

PRESENT: Craig Miller, Barb Jardine, Natasha Pearen, Diane Janzen, Lyn Fefchak, Joan Jarvis, David Howell, Allan Gairns, Krissy Teall, Mária Szabó Bérces, Coral Meggison

REGRETS: Doug Neufeld

The meeting was called to order by Craig Miller at 10:17 am.
It was noted that a quorum was present. (10 of 11, at least 1/3)
Craig Miller led us in prayer.

AGENDA

Motion # 44: Natasha Pearen / Barb Jardine
That the Agenda be accepted as circulated. CARRIED

MINUTES

Motion # 45: Coral Meggison / Diane Janzen
That the minutes of Assiniboine Presbytery Executive meeting from September 1, 2016 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

Motion # 46: Coral Meggison / Barb Jardine
That the minutes of Assiniboine Presbytery Executive conference call meeting of October 5, 2016 be approved with corrections noted.
*page 16-21: Business of the meeting 2) Correspondence: amend to read as "October 4, 2016 From Brian Curtis, Master of Divinity student at Atlantic School of Theology: A second request **for survey participants with the invitation directed to those presbyters of Assiniboine Presbytery who voted 'No' in the decision to become an Affirming Ministry.** Secretary, Coral Meggison will reply to Brian Curtis that Assiniboine presbyters voted unanimously in favour of becoming an Affirming Ministry, with no presbyters abstaining from the vote."*
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Coral Meggison
Report attached as **Appendix A.**

Correspondence requiring attention:

October 8, 2016: From Brian Curtis; A second request that his invitation for survey participants be re-sent to all Assiniboine Presbyters.
The gathered upheld the decision of the October 5, 2016 executive conference call meeting, as all Assiniboine Presbyters received the invitation by email, or Canada Post mail, and have the option to reply.

Motion # 47: Coral Meggison / Krissy Teall
That the correspondence report be received CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Janzen

- Natasha Pearen and Diane Janzen will work together to create a Form for Assiniboine Presbyters to claim reimbursement for a presbytery related expense.

Motion # 48: Natasha Pearen / Allan Gairns
That Assiniboine Presbytery Executive approve the reimbursement of costs of Darlyne Smith, Presbytery South UCW rep, to attend the 2016 Provincial UCW Rally at Pinawa for mileage expense of \$105.42 to be paid from Justice and Outreach Committee budget line, and \$170.00 registration fee to be paid from Discretionary budget line. CARRIED

- The gathered directed Justice and Outreach Committee to look into potential presbytery related UCW expense that should be considered in the presbytery budget.
- Note: Presbytery will not be accepting mileage expense claims for members of Pastoral Charges attending the JNAC workshop.

- \$300 new donations have been received towards the Heart Bank project.
- The gathered agreed that M&S offerings collected at Presbytery events should be forwarded semi-annually to Mission and Support, after the April and November meetings.
- There was discussion about who is to pay mileage for out-of-presbytery participating guests of Covenanting Services. Pastoral Relations Committee was directed to research this topic.
- 2017 Budget requests are to be forwarded from committees to Diane Janzen by November 7, 2016.
- For full report, see **Appendix B**.

Motion # 49: Diane Janzen / David Howell
That the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AFFIRMING MINISTRIES: David Howell

- Russell and Silverton Pastoral Charge is beginning the process of becoming Affirming congregations and pastoral charge.
- Shoal Lake Pastoral Charge is also in the process.

CANDLES Research has found that creating vertical-stripe Rainbow candles to be made from beeswax would be very expensive. Allan Gairns has created an option for a more reasonable cost. Allan will have this Rainbow Candle variation available for purchase at the November Full Court meeting.

NOMINATIONS: Allan Gairns

- need a ministry representative for Conference Settlement Commission. This representative would also be a member of the presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee.
- Peggy Bradshaw is now a presbytery rep for Russell congregation.

