**Niverville United Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

 **April 18, 2023**

Chair: Lesley Reimer

Recording Secretary: Terri MacDonald

Present via Zoom: Lesley Reimer, Rev. Simba, Bill McVicar, Judith Hinton,

 Ellen Gaudry, Roxanne Anderson, Valerie Grantham

Regrets: Judy Limpright

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Lesley called the meeting to order at 7:16 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.***

**REMINDER:** **Mask optional but recommended**

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**Minutes –** To review March 2023 Minutes

**MOTION #13:**           Terri made the motion to accept March 2023 minutes as read.

                                    \*Seconded by Roxanne

                                    \*Carried, unanimously

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**Thank you, cards:** Not currently.

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**Treasurer Report** – Presented by Valerie, full report in binder.

**MOTION #14:**            Valerie made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read.

                                     \*Seconded by Roxanne

                                     \*Carried, unanimously

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**Old Business**

* Coffee Circles – Rev Simba in process of setting dates with hosts.
* Update – Window adornment to hand in office in memory of Susan H. Present artist unable to complete the project so taken over by Prairie Glass Studios in Wpg. Cost approx.. $1100.00; plaque to be added (cost unknown). It will take about 10 weeks to complete. Money will come out of the memorial fund and from any who wish to donate.
* Update – Directories are $9.48 plus taxes = $616.20 (NUC ordered 65 copies); Print One Studios are compiling the books (Kyla Meilleur). Will be 14 pages with NUC people and 18 pages with StUC people. Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

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**New Business**

* Rev Ross Bartlet – He received a grant, funded by the UCC, to study collaborative ministries. United in Spirit and both congregations will be meeting with him to discuss the effectiveness of joint ministry. NUC will meet with him on May 6th, and he will attend church the next day. Other churches are finding that if they don’t follow in our footsteps of joining ministries, they will be faced with having to close completely, like Grey St. UC (Kathy Welby).
* Band of Colours in Steinbach – StUC is in support of this group and will be offering an educational presentation, followed by a Drag Brunch, before the Pride Parade. It should be stressed that **this is for educational purposes only**.
* Rev Simba and Roxanne have been registered to attend the Prairie to Pine event.

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**Committee Reports**

* + **Minister’s Report** – Simba’s focus will be on connecting with the congregation in the community during Coffee Circles; to be completed before summer begins. Simba will be on vacation for the month of August.
	+ **Cemetery** – Will be meeting this month.
	+ **Worship** – Planning of a grad service; need names of grads; May 28th goal date.
	+ **Property** –. Peephole in place.
	+ **Pastoral Care** – Considering giving out prayer shawls to the expected Ukrainian immigrants due to be placed in Niverville shortly.
	+ **M & P** – **MOTION #15:** Judith made the motion to increase Stacy’s wage to

 $15.15/hour, effective retroactively April 1, 2023.

 \*Seconded by Bill

 \*Carried, unanimously

* + **Trustee Report** – Nothing to report.
	+ **Finance** – Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30pm \*\***Next Meeting – May 17, 2023\*\***