**Niverville United Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 17, 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

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* Lesley called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 March, 2024 reviewed and amended.

**MOTION #10:**           Terri made the motion to accept March minutes as read.

                                    \*Seconded by Roxanne

                                    \*Carried, unanimous

\*Lesley will check with Stacy to ensure the Minutes are being posted on the bulletin board; and to find out if anyone wishes to receive the Minutes via email.

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**Treasurer Report** – Gloria presented the financial report as received by Council. Update, re: payments for 2024 to be made to Prairie to Pine in monthly increments of $296.33.

**MOTION #11:**            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 has been successfully transferred to be under the NUC umbrella. Money owing for the tech work paid out of Sunday school account.
2. **Affirm Team** members: Roxanne Anderson, Judy Limpright, Judith Hinton, Gloria Nicol and Terri MacDonald. The purpose of the team is to assist the congregation through the process of NUC becoming an affirming church. Council has approved our moving forward with the process and Roxanne will advise Affirm United of same.

**MOTION #12**: Roxanne put forth the motion to begin the process of Affirming with an Affirm

Team in place - Roxanne Anderson, Judy Limpright, Judith Hinton, Gloria Nicol and Terri MacDonald – Team will provide monthly updates to Council

\*Seconded by Judy Limpright

\*Carried, unanimous

3) NUC to proceed with the backup system as recommended by Jonathan Donais.

**New Business**

\*NUC received a cheque for $10,000.00 from the estate of Andy and Betty Hiebert. As per policy, half goes to the Legacy account, half to General Operating account. A “Thank you” card has been sent to the family to express our deep gratitude for the monetary gift.

\*The Legacy account now sits at $13, 880.00. The Legacy Team – Rev Simba, Gloria Nicol, and Dawn Penner – will meet to discuss how we can best use the money to serve our community and our world.

\*Prairie to Pine and general council news – June, 2025 is the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Looking for ideas of how we can honour and celebrate this event.

\*PCH – Paul McGowan is the full-time Chaplin at Niverville Heritage PCH. He will be attending NUC to discuss how we can help to financially support the ministry services at the PCG; he will be asking for such assistance from many churches in the Niverville area.

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**Committee Reports**

* + **Minister** – Rev Simba advises that the Bible Study group will be completed tomorrow. Thanks for everyone's contributions!

There are two families requesting Baptism; no date has been set yet.

* + **Pastoral Care** – Nothing to report.
  + **Reaching Out Team** – In conjunction with StUC, are planning to offer a series of information times on Reconciliation. Sandy-Saulteaux Center was well attended, enjoyable and educational. Those who wish to check it out, there will be a repeat event on May 2, 2024, contact Erica at – **204-268-3913.**
  + **Worship and Ed** – Live-streaming of services are going well, with the exception of our secondary mic. Music-tech remains the biggest challenge for the team.

June 9th is the Niverville Fair Service; June is also the time we plan an outside, joint service which will be held in Steinbach this year.

June grads – please let the team know of those whom will be graduating this year. So far, we send congratulations to Jack Grantham and Ella Hunt.

* + **Cemetery** – The team will be meeting on April 23rd.
  + **Finance** – Nothing to report.
  + **Trustee** – Nothing to report.
  + **Property** – Nothing to report.
  + **M & P** – Church custodian has been off for personal reasons, plans to return this weekend. Many thanks to Judith for taking over the cleaning duties!

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 pm \*\***Next Meeting – May 15, 2024, at NUC\*\***