

**Crossroads United Pastoral Charge  
Council Meeting minutes  
June 20, 2019, 7:00 p.m.  
Carman United Church**

Present:      Rev. Harold Kenyon              Don McKay              Terry Gosnell  
                 Karen McGill                      Helen Stewart              Helen Toews  
                 Judy McGregor                      Diane Unruh              Bella Barbeiro  
                 Lorraine Stevenson              Don Lemon

Regrets:      Julie Ruban McDonald              Karen Tjaden

1.      Rev. Harold Kenyon will chair the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
  
2.      Opening Reflection  
         Harold Kenyon read from Colossians 2:6 from The Message. Question was asked “What or Who are you thankful for? -the work of the catering/hall committee – tremendous amount of work that adds to the financial health of our church; - Laura Rance – a colleague and friend who helps many people; - Doctors and nurses who help in time of need; - Olive Foote – all she does for St. Andrew’s. She is in her 90’s and looks after special events at St. Andrews; - Bella, our explorer student who has brought so many new ideas and energy to our pastoral charge; - the ministry ; team that works so well together; - people who put Regional meeting together, chance to see how the church works together. Harold led us in prayer.
  
3.      Land Acknowledgement – Bella read the land acknowledgement: “We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and culture of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Dene People with whom Treaty One was signed and the territory where our church resides. We honour the heritage and gifts of the Metis people. Under the terms of Treaty One, we now share the responsibility of caring for the earth, sky and water where we pledge to create a sacred space of welcome where all might find a home.”
  
4.      Agenda

**Motion:**      Don McKay/Helen Toews  
                 “That the agenda be approved as presented.”                      Carried

5.      Minutes of March 21

**Motion:**      Terry Gosnell/Lorraine Stevenson  
                 “That the minutes of March 21, 2019 be approved as presented.”                      Carried.

6. **Business Arising**

6a. **Green Team Update**

Karen Tjaden did a presentation at the Regional Meeting.

The Green Team is preparing to go beyond meeting and talking, ready to do things. Field trip to Winkler to see how recycling is processed. Next meeting will be at Evelyn Rempel-Petkau's. Lorraine mentioned that there is an opportunity to work with Communities in Bloom which has started up in Carman again.

6b. **Explorer Program Update**

Bella shared pictures of many of the things she has been doing since joining us at the beginning of May. She has been busy! Here is a list: Healthy Communities conference; Meadowood worship, youth leader meeting, planning/leading after school program for youth; Community supper, poverty reduction meeting, kitchen table conversation, green team, visit to Hutterite colony, meals on wheels, grocery assistance, Regional Council meeting, Young adult meeting, Elm Creek Sunday School, Dr. Niigan Sinclair, arrange visit from David Scott from Swan Lake First Nation, Carman Sunday School. Bella is also going to have a potluck supper on July 18<sup>th</sup> where she will share more of her pictures and talk about some of the events she has taken part in as part of the National Church and in her own Region.

6c. **World Day of Prayer Grant**

no update

6d. **Embracing the Spirit Grant**

Will be part of Karen Tjaden's ministry report

7. **Crossroads New Business**

7a. **Stewardship Committee**

Harold will be the staff person for this year's Stewardship Campaign. People are needed to be part of this campaign. Harold shared a document from Knox United Church in Calgary called "The Next 1100 Days". Very useful – need intentional time for discussion/visioning, time to share the vision, share the hopes with everyone.

Diane Unruh will help with this. Ask Council to think about other people that might be approached to help with this.

7b. **Regional Meeting Update/Covenant**

Harold explained the changes to structure with the new Region – Prairie to Pine. There are rules in the Manual about having a covenant with the Region. Karen Tjaden has been working on the Covenant and will have a draft for our next meeting. Diane and Susan will give an update to the congregation on Sunday during the faith sightings time (kids will be swimming at the park).

8. **Correspondence**

This summer we received word that Rev. David Lander had passed away. David was in ministry in Carman from 1974 – 1984.

Council executive made a decision to send a \$100 to Mission and Service Fund in David's memory. A thank you card from Doreen Lander was received and will be put on the bulletin board.

9. **Crossroads Committee Reports**

9a. **St. Andrew's Report**

Don McKay reported that a soup and pie lunch was held on March 22. Two children were baptised on May 12<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made that the Elm Creek board would pay \$100 towards the camp fees for any child from the congregation that goes to Rock Lake Camp. Camp Sunday will be June 30 at the Elm Creek Manor with an outdoor service. There will not be services during August in Elm Creek nor on July 14<sup>th</sup> as St. Andrew's are invited to the Carman Fair service.

