

August 26, 2026

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

PRESENT:

Diane Janzen	Fran Bayliss	Teresa Makarchuk
Tanis Podobni\	LeAnne Langlois	Laura Maxwell
Kay Kristjansom	Maxine Chacun	Carol Polk

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Diane Janzen 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:** Maxine Chacun gave the devotional and opening prayer on behalf of the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee.

4. **AGENDA:** It was asked from the floor for a couple of items to be added to the agenda – Old Business: Maple Bug Spraying and Other Business: Candlelight Service.

MOTION: Teresa Makarchuk/Fran Bayliss that the agenda for tonight's meeting be accepted as amended.

CARRIED.

5. **MINUTES:**

MOTION: Laura Maxwell/Teresa Makarchuk that the minutes of May 27, 2026 be accepted as submitted.

CARRIED.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from the Town of Virden – Notice of Public Hearing.

A Public Hearing will be held on September 1, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Council Chamber at the Town Office regarding an application for Order under the Town of Virden Zoning By-Law No. 2769, as amended. The applicant is Darryl Horn to place a "Personal Service Shop" (Tattoo Parlour) within a "CC" commercial Central Zone. The address affected is 264 Nelson St. E. (18-102-2088) a building in which Darryl Horn owns.

After discussion St. Paul's Council did not have any issues with the above application.

7. **Old BUSINESS:**

a). Liquor Licensing Update:

The paper work has been completed and a fire inspection was done by Fire Chief Cory Nixion and we are now just waiting on him to submit that report to the Liquor Inspector.

b). Maple Bug Spraying: Fran purchased some spray from Home Hardware for Maple Bugs, so we will give that a try.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a). ALF Youth Retreat is in Minnedosa from October 23-25, 2026. this is for those in grades 7 – 12. Tanis will once again be attending as youth Chaplain.

MOTION: Teresa Makarchuk/Laura Maxwell that we pay the registration fee for any of St. Paul's youth who wish to attend the ALF Retreat October 23-25, 2026.

CARRIED.

b). Theatrics Players Christmas Performance:

Jill Wakely had inquired about having the Christmas Performance at St. Paul's again this year. This year's play is called "Virden's Best Christmas Pageant Ever". The dates are November 28th and 29th with both performances being at 2pm. They would like to hold practices on Wednesdays after school leading up to performance time. Auditions are being held on September 16 @ 6:30pm. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and the profits will go to the Virden Arts Council for Summer Youth Programming.

MOTION: Kay Kristjanson/Fran Bayliss that we have the Theatrics Players Christmas Play at St. Paul's on November 28th & 29th, 2026. Rental as per St. Paul's Structure Booklet per each performance.

CARRIED.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a). Property Committee: Fran Bayliss

- Carpet cleaning: upper hall, narthex, entrance and sanctuary.
- Painting: Banquet Hall
- Caretaker has agreed to clean the sanctuary fans when they are taken down.
- Garden hose replaced as the other one disappeared.
- Empty paint cans taken to the Hazardous Waste Recycling.

b). Finance Committee: Submitted

The Finance Committee met on August 20, 2026, with Helen McCormick, Marlene Heaman, LeAnne Langlois, and Tanis Podobni present. Jan Waller and Lorne Andrews sent regrets. The agenda, June 18 meeting minutes, June and July Balance Sheets, and Profit & Loss Statements were approved.

The committee discussed the cost and success of VBS and how related invoices and refunds should be recorded. August bills were approved, including payroll of \$5,480.36 and approximately \$1,400 for M&S expenses.

The transfer of planned gift funds will take place once all related projects are complete. GIC #20, valued at \$5,000 and due for renewal on August 24, will be transferred to the Legacy Fund Unprotected Plan 24 while options for combining investments and securing a higher interest rate are explored. LeAnne will obtain information on interest rates for larger deposits and details regarding Term GIC #17.

The Co-op Membership application was completed and is awaiting approval. The committee also discussed the church's accounting requirements, including the difference between an engagement, audit, and financial review.

c). Ministry & Personnel Committee: Carol Polk

Wondering about some sort of compensation for the two girls who led the VBS in July. Ivy Carruthers and Alivia McCormick did a great job in organizing and leading the VBS and thought that it would be nice to recognize their hard work with a little reward.

MOTION: Carol Polk/Maxine Chacun that we buy and give to each of the girls a \$30.00 Tim Horton's gift card.

CARRIED.

d). Membership and Pastoral Care: Maxine Chacun

No report for tonight, but we have been delivering casseroles all summer.

e). Outreach Committee: Laura Maxwell

Our committee will be having a meeting at the end of September.

The M&S for June was \$730.50 for a YTD total of \$4,741.40.

Our Change for Change Campaign continues until the end of September.

f). Worship Committee: Tanis Podobni & Kay Kristjanson

At the last council meeting Marilyn Warkentin shared that she would be stepping down from the committee. We thank her for her dedication to the worship committee. Marilyn as advised us that she is willing to have her name on the pulpit supply list.

SALT Shakers wind up was held June 17, 5-7- pizza, games and hiding little Jesus. St. Paul's hosted a wedding on June 27, 2026, William Podobni and Emma Rhodes.

VBS – Thank you to Ivy, Alivia, Helen and Tanis. On the Go with God was held July 13-17 – 10 -4, as was well attended and we look forward to working together on next years.

SALT Shakers will be starting again on September 20, 2026 – they are going to focus on the 12 disciples through out the year.

We will be meeting on September 1 @1:30pm to finalize the 2026 worship schedule.

Minister's Report:

We are back to worship after the summer break. Returned this past Sunday.

This coming Sunday, August 30th we are going to camp. "Camp in an Hour".

I will be attending the ALF Retreat at the end of October as a youth chaplain. This is an Oak Lake/ Griswold service so there will not be a zoom service at St. Paul's that Sunday.

MOTION: Carol Polk/Laura Maxwell to accept all reports as submitted.

CARRIED.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

a). Planned Gift Applications: Reminder that the planned gift applications are due to the office by October 31, 2026. Applications are available off the website or see LeAnne at the office.

b). Candlelight Service: If we are thinking about having a Candlelight Service, should we be picking a date now?

MOTION: Carol Polk/Kay Kristjanson that the Carols and Candlelight Service be Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 7:00pm.

CARRIED.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Fran Bayliss.

Next council meeting is Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Chairperson

Secretary