



## 6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

### 6a. **Stewardship Committee**

Harold Kenyon reported that they could use a couple more people for this committee. Diane Unruh has volunteered to help. Harold will be using 3 Sundays to develop our understating of the vision and mission of the church and map out where our church will be heading in the next 1100 days. What are we passionate about, what do we value, where do we hope to go?

### 6b. **Community Round Table Funding Request**

This was tabled at our last meeting with the hope that we would have more information to help make a decision. Karen McGill reported that the Poverty Reduction Committee has set a budget of \$4200 and is looking for support. There has been a grant of \$500 received, Ministerial is donating \$1000 and there have been some private donations as well.

A question was asked as to who the committee members were. Karen Tjaden is on the committee as well as the Healthy Living Facilitator for Southern Health. Public Health Nurse, people with living experience of Poverty, person from the Mental Health group in Carman and other members of the community with an interest in poverty reduction.

**Motion:** Susan Wepler/Don McKay  
"That Crossroads United Pastoral Charge donate \$500 towards the poverty reduction roundtable being held on November 7<sup>th</sup>." Carried.

### 6c. **Regional Meeting Covenant**

Karen Tjaden has prepared the draft of the covenant between Prairie to Pine Regional Council and Crossroads United Pastoral Charge. Council needs to approve this document before it is sent to the Region. Copies were handed out and will be emailed to council ahead of the next meeting and we will table approving the document until the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 6d. **World Day of Prayer Grant**

The Grant for \$1800 was received for the Community Suppers and the money has been transferred to the Ministerial account.

## 7. **Crossroads New Business**

### 7a. **Letter of Support to Food Matters Manitoba**

For information – Karen Tjaden received at request from Caryn Douglas at Food Matters Manitoba asking support for a grant for a food insecurity program. Karen Tjaden and Julie Ruban McDonald drafted a letter of support that was forwarded to Caryn Douglas.

Don Lemon joined the meeting

8. **Correspondence**

Invitation from Carman Area Foundation to join a free workshop on Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers. Karen McGill went to this last year and it was good. Diane Unruh may be interested in going. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Collegiate.

9. **Crossroads Committee Reports**

9a. **St. Andrews Report**

Don McKay reported that St. Andrew's had camp Sunday on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Elm Creek Manor. There was an outside service followed by a wiener roast with all the extras. Several of the manor residents joined us for the service and the food and social time that followed.

Money was raised for Rock Lake Camp.

There were no services in Elm Creek for August.

At our September meeting it was decided to make apple pies and sell them as a fundraiser. A group of workers started within the week and the job was done. One pie was cooked so everyone got a sample of the results! A ham supper is being planned for later this fall.

9b. **Ministry and Personnel**

Terry Gosnell reported that the committee will meet on October 10<sup>th</sup> to prepare budgets. Harold will be on study leave Oct. 14 – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

9c. **Worship**

Joyce VanKoughnet reported that the committee met on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Communion will be held on September 8 with Judy Park preparing the elements. Tammy Allen from Alberta will visit our congregation that day. The M&S committee will also hold a "farmers market" fundraising following the church service.

Sunday school will start on September 15<sup>th</sup> with a new curriculum. A video about this will be shown. Harold will talk to Marni Harrison about building a roster of young people who might like to assist in worship through music, reading, servicing communion, helping with powerpoint etc. September 22 and October 27 worship will focus on Stewardship.

September 29 – Blessing of the Animals

We took photos of all our banners so that we will have a photo inventory to assist in making decisions on what banners could be added to our church. Val Lemon has recently added beautiful banners for Thanksgiving which are much appreciated.

Pulpit supply will be required for October 20 when Harold is on study leave.

We are planning an evening in October with our musicians to express our gratitude and gather any input from them on how to improve our worship through music.

Our Next meeting will be on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

We have received a request from Lynne Sanderson, retired Designated Lay Minister who is in a covenant with Carman United Church. Both Wayne and Lynne are doing pulpit supply with other area churches. People who are DLM's have different status from ordained or diaconal ministers and need a license to conduct sacraments. Lynne would like to be able to offer communion and

council has been asked to approve her license request. This will then go to Prairie to Pine Region.

