

Trustees: Dave Falkevitch had no report.

Prairie to Pine Region: Dianne Kowalchuk reported that she attended the regional gathering in Minnedosa on September 26th. She met two women from there who will soon be licensed as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Part of the discussion centred on technology. We can access services from Knox and Trinity in Brandon for free (either live-streaming or using archival services on You Tube.) We talked about our rural churches and the obstacles we face. Everyone is determined to find ways and means (and mean ways) to remain viable and meaningful. We are asked to be thankful, look for partnerships, and draw strength and enthusiasm from others.

Search: Dianne reported that there is nothing new on Church Hub regarding a Candidate for us to approach. Letters have been sent to Hamiota UC and Minnedosa UC requesting that they be in touch with us if they ever decide that they would like to be part of a collaborative arrangement.

Stewardship (Property): Jamie McFadden reported that he has received a quote from Rivers Home Building Centre for 4 new windows (1 in the furnace room, 1 in each bathroom, and 1 on the south side of Friendship Hall). Cost for the windows will be \$1,495 plus tax. H25 Construction has agreed to do the work. Jamie has asked the municipality to fill the holes in the parking area.

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

Stewardship (Finance):

The financial statement for the month of September 2024 was presented by Jamie McFadden. As of September 31, 2024, total RUC funds were \$211,867.80. ****Moved by Jamie McFadden, seconded by Tara Bray, that the financial report for September 2024 be accepted for information only. Carried.** If money is needed in the chequing account, funds will be moved from Term #3 in December.

Old Business:

1. **Carnival:** The Kids' Carnival was held on September 21st and was a huge success. Sixty kids and 20 adults attended. This was a tremendous amount of work for Megan Lelonde, and Council is very appreciative of her efforts. Heather will talk to Megan about preparing a report, including finances, for the November council meeting. We want to be sure that she is not "out-of-pocket".
2. **Thrift Sale:** Lynn Madden sent a report about the recent sale. "We had an amazing thrift sale with the biggest ever donation of items. We couldn't get all the items out and some had to go under tables until we had room. The workers did a great job of getting stuff out of boxes and displayed, though it took time... Thank you to everyone for your help in making this sale a big success. We will do it again in April 2025." Total income was \$3,104.70. Council will make a motion about the proceeds of the sale at the November meeting.
There was a great deal left over. Unfortunately, Teen Challenge and MCC are not taking items at this time. Dianne reported that she and Greg are hauling the boxes and bags to Frontier in Minnedosa on Friday. Next time, Lynn plans to do set-up on the Tuesday night.
3. **Fall supper:** Dianne Kowalchuk reported that plans for the event are well in hand. We need to spread the word so that people will put in their orders.

New Business:

1. **Photo Directory:** Council members are not sure that we wish to produce a photo directory; there are pros and cons. We will ask for feedback from the congregation, including the Sunday school parents, and make a decision in November.
2. **Baptism:** ****Moved by Tara Bray, seconded by Dave Falkevitch, that Council approves the request from Charleigh and Michael McFadden for the baptism of their son Sterling at a date to be determined. Carried.** Rev. Glenna will preside over the baptism.
3. **Funerals:** A lengthy discussion was held about funeral services when we do not have a minister. If a funeral home is involved, they will find a minister. The problem arises when there is no funeral home involved. Rev. Glenna will do funerals for church family people if she is able. As Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Rev. Barb feels a certain obligation to help out if she is called. Another option would be for one of our own to step up as a Funeral Celebrant. We cannot set a policy but will deal with each funeral request individually.
4. **Windows:** ****Moved by Alastair McFadden, seconded by Jamie McFadden, that we transfer \$3,000 from the Memorial Fund Term #1 to pay for the windows. Carried. **Moved by Jamie McFadden, seconded by Tara Bray, that RUC proceed with the replacement of four windows (1 in the furnace room, 1 in each bathroom, and 1 on the south side of Friendship Hall), with the windows purchased from Rivers Home Building Centre and installed by H25 Construction. Carried.**

Heather thanked Tara Bray for her diligence in arranging pulpit supply. Lori Kiesman gave an update on Cain Burgess's upcoming surgery in November.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

The meeting was adjourned by Dave Falkevitch.
Rev. Barb sent us off with a benediction.