

Meridian Pastoral Charge Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025 PASSED

Present: Jamie Scharf, Nancy Langois, Janice Harrison, Onnolee Scharf, Jane Manness, Stuart Manness, Rev. James deBeer, Marc Nolette, Michele Ammeter, Margaret Porter, Kelly Epler, Diane Trudeau, Georges Cormier, Melanie Stanley

Regrets:

Call to order at 7:25

Rev. James began the meeting with a prayer.

Motion : Diane Trudeau moved, Georges Cormier seconded that the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Carried

Committee reports

Minister - no written report. If anyone has any concerns please contact Rev. James

Worship

As a committee we appreciate and support Rev. James in the thoughtful way in which he prepares worship Sunday after Sunday throughout the church year. Thank you James.

As of Advent 1, 2024 we are in the Year C of the Common Lectionary. Rev. James and each congregation prepares worship according to MPC's clergy schedule and individual needs of each church.

Since last meeting we have celebrated Advent/Christmas/Epiphany. This season included Hanging of the Greens, candle lighting readings, special services and communion.

We are now into the Season of Lent/Easter. It includes Pancakes, Lent readings, Liturgy of Ashes and Communion, Good Friday and the Hallelujahs of Easter Sunday. This year Rev. James chose to light Lent candles instead of extinguishing them. With global unrest and war, he felt led to Light our path to Easter.

At present the Worship committee and others are planning the United Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the UCC on Sunday June 8th, 10:00a.m. at Sanford. 9 of us, a representative from each church gathered on March 11th to begin planning this event. Our next meeting is before the MPC on April 8th.

Our annual MPC worship meeting is planned for Aug. 26th, 2025 in Sanford at 7:00p.m.

I am always thankful for the commitment of Rev. James and all of you who make our places of worship a place we want to gather.

Respectfully submitted : Jane Manness

Ministry and Personnel – Should be creating a schedule for next year at a meeting later this month. We would like to thank Rev. James for how well he prepares us for the lay services.

Meridian Interchurch

I don't have much to report since our last meeting on Feb 18, 2025.

Matt Falk, the Christian comedian, performed at La Salle Fellowship Church on March 21, 2025. We as a committee feel it was a success with 176 in attendance.

We currently have a balance of \$1974.36 in our bank account which is more than enough to cover costs for our baseball tournament and scholarships. Robbie Friesen(our treasurer) is leaving at the end of June so we are looking for a new treasurer.

Kevin has sent out the scholarship applications to all the churches and the deadline to apply is April 30th. There are two scholarships of \$500. If we have successful candidates, the scholarships will be awarded at the baseball tournament being held at Brunkild on June 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Beavis

Prairie to Pine – No reports

Church Reports

Avonlea

The Avonlea Board met on March 4, 2025.

Members and their duties were established.

There were 2 services of Communion.

Sunday services for January thru March totaled 13.

Both the January 4th and 16th services were led by lay reader with the help from Rev. James.

Funeral services for Lynn Elder on February 1st.

Pancake breakfast March 9th after morning service.

Community Multi-purpose Lenten Drive on going until Easter Sunday

Proposed church yard upgrade this spring.

Good Friday service 10:00a.m. April 18th.

Warkentin/Pippenger evening wedding April 8th.

Respectfully submitted: Janice Harrison.

Sanford – There was a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper as well as a pancake breakfast before church. Bingo is in the works.

Starbuck – No new news for Starbuck

Motion: Diane Trudeau moved, Nancy Langois seconded that all reports be accepted as presented.

Carried

Treasurers Report

REVENUE	ACTUAL	PROJECTED 2025	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
ALLOCATIONS	\$22650.00	\$88200.00	-65550	
INTEREST	\$3937.50	\$3000.00	937.5	
M&S/WD		\$7000.00	-7000	
S/H DIVIDEND		\$13.44	\$25.32	
<u>OTHER</u>	<u>\$5600.00</u>	<u>\$225.00</u>	5375	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	32187.5	98438.44	-66250.94	

REVENUE	ACTUAL	PROJECTED 2025	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
DISBURSEMENT				
PAYROLL JAMES	\$25500.38	\$100868.00	-75367.62	
PAYROLL OTHER		762	-762	254x3
UCC ASSESS	\$4715.00	\$4715.00	0	
M&S/WD		\$7000.00	-7000	
SERVICE SUPPLY		\$300.00	-300	i.e. Palms, etc
MILE EXP JAMES	\$683.65	\$5000.00	-4316.35	
TRAVEL OTHER		\$300.00	-300	Travel Min.& meetings
MISC		\$500.00	-500	Min Appr, etc
OFFICE SUPPLY	\$324.69	\$700.00	-375.31	
WEB DOMAIN		\$136.50	-136.5	
MEETINGS		\$500.00	-500	PtoP, etc
CAPITAL		\$500.00	-500	
BANKING FEES	\$4.00	\$20.00	-16	
<u>SUNDAY SCH</u>		<u>\$300.00</u>	-300	
TOT DISB	31227.72	121601.5	-90373.78	
REC/DISB	959.78	-23163.06	24122.84	
Jan 1 Bank Bal	\$14803.73	\$8960.72		Manse T/D
Receipts	32187.5	\$98438.44	Beginning balance	75000
Expenditured	31227.72	121601.5	Trf to chequig	10000
Add trf from Manse	\$10000.00	\$20000.00	Balace reinvested	\$65000.00
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NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

Receipts

- Allocations - The proposed budget had allocations from each church as \$2450 per month. The allocation amount has been increased to \$2,600 per church.
- Other consists of:
 - 1) \$600.00 from UCC for the 100th celebration
 - 2) \$5000 from Sanford United Church as a repayment to MPC for funds advanced to them years ago when they were in financial difficulty

Disbursements

- Office supplies consists of:
 - 1) Zoom Platform of 240.69
 - 2) Annual Gathering Magazine of \$84.00

We will look at the free version of Zoom and an alternative to Windows Office for next year.

Motion: Georges Cormier moved, Michele Ammeter seconded that the report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Old Business

- 1) church allocation amounts
- 2) 2025 UCC 100th Anniversary- a discussion about bulletin covers was held. Contact Michele if you would like more invitations. If you are submitting bills to Georges please indicate it's for the 100th.

Correspondence – no new correspondence

New Business

- 1) Avonlea asked for clarification June 2025 schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08. Moved by Marc Nolette

Next meeting will be Sept. 9, 2025

Secretary for April 8, 2025 Melanie Stanley