**Motion:** Harold Kenyon/Diane Unruh  
“Whereas Carman United Church is in covenant relationship with Lynne Sanderson, retired DLM, and Lynne Sanderson provides occasional pulpit supply to United Church congregations, Carman United Church request that Prairie to Pine Region approve that Lynne Sanderson be licensed to conduct the sacraments”

Carried.

9d. **Ministry Staff**

*Harold Kenyon:*

Highlights since last meeting.

Sunday School windup was held in Elm Creek on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bella’s Windup end of July. It was a very rich time having Bella with us. She got to engage with very young people and visited with older people. Facilitated bridging generations.

Poverty Reduction committee met July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Had holidays in August.

Lots of pastoral care and community ministry.

Sunday School kick off September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Visit with Tammy Allan on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Communion at Elm Creek Manor. Looking at doing communion more in people’s homes, assisted living, hospital etc.

Working on Stewardship program – working together to develop our mission.

*Karen Tjaden – on holidays for month of September.*

9e. **Crossroads Finance**

Terry Gosnell reported that the committee has not met. They will be meeting to prepare budgets in October. Budgets are due to Terry by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Reports to August 30<sup>th</sup> were distributed and Terry went over the numbers. We missed doing the motion at the June meeting for the split of expenses for 2020. This number is arrived at following the review of books and statistics.

**Motion:** Terry Gosnell/Michelle Froese  
“That the split of expenses for 2020, starting January 1, 2010 be Carman 84% and Elm Creek 16%, based on 2018 statistics of identifiable givers.” Carried.

2019 was 83%/17%.

9f. **Christian Education**

Michelle Froese presented report. CE was very pleased with the impact Bella’s time with us had on the Christian Education committee. Michelle stressed the importance of giving parents a place to worship and a journey of exploration for their children where they don’t feel obligated to stretch their limits to teach Sunday School. She also stressed that the as CE members they feel

that they are not obligated to teach Sunday School. The feedback for Council is how appreciative we feel moving forward with other church members offering to help with teaching.

The committee met on August 27<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the fall. Sunday school started on September 15<sup>th</sup> using our new curriculum Deep Blue. This program was researched and recommended by Bella. In a time where everything is moving to online, we are confident that to give our teachers the best resources, we need to make teaching Sunday School easy and this program with physical copies is one step in the right direction. Another step is moving towards a paper copy for signup on the calendar. This ensures transparency for all members and has quickly filled up. We are thrilled to welcome Karen McGill and Susan Wepler (along with myself, Marni and Karen Park) to the teaching rotation. The Sunday School fall offering project is supporting grocery assistance.

We are supporting Karen Tjaden with developing some Environmental themed worship, learning and action opportunities for the three early dismissal days this school year. The plan is to include worship, outdoor activities and snacks/lunch for our kids. The first session will be October 16<sup>th</sup> from noon – 5 with a focus on World Food Day. We will have a special visit from Carman's bug expert John Gavloski who will talk about bugs as food and protein sources.

One other aspect the Christian Education Committee is looking at developing is expanding our children's Sunday School family. We are looking at starting a seasonal rotation (4/year ) of Friday night group worship, learning and action opportunities between ourselves and the Elm Creek, Roland, Graysville and Miami United Church Sunday School.

Adult Faith Formation update:

1. Immersion (a pilot program) – Crossroads was selected to be part of this program. Karen T. would like to offer in Elm Creek.
2. Bible Study: Thursday night for 9 weeks. Last year there were 5 people spanning many decades. Resource is "Still Speaking"
3. Crossroads book club will continue with the reconciliation theme. Will start in October. 8-10 people in book club last year.

Harold Kenyon and Karen McGill mentioned how useful the bags the kids made a couple years ago were to the office staff. We are out now and could especially use socks for transient men who come to the office. CE and M&S&O will work together to come up with a plan for doing a collection of items again.

