**Niverville United Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 20, 2024 via Zoom**

Chair: Lesley Reimer

Recording Secretary: Terri MacDonald

Present via Zoom: Lesley Reimer, Roxanne Anderson, Rev.Simba,

                              Ellen Gaudry, Judith Hinton, Gloria Nicol

Regrets: Bill McVicar (joined for the second half of meeting)

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* Lesley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and recited the mission statement;

Rev. Simba offered the prayer/meditation

***The mission of the Niverville United Church is to worship God, care for each other, and seek***

***justice and deepen our faith within our Christian church family***

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**Minutes –** Minutes from Feb 24, 2024 reviewed and amended.

**MOTION #6:**           Roxanne made the motion to accept Feb minutes as amended.

                                    \*Seconded by Judy Limpright

                                    \*Carried, unanimous

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**Treasurer Report** – Gloria presented the financial report as received by Council.

**MOTION #7:**            Gloria made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read.

                                    \*Seconded by Roxanne

                                    \*Carried, unanimous

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**Old Business**

1. Gloria advised that the Sunday school account is a stand-alone, credit union checking account and recommends that it be changed to fall under the NUC umbrella. Jeannie and Stacy, whom are responsible for the account, agree to have it moved. The $5000.00 that has sat in this account for quite some time, has to be recorded with CRA.

**MOTION #8**: Gloria made the motion that all four ladies, whom are responsible for financial signatures (Jeannie, Stacy, Roxanne, Gloria) meet at the NCU to close existing Sunday school account and open a new, savings account under the NUC umbrella.

\*Seconded by Roxanne

\*Carried, unanimous

2) Gloria will contact Valerie Grantham to see if the cemetery account also needs to be recorded with CRA.

3) Gloria advises there are three large bills due and not enough money to cover their costs. Prairie to Pine, always due the first of February, was not payed last year so two payments are due. There is also approximately $1400.00 due to Jonathan Donais for backup server. Money owing to PtoP from last year will be paid immediately; for 2024, we will pay half in April and the last half in September. Council will discuss taking money needed for Jonathan from the Sunday school account.

**MOTION #9**: Gloria made the motion to transfer $1400.00 from the Sunday school account, once under the NUC umbrella, to cover the cost of the back-up server/system.

\*Seconded by Judy Limpright

\*Carried, unanimous

4) Due to a miscommunication, our Shaw internet bill stopped coming this year and was being directed to StUC. We are an independent church and all our bills need to be directed to us alone. As such, Gloria as Treasurer will receive those bills going forward.

5) Out of the goodness of his heart, Raymond Bowness will be giving us some much needed advice on which back up service/system will most meet our specific needs at NUC.

6) Remit vote was submitted by Roxanne, copy of same attached to minutes.

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**New Business**

\*Easter Breakfast – March 31, 2024 at 9:00am in NUC basement. Sign up at the back of the church as to how many people will be joining you. Good will offering will be gratefully accepted.

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**Committee Reports**

* + **Minister** – Rev Simba expressed his appreciation for the individual feedback he receives from church members, re: all church issues, changes requested, etc. The messages in the “gratitude bowl” were viewed as inspiring and positive.

- Rev Simba is conducting a research project, looking at the level of confidence congregation has in the leadership.

* + **Pastoral Care** – Prayer Shawl group donated $500.00 to the church.
  + **Reaching Out Team** – Part of Pastoral Care, have begun a United in Spirit joint project with StUC – Truth and Reconciliation. They will share info with the congregation this September. Everyone is welcome to join these members for a Hope and Healing Circle at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre on April 4th or May 2nd, 7-8:30pm, 29 Dugard Rd, Beausejour, MB (RSVP by April 25th to Erica Young at 204-268-3913).
  + **Worship and Ed** – Live-streaming of services has begun, with a few audio glitches. Heather, possibly Raymond and Lesley have agreed to learn how to operate the tech equipment. So many complaints continue to be voiced to the committee, especially regarding song choices, whom are working their hardest to please as many people as they can.
  + **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
  + **Finance** – Need someone to replace Roxanne as a committee member. Focus of the church needs to be on FUNraising. Everyone who attended had a great evening at Trivia Night so many thanks to Judith and Eric for their hard work for this event!
  + **Trustee** – Copy of Insurance has been placed in the safe.
  + **Property** – Meeting to be organized when Bill McVicar returns.
  + **M & P** – Rev Simba will be away April 7th, the service will be lead by Judy Limpright. He will also be away for Study Week, beginning May 20th.
* In accordance with provincial min wage increase, Sharon (custodian)

will now receive $17.30/hour.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:18 pm \*\***Next Meeting – April 17 2024, at NUC\*\***