

Present: Heather Lamb, Debbie Phythian, Dave Falkevitch, Tara Bray, Monica Madden, Alastair McFadden, Lynn Madden, Jamie McFadden, Lori Kiesman, Rev. Barb Jardine, Dianne Kowalchuk.

Chair Heather Lamb called the council meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and Rev. Barb gave an opening prayer. The minutes of the October 14, 2025, meeting were reviewed. ****Moved by Jamie McFadden, seconded by Lynn Madden, that the minutes of the October 14, 2025, Rivers United Church council meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

Business arising from the minutes: None

Correspondence:

- E-mail from UCC re: denominational assessment

Reports

Spiritual Leadership: The committee will meet tomorrow night. Tara Bray reported that a Bible has been purchased as a Confirmation gift for Courtney Raupers. Rev. Barb will be re-imbursed for candles that she purchased as baptism gifts for Annika and Julia Raupers. Our church family has been invited to attend a Service of Lessons and Carols hosted by the Community Church on December 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming service leaders: Nov 16- Rev. Barb, Nov 23- Al McFadden, Nov 30- Dianne Kowalchuk, Dec 7 – Rev. Glenna (Communion), Dec 14 – Julie Hutton, Dec 21 – Rev. Barb, Jan 11 – Julie Hutton, Jan 18 – Heather Lamb, Jan 25 – Rita Friesen.

Outreach: The committee will meet this week. Lori Kiesman reported that they will be setting the date for the Christmas Social (perhaps Monday, Dec 22). It was noted that 10 UCC Christmas Calendars have been ordered through Forrest UC.

Trustees: Dave Falkevitch reported that the names have been changed on the deed at the Land Titles Office. We have not yet received a bill from Laurence Donald.

Prairie to Pine Region: Dianne Kowalchuk reported that she is unable to take part in the region's annual meeting which will take place on November 13th via Zoom. The 2025 annual meeting will be an in-person event in June 2026.

Search: Dianne had nothing to report.

Stewardship (Property): Jamie McFadden reported that he has been working on changing the bulbs in the lights in Friendship Hall. He is also thinking that maybe these fixtures need to be replaced.

Heather Lamb reported that the RACF funding gala is taking place on Friday, November 14th. She will attend and express our thanks for the Thomas Sills grant that we received earlier in the year. She encouraged other council members to attend also. Heather also had an update about the ramp: it is built and currently being painted. There is still hope that it will be in place before the end of the year.

Ministry and Personnel: Debbie Phythian reported that the committee met on October 30th. A budget was approved and sent to Monica. Debbie met with the Braun brothers (outdoor caretakers) and they reviewed the winter outdoor duties. Shovels, broom, and de-icer were brought out of the cupboard.

Debbie explained the current situation with the indoor caretaker. There have been times when Friendship Hall was not cleaned before Step 2 on Friday morning. Council believes that the caretaker must schedule her attendance to do this work in a timely manner. There was some discussion about the job description, and

questions about whether all this work is being completed (i.e. vacuuming and garbage/recycling removal). The M&P Committee will review the job description and then meet with Jennifer Kondejewski. (Full report attached)

****Moved by Al McFadden, seconded by Lori Kiesman, that the reports be accepted. Carried.**

Stewardship (Finance):

The financial statement for the month October 2025 was presented by Jamie McFadden. As of October 31, 2025, total RUC funds were \$238,414.16. Income for the month: \$14,937.35; expenses for the month: \$5,086.87.

****Moved by Jamie McFadden, seconded by Tara Bray, that the financial report for October 2025 be accepted for information only. Carried.** Income included a \$5000 donation.

Old Business:

1. **Fall Supper:** Dianne reported on the Fall Supper which was held on October 19th.
 - 152 meals were sold including 31 deliveries
 - Great support from the church family
 - A few problems with the Co-op, especially involving the turkeys, but that has been ironed out.
 - Income: \$3,040 for meals and donations of \$387 (\$137 at the door and \$250 at Home Hardware)
 - Very little food left over.

Council believes that we should keep the meal price at \$20 in 2026.

New Business:

1. **Nominating Committee:** ****Moved by Lori Kiesman, seconded by Lynn Madden, that Tara Bray and Alastair McFadden be appointed as the Nominating Committee. Carried.** These names were drawn out of a hat as there were no volunteers.
2. **Committee budgets:** Budgets are to be submitted to Monica by November 24th. The Finance Committee will meet on Dec 1st or 2nd.
3. **Request from Rivers Curling Club:** ****Moved by Dave Falkevitch, seconded by Jamie McFadden, that the RUC Council approve the request by the Curling Club for the use of our tables at the banquet for the provincial ladies' curling championship (December 30, 2025). Carried.**

Roundtable:

- Lori Kiesman was happy to report that Cain has recently received a good health report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 7 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Rev. Barb gave a closing benediction.