#### 9g. **Pastoral Care**

Susan Wepler reported the committee met September 18<sup>th</sup> to plan the Education/appreciation event for volunteers. Event was postponed in the spring and rescheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee has discussed the idea of a church family tree. They have talked to property about removing the current boards in the narthex and doing something more updated. Prayer shawl and card embroidery will start on September 26<sup>th</sup> and meet every other Thursday. There has been a request for a knitting group during the day time. Susan will investigate. Susan is also looking at organizing another "Days for Girls" event in May.

9g. **Mission and Service and Outreach**

Diane Unruh reported that the group has not met officially since May but has done some planning using e-mail. A Farmer's market was held after church on September 8<sup>th</sup>. There was very little preparation and \$924.25 was raised for M&S in about ½ hour. A meeting will be held once Karen Tjaden is back and harvest is over. Bella was very helpful to the committee with outreach activities – powwow, truth and reconciliation fieldtrip, community suppers in the park. The big M&S change jar has gone missing from the narthex and the committee will discuss how to collect change in a different way.

Thank you was given to the committee for the Farmer's market – a really good event!

**Motion:** Don Lemon/Terry Gosnell  
"That the Crossroads reports be accepted as presented." Carried.

Don McKay left the meeting.

10. Next meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Carman.

11. **Carman Business Arising from the Minutes**

11a. **Community Places Grant**

Julie Ruban McDonald reported that we had applied for a grant to cover the cost of lift and the accessibility openers for the bathroom doors. Our grant was declined. The next intake for applications will be in December.

Don Lemon thought we should hold off and apply again. Council agreed.

We were told that it would be helpful to give more specifics of how many people in the community use the building.

12. **Carman New Business**

12a. **Offer to host a youth event**

Karen McGill said it has been awhile since we have hosted a youth event here. It is hard for the YAAY committee to find places to hold their two events a year. Council thought we might offer to host in 2020 or 2021.

12b. **Daycare update**

Lloyd Baker reported that it was time to renew our agreement with the daycare. Lloyd and Karen McGill will be meeting with Wee Care's director next week. We negotiate the rent every two years. Cost of living over the last two years has been around 2 percent.

13. **Carman Committee Reports**

13a. **Technology Committee**

Karen McGill reported that the TV in the narthex is working with just a few glitches that are being worked out with the program that runs our information.

13b. **United Place**

Helen Stewart reported that the committee has not met formally but talks a lot while they are catering. There is a lot of catering in September & October. There will not be a cookie walk. Prices have been reviewed for catering and some changes made. Numbers are down for volunteers and people offering to bring food. There is ongoing discussion about funeral lunches.

13c. **Property Committee**

Don Lemon reported that the committee has been lucky and had very little to do as far as maintenance in the church since the last report. Light fixture was repaired in the quiet lounge, Jim McGregor donated some red mulch for under the awning at the entrance to United Place, a shelf was put in the cloak room for Sunday school and other than that a few light bulbs were replaced. The unhappy news that we received was that the grant was denied. A decision on new railing was made and should be done soon for a cost of about \$5000. The roof on United Place will be resingled soon.

13d. **Carman Finance**

Terry Gosnell presented the financial reports to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Deposit # 7 – comes due October 3<sup>rd</sup>. #'s 6, 7 and 8 are term deposits that we cannot spend or cash in without congregational approval. Usually we reinvest. Terry recommends reinvesting # 7 plus the interest for a period of 12 months at 2.3 percent. The stewardship committee was in agreement (by e-mail).

**Motion: Terry Gosnell/Lloyd Baker**

“That we reinvest GIC#7 for a period of 12 months at 2.3 percent.”

Carried.

#6 & 8 renew in August of 2020 and will be put together.

In #8 there is a bequest towards shingles. Suggestion is that when due in August of 2020 we cash it and use to offset the cost of the shingles.

Operating savings can be available at the end of January if needed.

Terry has spent many, many hours with the new credit card fixing up mix ups with the way the bank applied for the card.

Thank you to Terry for all the work she does!!

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

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Julie Ruban McDonald, Chair

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Karen McGill, Secretary