9b. **Ministry and Personnel**

Terry Gosnell reported that the committee met with staff on June 6<sup>th</sup>. New goals were identified by staff. There has been a recurring theme at meetings around visioning. Will meet October 10<sup>th</sup> for budgeting. Harold will be on holidays from August 5 – 26 and Karen Tjaden will be on holidays for September. Karen Tjaden will be on study leave August 12 – 25<sup>th</sup>. Lynne Sanderson will do funeral coverage while both ministers are away. Karen McGill will take Mondays off for the summer. Pulpit supply will be needed for 3 Sundays in August.

9c. **Worship Committee**

Judy McGregor reported that the committee met on April 10<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following:

- Carman United will hosted the Community Good Friday Service and provided lunch following the service.
- For Palm Sunday, we ordered 6 bundles of 15 palms for Elm Creek & Carman. We can reduce that number more next year.
- Pulpit Supply was arranged for May 19 & 26 and June 15. Wilma Shirriff, Ila Swain and Joyce Kristjansson conducted those services for both Carman and Elm Creek.

Community Worship service will be at the Fairgrounds on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** Judy McGregor/Terry Gosnell  
"That there be no worship services at Carman United and St. Andrew's United on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019."  
Carried.

**Motion:** Judy McGregor/Helen Toews  
"That Tyler Melvin be accepted as a member at Carman United Church by baptism and confirmation."  
Carried.

9d. **Staff Reports**

*Karen Tjaden – submitted and read by Harold Kenyon*

I continue to serve as the Chair of the Poverty Reduction Committee and we have been actively planning a Community Round Table on poverty for November, with Health in Common facilitating. The Committee will meet next on July 18, with Health in Common, to continue planning the round table. The budget for this round table is estimated to be about \$4000 - \$4500. We will receive a \$500 grant from Carla Leon, Embracing the Spirit, but we were not able to access the larger \$2500 grant from Embracing the Spirit that I was anticipating, as those funds are now reserved for action (hopefully we can apply in future once we determine the action we might take). We could apply to the United Church of Canada Foundation but the next funding deadline is October 15 and the funds would be received after the event. What is your direction – should I apply for those UC Foundation funds, even though the timeline doesn't match the round table timeline? The Poverty Reduction Committee will now be seeking funds and contributions in kind from the community, including ministerial. I would like to ask Council to consider whether Crossroads or Carman United Church would contribute funds for the Round Table. We have already committed to providing space for the Round Table in November. I will also follow up to see if any of the funds held by the Regional Council could be applied to this kind of community event. I heard Shannon McCarthy mention some sort of funds during the Regional gathering last weekend, but my apologies for not contacting her about that prior to the Council meeting.

In my most recent conversation with Carla Leon, Embracing the Spirit, she expressed her gratitude to our congregations for listening! Thank you for listening. She went on to say that in their research on what makes churches healthy, the only difference between thriving and declining congregations is the willingness to listen.

I would echo her thanks – thank you for listening to the voices of those who are marginalized in our community! Thank you for listening to us, your ministry team!

I am looking forward to taking time in July and August to choose resources and plan programs for children, youth and adult faith formation for the coming year, including an adult Bible study, Crossroads Book Club (with a continued focus on reconciliation) and a new strategy for ministry with children and youth on Sunday mornings and during the week, based on our experience over the past year and the after school program.

I am really enjoying working with our Explorer student Bella and I continue to learn new things with her every week!

I am looking forward to my upcoming study leave in August to attend the international gathering of DOTAC (Diakonia of the Americas and the Carribean) in Vancouver.

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Tjaden*

Discussion was held regarding Karen's request for funding for the Round Table. Question was asked if we could do a fundraiser. Council is supportive and will donate money but wants more information on how much is required and how much would be reasonable for us to give.

An amount will be decided at the September meeting when more information is available.

Lorraine Stevenson chaired the meeting while Harold Kenyon gave his report.

*Harold Kenyon report:*

What I call the second quarter of the church from Easter till June has been predictably full and offering wide range of ministry experiences. Some highlights included:

- Carman United hosted the Community Good Friday Service
- We blessed prayer shawls on Easter Sunday
- Enjoyed baptism preparation and a home visit with Jana Foote and her children and baptism on Mother's Day for Dane and Oaklynn, and Confirmation and baptism with Tyler Melvin at Carman.
- We welcomed Bella to Crossroads May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- I attended the Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis. The conference theme was "Preaching as Moral Imagination."
- I was thankful for a week of personal time as our family celebrated the life of Susan's mother Marie on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We were privileged to host the retirement celebration for Rev. Ross Bruleigh.
- Attended the first meeting of Prairie to Pine Region in Brandon last weekend.

This has been a busy time for pastoral care with many church members in hospital this spring. I have conducted gravesides for Jean Gray and Lyle Eby this spring.

9e. **Crossroads Finance**

Terry Gosnell presented reports to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Report shows comparisons to 2018 but because this is an allocation report the comparison is not really comparable. The Crossroads M&S Goal for 2019 is 42,000 - \$40,000 for Carman and \$2,000 for Elm Creek.

