**BETHEL UNITED COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**SEEKING GOD’S WAY AS COMMUNITY**

**Moosomin, Saskatchewan**

**Board Minutes April 12, 2023**

**Call to Order** 7:00

**Opening Prayer:**

**Attendance**: Chairperson Cheryl Weatherald, Layne McFarlane, Ann Norgan, Terri Paskell, and trustee Rod Lee and James Balfour joined us via zoom.

**Regrets:** Ursula Johnson, Don Osman, Kerry Coleman, Dianne McLeod, Ray Norgan

**Opening:** A reading by Cheryl Weatherald

**Order Paper:** Motion to accept conditions of Order Paper - Motion by: Ann Norgan, Seconded by: Terri Paskell. **Carried.**

**Agenda: Motion:** Terri Paskell moved to accept the agenda with the power to add. Seconded by Ann Norgan. **Carried.**

**Last Board Meeting:** **Motion:** Moved by Terri Paskell to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Seconded by Rod Lee. **Carried.**

**Correspondence:**

**Submitted Reports:**

**Worship Report** – None

**UCW** Report - None

**Treasurer Report -**

Documents were sent out. Layne reported that we currently have $69,646 in our operating account. Layne also indicated that for the first three months we are showing a surplus of $15,434 due primarily to the Moosomin Family Resource Centre paying their full 2023 year rent of $10,800 already.

Layne also reviewed a DRAFT 2023 budget document with the Board proposing various changes to finalize the budget.

**M & P:** None

Ann spoke to Jennifer and they have no concerns at this time.

She also met with Terri & Jessie. They appreciate receiving the cost of living increase and there were no concerns at this time.

**Motion to approve reports**: Moved by Layne McFarlane to accept reports as presented . Seconded by Terri Paskell. **Carried.**

**New and Arising Business:**

**Discussion and Decisions:**

1. Food Bank Supper – was very successful as an outreach to our community. We were able to give $912.50 from ticket sales and about $200 in donations.
2. Memorial Fund:

Ann indicated that she and Terri found a binder that documented all the memorial fund donations. They also found a document from 2010 identifying the terms and conditions of the Memorial Fund. James Balfour indicated that the document was not signed or there is no indication on it whether it was approved at an annual meeting. He recommended doing further investigation to ensure any terms or conditions relating to the Memorial Fund are being adhered to.

1. FCC(Farm Credit Corporation)Grant Program: Layne will apply in April when the applications are available, making a list of all community activities that take place in our church to include in the application. A grant would be very beneficial to assist in the cost of the new boiler.
2. Annual meeting: Planning for April 30th -

Cheryl reviewed arrangements for the upcoming annual meeting including nominations for new directors.

1. Sandra Poole request – rental proposal letter

Sandra will rent one or two rooms in the basement of the church hall. Some finishing will need to be done prior to her moving her music instruments into the rooms.

1. IPC Canada Photo Directory

The Board discussed this offer and decided with the current demographics of the congregation that it would not be beneficial.

1. Palm Sunday – Palms ???

Cheryl indicated that churches are able to order ‘palms’ from the UCC prior to the Easter service. The Board agreed with the current policy of not ordering in the palms for the Easter service.

1. Concerns from Carly Sweeting regarding back of church.

Cheryl noted that Carly has observed students sitting on back steps and leaving garbage in the area. Cheryl indicated that high school students have been advised to not do this but has had limited success in getting it stopped.

1. Commissionaire for Weddings and Funerals:

Cheryl asked if Terri or Jessie would be willing to be a commissionaire for weddings or funerals if no other board members were available. It was indicated that this would not be considered part of their job so they would be paid for the service. Terri indicated that she thought they would but would need to discuss with Jessie.

1. Funeral Policy:

Reviewed funeral policy and made various changes due to not having a minister and the duties they otherwise would have performed. The policy will be reviewed at the next meeting when more members of the Board are in attendance.

1. **Next meeting date: May 10, 2023 at 7:00**

**Benediction: Prayer (Cheryl):**

**Adjournment:** Moved byRod Lee

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Chair: Cheryl Weatherald Secretary: