

PRESENT: Barb Jardine, Natasha Pearen, Lyn Fefchak, Joan Jarvis, Mária Szabó Bérces, Coral Meggison, Doug Neufeld, David Howell, Jamie Bradshaw, Craig Miller, Diane Janzen

The meeting was called to order by Mária Szabó Bérces at Central United Brandon at 10:15 am. It was noted that a quorum was present. (10 of 10, at least 1/3)

Mária Szabó Bérces led us in prayer.  
We acknowledged that we gathered on Treaty 2 land.

**AGENDA**

**Motion # 43: Mária Szabó Bérces / Craig Miller**  
**That the Agenda be accepted as circulated. CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**Motion # 44: Coral Meggison / Barb Jardine**  
**That the minutes of Assiniboine Presbytery Executive meeting from September 6, 2017 be accepted as corrected:**  
*page 17-8, second paragraph: Settlement Commission Report for June 26, 2017 and July 11, 2017 is attached as **Appendix E**. Should read "...for July 25, 2017 and August 8, 2017 is attached as **Appendix E**.* **CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Coral Meggison**

Report attached as **Appendix A**.

Additional Correspondence:

Oct 17/17 Email with attached letter to Lyn Fefchak from Michelle Pearson, Chair, Rapid City United Church: Regarding a request for assistance in disbanding Rapid City United Church.

**Motion # 45: Coral Meggison / Craig Miller**  
**That the correspondence report be received. CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Janzen**

- Diane Janzen read aloud the September 21, 2017 letter from Shannon McCarthy regarding Presbytery Budgeting Information
- One pastoral charge has not yet paid first and second quarter assessments that were due March 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Conference Registration expense of \$275.40 is funding of a percentage of Registration Dues paid by Assiniboine Presbytery Youth for the 2017 Annual Meeting
- Outreach, Justice and Education: Youth expense: is funding three Assiniboine Presbytery Youth Registration fee to attend Rendezvous 2017 National Youth Gathering

**Motion # 46: Craig Miller / Natasha Pearen**  
REMOVE **That Assiniboine Presbytery request CIBC financial institution to remove**  
SIGNING **Wayne Sanderson as signing authority for Assiniboine Presbytery**  
AUTHORITY **Investments held with CIBC financial institution. CARRIED**

**Motion #47: Natasha Pearen / Doug Neufeld**  
REMOVE **That Assiniboine Presbytery request Westoba Credit Union financial**  
SIGNING **institution to remove Barb Jardine as signing authority for Assiniboine**  
AUTHORITY **Presbytery accounts held with Westoba Credit Union financial institution. CARRIED**

**Motion #48: Barb Jardine / Doug Neufeld**  
HEART BANK **That Assiniboine Presbytery Treasurer create a Ledger Liability Account to**  
PROJECT **record net Heart Bank funds held in the general operating bank account,**  
FUNDS **that being donations to date less Heart Bank Project expenses to date. CARRIED**  
RECORD

- For the full Treasurers report, see **Appendix B**.

**Motion # 49: Diane Janzen / Craig Miller**  
**That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED**

**2018 DRAFT BUDGET: Diane Janzen**

- For the Initial Draft Budget, see **Appendix B page G**
- The gathered discussed a desire to budget for some special events to move into the closing of the presbytery, and the restructuring into new regions.
- The gathered discussed a reduced anticipated need for the present \$20000 Contingency (Reserve) Funds

**Motion #50: Barb Jardine / David Howell**  
**CONTINGEN- That Assiniboine Presbytery reduce the Contingency (Reserve) Fund**  
**CY FUND amount to \$10000 from the present \$20000. CARRIED**

- various amounts were adjusted in the Recommended Budget as printed.
- the gathered recommended a 1% increase in Pastoral Charge Assessments due to the anticipation of a 1% increase in the Conference Assessment for Assiniboine Presbytery

**Motion #51: David Howell / Craig Miller**  
**That Assiniboine Presbytery Executive recommend a budget amount of**  
**\$600 to fund Conference Registration dues for Assiniboine Presbytery**  
**Youth attending the 2018 Annual Meeting of Conference. CARRIED**

**Motion #52: Diane Janzen / David Howell**  
**That Assiniboine Presbytery Executive accept the amended 2018**  
**Recommended Budget to present as a Proposed 2018 budget to the Full**  
**Court of Assiniboine Presbytery November 18, 2017. CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AFFIRMING MINISTRIES: David Howell**

**EQUAL MAR- David has started to receive congregational feedback to his call for information.**  
**RIAGE POLICY**  
**LIST**

**SUPPORT** We need to continue to hold in our hearts and prayers anyone who is marginalized.

**IRIDESCE** David Howell highlighted the October 10, 2017 letter from Joan Jarvis regarding Iridesce: The Living Apology Project <https://www.iridesce.ca/> Knox United Brandon has an event planned for May 12-14, 2018 and has invited Aaron Miechkota to present.

**AFFIRM** David Howell asks if anyone from our presbytery has attended Affirm United/  
**UNITED** S'Affirmer Ensemble Annual Conference. David wonders if we should encour-  
**CONFERENCE** age participation/ engagement.

**NOMINATIONS: Craig Miller**

**COMMITTEE** Barb Jardine has completed an updated list of Committee Members. This  
**DOCUMENT** document will be sent out with the Notice of November meeting.

**CHAIR ELECT** Craig Miller will continue to seek a presbyter interested in the Chair-Elect position.

**YAAY** A second Assiniboine Presbytery youth alternate is needed for the Conference Young Adults And Youth (YAAY) committee.

