration as part of the ALF worship on October 26th. The theme of the retreat is centered on the anniversary and the youth would be here to be part of worship and then we would only have one potluck lunch instead of two in a row. Council was in agreeance of this. Membership & Pastoral Care committee will look after setting up for the lunch and ordering the cakes.

c). **Sunday School Room:** Ella McCormick (our new Sunday school leader) has set up a space in the lower hall for Sunday School. she has installed a cork board on one side of a room divider and would like to paint the other side in chalk board paint. Would this be ok! Council was fine with this.

d). **St. Paul's Policy and Guideline Booklet:** Most of the committees have met and gone over their committee mandates in the Policy & Structure Booklet. All changes will be forwarded to Tanis or LeAnne and then the sub-committee will get together and go over everyone's changes and suggestions and then in turn update the booklet.

e). **P2P Regional Annual Meeting:** This year's meeting will be held on November 10th & 13th via zoom. Marilyn Warkentin has agreed to once again attend the meetings on St. Paul's behalf. The 2026 meeting will be in person at Selkirk sometime in May.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a). Property Committee: Diane Janzen

Held a meeting on September 22, 2025. Reviewed the structure policy.

Handicap Toilets: a toilet downstairs nearest the lower hall has a hairline crack in the tank. We decided that it would be changed now at a cost of \$585.81 (including toilet, labour, taxes etc.). Still have money in property budget to do this. No other toilets will be replaced at this time. The 3 bathrooms that don't have a grab bar, will have these installed.

Water leak in boiler room took place on September 18th during a rain fall. We think the window wells filled up with water and the water either came in through the window or a crack below. Going to keep on this. Fran says the last time this happened was probably 15 years ago during a pathfinder camp. The A/C cover will be put on in a couple of weeks and the installation and box is covered in the quote for the windows.

b). Finance Committee: Helen McCormick

Meeting was held on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Paul's United Church Virden, Manitoba.

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

Meeting called to order at 11:14am.

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

CARRIED.

Motion: Lorne Andrews/Helen McCormick that the minutes August 21, 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Marlene Heaman/Jan Waller to accept the bills of August 2025 ratified as paid.

CARRIED.

Motion: Lorne Andrews/Jan Waller to accept the Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Helen McCormick/Marlene Heaman to accept the Profit and Loss Statement as of August 31, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion: Helen McCormick/Lorne Andrews that we take money out of the Memorial Fund for the purchase of a new office chair for the Minister's office.

CARRIED.

Motion: Lorne Andrews/Jan Waller that we rollover TD #39 50220002560 into a one-year investment upon maturing date October 21, 2025.

CARRIED.

We discussed the Finance Duties and Procedures in the St. Paul's Structure and Policy Handbook.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

c). Ministry & Personnel Committee: Carol Polk

We have not had a meeting but will get together to go over our committee duties.

The church office hours will be Monday – Friday until summer.

d). Stewardship Committee: Laura Maxwell

Stewardship Committee met on September 17th with our entire committee present.

M&S total for August was \$1,060.00 for a year-to-date total of \$7,567.50.

We decided to once again apply to Planned Gift for Mission & Service. Deadline October 31st.

Discussed our month to open and close the church and the revised duties that entails.

We looked over our duties for Stewardship as it pertains to updating St. Paul's Structure and Policy Booklet with Tanis providing helpful suggestions which was very much appreciated.

The yearly newsletter is coming up quickly. Church council chairs and others will soon be asked if they have items and/or pictures to include for the end of October.

Fundraising ideas were also discussed with a couple of ideas to be pursued in the near future.

e). Membership and Pastoral Care: Teresa Makarchuk

We delivered 17 casseroles over the summer.

A motion was made by Chris Dunning and seconded by Arlien Fridd that Eva Waines, member #557 be removed from the Membership Roll due to death.

f). Outreach Committee: Barb Johnston

Discussed if we should be putting on teas at the Princess Lodge and decided that with Sail being so active in the community it isn't necessary.

We worked at the Goulter School breakfast program on September 17th. We cooked scrambled eggs and toast, and it was enjoyed by approximately 80 students. Will continue to work when called upon.

Will speak with Tanis to determine dates for the guest speakers from Stephen Lewis Foundation and John Howard Society. We discussed when they should come and our committee felt it was best that they attend on the Sundays Tanis as at the pulpit.

Our committee decided that we will put a callout for items needed by the John Howard Society the first week of October.

Requested that LeAnne send out an email to restart the Prayer Shawl group. It was decided that we would also include anyone who wanted to do any crafts to have a time of fellowship. To begin October 1st at 2:00pm and continue every Wednesday at 2:00pm.

We went over the Outreach portion of the Guide to St. Paul's and updated it as required. We noted that part of the educational aspect of our committee was to provide information concerning the outreach of the larger church (Mission & Service). It was decided that any monies from our next tea would go to the Mission & Service Fund.

Our goal will be to meet every other month.

g). Worship Committee: Marilyn Warkentin

November 2nd will be our Service of Commemoration

November 9th – there will not be a zoom service from Oak Lake as they are having their service at 2:00pm that day. Do we want pulpit supply for Viriden? Gwenda Hayward volunteered fill in for pulpit supply.

November 30th – This is Oak Lake's turn for the 5th Sunday. It is quite a busy day in Oak Lake that day so, the service will be at 10:00am instead of 11:00am. The Zoom service in Viriden will be at 10:00am as well.

December 14th – this date has been put aside for a Christmas Service of singing. Not sure how this will look but have some ideas that still need to be worked out.

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service at 4:30pm.

Minister's Report:

Thank you to all of the committees for going over their structures so quickly.

Jill and Mia Radwanski have offered to help out with the intergenerational services.

Thank you for the flexibility to work from anywhere. Makes it easier for when those unexpected life things pop up.

MOTION: Barb Johnston/Helen McCormick to accept all reports as submitted.

CARRIED.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

a). The nursery has been emptied out – is everyone in favour of using that room for storage? Council was in favour of the nursery being used as a storage room.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Next council meeting is Wednesday, September October 22, 2025.

Chairperson

Secretary