Motion #50: Diane Janzen / Heather Sandilands
MEMBER AT LARGE That Coral Meggison be named as a Member-at-Large representative to Assiniboine Presbytery. CARRIED
Coral Meggison abstained

EDUCATION, STUDENTS & CHURCH VOCATIONS: Heather Sandilands

SACRAMENT ELDER Sacrament Elder Workshop is planned for Friday-Saturday, October 28-29, at Central United Brandon.
Sacrament Elder renewals can happen annually at the June Conference Executive meeting.
New Sacrament Elder licensing can happen at any Conference Executive meeting, November, March or June.

PASTORAL CHARGE OVERSIGHT: Lyn Fefchak

OVERSIGHT VISITS Three oversight visits are being scheduled and will be completed before Christmas.

CONSTITUTIONS Russell congregation will be revising their constitution, so is seeking samples of other congregations constitutions, also samples of policies for 'Use of Memorial Funds'.

QUORUM There was discussion about Quorum requirements at congregational and pastoral charge Annual Meetings. Joan Jarvis will check with Shannon McCarthy and send information to Coral Meggison to be shared with the executive.

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Natasha Pearen

SETTLEMENT The Conference Settlement Commission met Sept 13 and Oct 11, 2016.
COMMISSION Settlement Commission Report for Sept 13, 2016 is attached as **Appendix C**.
The following action was taken on behalf of Assiniboine Presbytery:
1) Approves the Appointment of Milo Spooner Craig to Central United Church Pastoral Charge effective September 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
2) Approves the Appointment of Elgin Hall to the Cadurcis Community United Church Pastoral Charge effective September 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Settlement Commission Report for Oct 11, 2016 is attached as **Appendix D**.
No action was taken on behalf of Assiniboine Presbytery.

COVENANT SERVICES Completed Warrant to Covenant documents have been received for Rolanda Taylor and Milo Spooner Craig, so covenanting services can now proceed.

OUTREACH & JUSTICE: Krissy Teall

EVENT Reminder of 'Remembering the Children' event on October 29 at 2 pm.
The Observer is sending a representative. Other media will be attending.

PRESBYTERY PLANNING: no report

NOVEMBER MEETING Friday evening: study Remits 1, 3, 4
Saturday: Vote on Remits 5, 7, 8 with limited time for discussion of these remits.
Feedback has been gathered from Shannon McCarthy regarding the September 17th remit discussions and recorded questions. This feedback information will be emailed to all presbyters.

CONFERENCE STAFF: Joan Jarvis

-all presbyteries are moving forward on remits.
- Shannon McCarthy has begun her 1/3 time shared time with Alberta Northwest Conference.
-the Conference Young Adult and Youth (YAAY) committee and Shannon McCarthy have put together and posted a notice for a contract Youth Ministry position. Interviewing will take place soon.
-YAAY fall meeting will be held at Central UC Brandon, November 5-6, 2016.
-Next Conference Executive meeting is November 9, 2016. Craig Miller and Barb Jardine will be attending.

Motion # 51: Barb Jardine / Diane Janzen
That the reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

PULPIT SUPPLY The gathered members discussed questions regarding rules about pulpit supply. Who can be used for pulpit supply? Is it okay for congregations to use folks who are not on the presbytery provided Pulpit Supply List? Presbytery has oversight only of those folks on the Pulpit Supply List.
Should Assiniboine Presbytery set a fee for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and non-licensed lay worship leaders providing pulpit supply to be paid consistently by all congregations in our presbytery?
Education and Students committee will bring this business to the November Full Court meeting.

Joan Jarvis led us in prayer to close the meeting.

Motion #52: David Howell / Krissy Teall
That the meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

MEETING DATES NEXT MEETINGS:
FULL COURT: November 18 & 19, 2016 at Trinity Brandon

**The United Church of Canada: Assiniboine Presbytery Executive Meeting
At Central United Church, Brandon, Manitoba**

16-25

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

	February 25, 2017		at Knox Brandon
	April 29, 2017		location to be determined
EXECUTIVE:	Wednesday, October 26, 2016	10 am	Central United Brandon
	Wednesday, January 25, 2017	10 am	"
	Wednesday, March 22, 2017	10 am	"
"	Wednesday, June 14, 2017	10 am	"

Coral Meggison
Secretary
Assiniboine Presbytery

Craig Miller
Chair
Assiniboine Presbytery