**GC43** General Council 43 Commission nominations will be received and voted upon at the November meeting.

**EDUCATION, STUDENTS & CHURCH VOCATIONS: Jamie Bradshaw**

CANDIDATE A candidate for ministry met with Conference Interview Board October 4, 2017. The Interview Board affirmed the candidates changing of stream to Ordained Ministry.

Jamie Bradshaw represents Assiniboine Presbytery on the Conference Interview Board.

LLWL This committee will host a Licensed Lay Worship Leader gathering on October 20th, and will complete the required annual interviewing.

SACRAMENT ELDER TRAINING Sacrament Elder Training workshop is scheduled for October 21. In our presbytery, there are 25 congregations without someone trained as a Sacrament Elder. There is continued recommendation from Conference that every congregation have a person trained to be a Sacrament Elder for just in case circumstances.

**Motion #53: Jamie Bradshaw / Barb Jardine**  
CHERYL **That Assiniboine Presbytery recommend to the Conference of Manitoba**  
SISSON **and Northwestern Ontario that Cheryl Sisson be re-licensed as a Sacrament Elder to administer Sacraments for the congregation of Elkhorn Pastoral Charge for the pastoral year ending June 30, 2018. CARRIED**

MARIANNE Paperwork has been completed to support the motion made September 23, 2017  
OLFREY regarding Marianne Olfrey to be licensed to give Sacraments within the boundaries of Assiniboine Presbytery.

**PASTORAL CHARGE OVERSIGHT: Lyn Fefchak**

RAPID CITY Lyn Fefchak received a letter, emailed October 17, 2017 from the chair of Rapid City United Church including a motion to disband the congregation as of December 31, 2017, and requesting support of the Pastoral Charge Oversight Committee in this process.

DOUGLAS Lyn Fefchak received an email correspondence October 18, 2017 from the chair of Douglas United Church including a motion to disband the congregation as of June 30, 2018.

CLOSURES This committee will accompany Rapid City congregation and Douglas congregation in their closure process and bring appropriate motions to the Full Court Presbytery meeting.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS: Natasha Pearen**

SETTLEMENT The Commission met September 12, 2017.

COMMISSION Settlement Commission Report for Sept 12, 2017 is attached as **Appendix C**. The following action was taken on behalf of Assiniboine Presbytery:  
1) Transfer of Douglas Martindale from Assiniboine Presbytery to Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery, British Columbia Conference.

RETIRED Retired Ministry Personnel who will be providing ministry services must complete  
MINISTRY the current Police Records Check and Boundaries Training requirements. This includes eligibility to be licensed to perform marriages.

SABBATICAL Natasha Pearen received a letter of Intent regarding Craig Miller taking Sabbatical.

**Motion #54: Natasha Pearen / Diane Janzen**  
**That Assiniboine Presbytery approve the Sabbatical of Craig Miller for the period of June 1 to August 31, 2018. CARRIED**

**OUTREACH & JUSTICE: Barb Jardine for Cyndi Price**

PHOTO EXHIBIT The Brandon Indian Residential School Photographic Exhibit is currently on display at Brandon University in conjunction with the '100 years of Loss' exhibit which opened September 30, 2017, coinciding with 'Orange Shirt Day'.

RAPID CITY UCW Rapid City UCW group will disband as of December 31, 2017.

**PRESBYTERY PLANNING: Doug Neufeld**

NOVEMBER November 17 & 18 at Trinity Brandon.  
United Church Resource Distribution items will be displayed and available for purchase  
Friday Panel discussion regarding Remit 6  
Saturday – vote on Remit 6; Nominations of General Council 43 Commissioners; Proposed 2018 Budget;  
Rendezvous 2017 participant report?

FEBRUARY February 10, 2018 at Central Brandon  
-Conference President, Betty Kelly, report to Assiniboine Presbytery  
-Decision by the gathered executive to extend the February meeting to Friday evening, February 9<sup>th</sup> to offer the Kairos Blanket Exercise Workshop open to all interested, not limited to presbyters.

APRIL April 21, 2018 at Shoal Lake Community Hall

**CONFERENCE STAFF: Joan Jarvis**

GENERAL UPDATE -Shannon McCarthy, Judy Hare and three MNWO representatives are currently in London Ontario

-Boundaries Commission discerning boundaries of the future regions of the United Church of Canada; January 10, 2018 the Boundaries Commission first report will be available. January through March 2018 will be opportunity for input regarding the first recommendation of boundaries. March 15, 2018 the final report will be released. January 1, 2019 the New Regions will be implemented.

A 'Recommendations and Checklist for Presbytery Wind-down' will be available before the end of 2017.

There is no clarity at this timer regarding changes to Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Conference Office staff positions.

**CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Craig Miller / Mária Szabó Bérces**

**Motion # 55: Craig Miller / Doug Neufeld**  
**That all the reports be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

BOUNDARIES We need to think 'outside the box'.

IDEAS There is concern that internet gatherings replacing face-to-face meetings may not be feasible in all rural or remote areas.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was brought to the table.

**The United Church of Canada: Assiniboine Presbytery Executive Meeting** **17-25**  
**At Central United Church, Brandon, Manitoba** **Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

Barb Jardine led us in prayer to close the meeting.

Mária Szabó Bérces declared the meeting adjourned at 2: 55 pm.

**2017-18 MEETING DATES**

<b>FULL</b>	November 17-18, 2017	at Trinity Brandon (out of rotation, due to
<b>COURT</b>		Central Brandon previously booked)
	February 10, 2018	Central Brandon
	April 21, 2018	location to be determined

<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	Wednesday, January 17, 2018	10 am	at Central United Brandon
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Wednesday, March 14, 2018	10 am	"
	Wednesday, June 13, 2018	10 am	"

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Coral Meggison  
Secretary  
Assiniboine Presbytery

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Mária Szabó Bérces  
Chair  
Assiniboine Presbytery