The committee has not met, but the charities return was submitted in May. The return will be in online only from now on. The review of Carman and Crossroads books has happened with everything being in order.

9f. **Christian Education**

No report. Sunday School is having year end celebrations at the pool on Sunday.

9g. **Pastoral Care**

Susan Wepler reported that the committee met on May 8<sup>th</sup> with 3 members present. The education event for April 30 will move to a Fall date probably in October.

Discussion regarding a photo collection of our updated church family. Susan shared a photo of a possible format for the collection. Susan has spoken with the property committee about using the wall where the photos are currently. Size and method of obtaining pictures to be decided yet. Suggestion of "We are a part of the Family" to be on a sign.

Work is continuing on enlarging the book collection in the church library on the topic of grief.

Twiddle muffs to be delivered to Boyne Lodge and some prayer shawls will be sent to Palliative Care.

Next meeting will be September 11, 2019.

9h. **Mission and Service and Outreach**

Diane Unruh reported that the committee met on March 29. They brainstormed ideas for fundraising. There was a kitchen table conversation held with 7-8 people, some from Carman, some from Pembina Parish having conversation about priority areas for the national church. We are hosting community supper in July. Committee wants to look at appreciating volunteers. We have appreciated having Bella with us.

**Motion;** Don Lemon/Judy McGregor  
"That the Crossroads Committee reports be accepted as presented." Carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be September 19, 2019.

Don McKay left the meeting.

10. **Carman Business Arising**  
none

11. **Carman Committee Reports**

11a. **Technology**

Karen McGill reported that the new website is up and running. Lloyd Baker has volunteered to help keep the calendar up to date. The new screen in the narthex is up and running although with a few glitches to be worked out yet. This screen will be used to display resources and upcoming events. Jeremy McGill has spent many hours working on the programming for the website and the new TV(as well as all our tech in the past!). Diane Unruh volunteered to send a card to Jeremy thanking him for the work he has done.

Although not technology related, Karen McGill recently completed her upgraded first aid training. As of November 23, 2018 the Manitoba Workplace safety and health regulations have been amended to include what businesses should have as far as first aid kits and Karen has added to our current kit to bring it up to that standard.

Question was asked about whether we should have an AED in the church. Karen spoke with the instructor about that at the training, and the answer was probably. They are expensive, the batteries have to be replaced every few years (also expensive) and you have to have people who are trained to use them. There may occasionally be deals on getting the AED itself. Something to consider?

11b. **United Place**

Helen Stewart and Helen Toews reported that since the last Council meeting the committee members (with the support of the congregation, office and custodial staff) have catered 16 times. Sign up sheets were not utilized in June as they were not being as helpful as they had been. Everyone is looking forward to a break!! The next booking is not until September. Funeral lunches are not included in catering events; neither is fellowship lunch. The 40 cup coffee percolator has been replaced. A second large Dutch oven has been purchased.

11c. **Property Committee**

Don Lemon reported that their committee has been quiet since the last council meeting. We have changed a number of lights and done other small repairs in the church and replaced the toilet in the men's bathroom with a high rise toilet which will be more convenient for people with disabilities. With the help of Julie and Karen a Building Sustainable Community Grant application was put in on the May 14 2019 for two door openers for the bathroom and a wheelchair lift to the second level in the narthex. The total cost of this grant was \$34,552.63 and if we receive one half of this amount the three items will cost us \$17,276.32. We also had Riley Roofing have a look at the roof on United Place and he recommended that it be shingled this year and his estimate is \$15,834.45. have this estimate the property committee would like to get \$17,000 approved so the roofing could be done.

Terry Gosnell sent an e-mail to the Stewardship & Finance Committee regarding the shingles. We have a \$10,000 bequest to go towards the shingles and other operating money in GIC's. The GIC doesn't come due until August 2020 but an operating GIC is due in January 2020 and until that time we have a healthy bank account and a line of credit.

**Motion:** Don Lemon/Terry Gosnell

"That we reshingle the roof on United Place in 2019 as soon as property can arrange to have it done." Carried.

Don also mentioned that the shingles on the CE building will need done in a few years and the church will probably need done in 8 years.

11d. **Carman Finance**

Terry Gosnell presented the financial statement to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Term deposits are staggered so they are not all due in the same year.

12. **Report to Congregation**

Diane will present three highlights from the meeting to the congregation on Sunday.

13. **Other**

Bella presented a project that she would like to see happen in Carman. At the kitchen table conversation Jean Janick talked about period poverty and there has been a recent article about this in the Observer.

Bella wondered about taking down the sanitary napkin dispenser in the women's washroom and replacing it with a shelf and basket and providing supplies for people that need them. Discussion followed and council asked property to go ahead with removing the machine.

**Motion:** Helen Toews/Diane Unruh  
"That the Carman committee reports be accepted as presented." Carried.

Terry Gosnell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Julie Ruban McDonald, Chair

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Karen McGill, Secretary