

Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC)

2024 Annual Meeting

February 18, 2025

Sanford United Church

Draft Minutes

Present: Diane Trudeau, Cathy Beavis, Stuart Manness, Jane Manness, Shelley Robson, Georges Cormier, Cliff Harrison, Janice Harrison, Barb Kirk, Nancy Langlois, Marc Nolette, Onalee Scharf, Jamie Scharf, Kelly Epler, Margaret Porter. Rev. James DeBeer via Zoom link.

Meeting Chairperson: Jamie Scharf

Meeting Secretary: Shelley Robson

Call to Order at 7:08 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Rev. DeBeer

MOTION: Diane/Georges that the 2024 AGM meeting agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

2023 MPC AGM minutes: **Correction** – add Shelley Robson and Marc Nolette to the attendance.

MOTION: Stuart/Nancy that 2023 AGM minutes be accepted with correction as noted. Carried.

Business arising from 2023 AGM meeting: None

REPORTS

Minister

Written report as presented. Rev. James expressed his gratefulness for the congregations.

Chairperson

Written report as presented. Diane thanked all who worked on the MPC Board.

Committee Reports

Worship

Written report as presented.

Ministry and Personnel

Written report as presented. Janice reports that the Charge received a compliment from a former parishioner for our online church services.

Prairie to Pine Regional Council

No report

Interchurch

Written report as presented. Cathy added that she has tickets to the Matt Falk fundraiser event to be held in March. Let her know before March 11 for numbers. Each church has been asked to provide 3 dozen cookies.

Trustee

Written report presented. **Note correction:** Nancy Langlois should stand as trustee for Sanford United NOT Jamie Scharf as written.

Church Reports

Avonlea

Written report as presented.

Sanford

Written report as presented.

Starbuck

Written report as presented.

MOTION: Marc/Georges that all reports be accepted as presented or amended. Carried.

Financial

Written report as presented. Georges referred to his added notes on page 16 of the Annual Report. A question was asked where the “manse” money is- answer- it is denoted under “term deposit”.

MOTION: Georges/Margaret that the financial report be accepted as presented. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

100 Anniversary for the United Church

Jane reports that Georges applied for a grant through Prairie to Pine and received \$600 (\$200 /church) for this event.

There will be a meeting on March 11 at 7 p.m. in Sanford to discuss planning for the June 8 event to be held at the Sanford United Church. Topics to be discussed:

- Special offering
- Choir/music
- Menu
- Communion
- History of our churches/displays
- Period dress
- List of invites

The committee will consist of 2 reps/church at present- likely to start off with the Worship Committee members.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MPC BUDGET FOR 2025

Written report as presented.

Much discussion about the financial future of the MPC finances- several scenarios were presented by Georges. At present, the plan will be to increase church allocations.

MOTION: Jane/Margaret that each church raise their monthly allocation by \$150 for the next 10 months. Carried.

In view of this discussion, it has been **recommended** that local church treasurers meet prior to the next MPC AGM. It was suggested they meet **prior** to the November 2025 regular MPC Board meeting, with a plan to report at the November Board meeting.

MOTION: Stuart/Marc that the MPC budget be approved as presented. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Auditor for 2025: Issac Ringash

MPC BOARD FOR 2025

Chair

Jamie Scharf (Sanford)

Local Chairs

Margaret Porter (Starbuck)

Jamie Scharf (Sanford)

Janice Harrison (Avonlea)

Vice Chair

Stuart Manness (Avonlea)

Treasurer

Georges Cormier (Avonlea)

Local Treasurers

Michele Ammeter (Starbuck)

Norm Dyck (Sanford)

Connie Arran (Avonlea)

Secretary

Melanie Stanley (Starbuck)

Ministry and Personnel

Michele Ammeter-chair (Starbuck)

Julie Ringash/Barb Kirk (Sanford)

Judy Cormier/TBD (Avonlea)

Worship

Jane Manness/Angie Cormier -chairs (Avonlea)

Barb Kirk (Sanford)

Diane Trudeau (Starbuck)

Interchurch

Cathy Beavis

Members At Large

Diane Trudeau (Starbuck)

Nancy Langlois (Sanford)

Cathy Beavis (Avonlea)

Prairie to Pine

Vacant

Discussion on each congregation taking responsibility to read the newsletters and report any pertinent information to the MPC Board. Diane pointed out that it leaves the “contact person” blank and this needs to be filled. **To be discussed at the next regular MPC Board meeting:** a need to give Prairie to Pine a contact email address.

MEETING DATES

April 8, 2025 at 7 p.m. at Sanford

September 9, 2025 at 7 p.m. at Sanford

November 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Reminder that local treasurers are to meet prior to November 18th.

MPC Annual General Meeting February 17, 2026

Cliff adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Shelley Robson

Secretary

