

**Prairie to Pine Executive Minutes
June 16, 2022 via Zoom**

- Present** Pat Bird (Co-chair), Diane Dwarka (Past Co-chair), James deBeer, Marissa Smirl (YAAY)
A quorum was present.
- Corresponding Members** Heather Lea (Community of Faith Support), Don Schau (Lay Leadership Support), Joey Dearborn (Nominating).
- Regrets** Erica Wiebe (Co-chair), Julia Antonyshyn (YAAY), Grant Queskekapow, Valerie Beckingham
- Staff Present** Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister), Heather Dootoff (Finance Administrator), Judy Hare (Pastoral Relations Minister), Julie Graham (Justice and Communications Minister).
- Call to Order** Pat Bird called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Judy Hare led our opening reflection and prayer.
- Agenda Minutes**
002 – 2022/2023 We reviewed the agenda.
It was agreed by consensus:
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approve the April 7, 2022 minutes as distributed.
- Finance** We will deal with the May 25, 2022 minutes in September.
Heather Dootoff reported.
Finance report is attached (appendix A)
- 003 – 2022/2023** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That Prairie to Pine Regional Executive add Darrell Reine as a signer to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council’s account at the Conexus Credit Union. Darrell Reine is authorized to sign cheques and approve e-transfers and on-line payments. Tricia Gerhard should be removed as a signer. Signers on the account will therefore be Valerie Beckingham, Shannon McCarthy, Heather Dootoff and Darrell Reine.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- Co-Chairs Report** Pat shared that the Celebration of Ministry service is coming up and both she and Erica will attend. They are working out how they will work together as co-chairs for the coming year and what their priorities are.
- Nominations** Joey Dearborn reported:
It was agreed by consensus:
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive reappoint the following to the University of Winnipeg Board of Regents:
Shanna Sterling (3 year term)
- 004 – 2022/2023**

Rohith Mascarenhas (3 year term)
Michelle Pereira (3 year term)
Cameron Adams (student rep, 1 year term)
Evan Podaima (3 year term)

Treasurer

Valerie Beckingham has informed the Nominations Committee that she will need to resign, she is willing to serve over the summer until a new treasurer is found.

Pat will send a thank you card to Valerie.

Community of Faith Support

Heather Lea reported.

Whereas an eleven-person amalgamation team with members from (Rainy River) Knox United Church, Stratton United Church, and the Prairie to Pine Committee on Community of Faith Support have worked together for seven months to develop an amalgamation agreement, and

Whereas the Church Council of (Rainy River) Knox United Church and the congregation of Stratton United Church have requested, by separate motions, the amalgamation of these two congregations, according to the terms in the Amalgamation Agreement;

005-2022/2023

It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Regional Council executive approve that effective September 1, 2022 the congregations of (Rainy River) Knox United Church and Stratton United Church be amalgamated according to the terms in the Rainy River - Stratton Amalgamation Agreement dated May 30, 2022; and

That a revised 2022 Covenant of Mutual Commitment, Accountability and Support between (Rainy River) Knox and Prairie to Pine Regional Council be accepted to replace the previous covenant; and

That the above two documents be filed in the Regional Council Office.

Executive Minister report

Shannon McCarthy reported.

Staff change:

Jamie Mckay is no longer working as Executive Minister's Program Support. There will be a process to hire a new person over the summer. In the meantime, Cherry Abad is willing to help with some of the Executive communication. Other staff are helping to make the transition easier as well.

Incorporated ministry update:

Still in process of moving to a Release agreement with Fred Douglas Society and Prairie View Lodge. We may get a request from United Church Halfway Homes as they look at their options regarding purchasing or renovating their existing homes.

General Council 44:

The General Council is continuing its meeting with the discussion phase June 17-19, 2022.

**Pastoral Relations
Commission**

Judy Hare reported.

Having received notification from the Office of Vocation Minister, Rev. Dr. Karen Medland that the Board of Vocation the United Church of Canada on January 11, 2022 authorized **Susan Girard**, a Candidate for ministry from Riverview United Church, Atikokan as ready for ordination to a ministry of word, sacrament and pastoral care within the United Church of Canada. Having received confirmation from the Pastoral Relations Commission of Prairie to Pine Regional Council that a Call has been approved for the Susan Girard to **Riverview United Church, Atikokan** effective July 01, 2022 (section H.6.4 (b) of The Manual 2022).

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It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive arrange for the ordination of Susan Girard at a Celebration of Ministry Service at Knox United Church, Kenora, Ontario on June 26, 2022.

Having received notification that the Admission Board of the United Church of Canada on March 11, 2022 authorized **Rev. Carrie Martens (of the Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada)** as ready for admission into the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Having received confirmation of her completion of her final United Church course and Having received confirmation from the Pastoral Relations Commission of Prairie to Pine Regional Council that a Call has been approved for the Rev. Carrie Martens to **Pembina Parish Pastoral Charge** effective July 01, 2022 (section H.6.4 (b) of The Manual 2022).

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It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive arrange to pronounce Rev. Carrie Martens to be a member of the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada at a Celebration of Ministry Service at Knox United Church, Kenora, Ontario on June 26, 2022

Having received notification that the Admission Board of the United Church of Canada on June 03, 2022 authorized **Rev. Chewe Mulenga (of the Reformed Church in Zambia)** as ready for admission into the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Having received confirmation from the Pastoral Relations Commission of Prairie to Pine Regional Council that a Call has been approved for the Rev. Chewe Mulenga on the **Rock Lake Pastoral Charge** effective July 01, 2022 (section H.6.4 (b) of The Manual 2022).

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It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Regional Council arrange to pronounce Rev. Chewe Mulenga to be a member of the Order of Ministry of the United Church of

Canada at a Celebration of Ministry Service at Knox United Church, Kenora, Ontario on June 26, 2022.

Having received notification that the Admission Board of the United Church of Canada on March 11, 2022 authorized **Rev. Schalk Naude (of the Dutch Reformed Church)** as ready for admission into the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Having received confirmation from the Pastoral Relations Commission of Prairie to Pine Regional Council that an appointment has been approved for the Rev. Schalk Naude at **Knox United Church, Fort Frances** effective July 01, 2022 (section H.6.4 (b) of The Manual 2022).

It was agreed by consensus:

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That Prairie to Pine Regional Council arrange to pronounce Rev. Schalk Naude to be a member of the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada at a Celebration of Ministry Service at Knox United Church, Kenora, Ontario on June 26, 2022

**Justice &
Communications
report**

Julie Graham reported.

Wait Is This Racist? Tri-Region June series: 29 registrants, with representation from PtoP from Dryden and Portage. Going well- rich discussion, and people are taking the reading process seriously (it's accessible but not easy- it doesn't hesitate to name realities.) The facilitation team may be interested in offering this again, with the addition of PtoP person or two on the team.

Equity and Diversity have had five people step up to help the committee and Region develop a plan for learning and acting in a contextual way on racism. This too could also help the Region find its way towards living into a denomination-wide commitment in a way that lines up with our contexts.

Pride Month: Resources highlighted in the newsletter and on social media; a new Affirming ministries video including some of our PtoP ministries was launched yesterday. Twila did a feature on the website of Winnipeg church celebrating Pride. Norway House Survivors Circle: Diane has been in touch with Grant, to try to find a date to have a gathering with the 15 or so Regional Council people who have agreed to participate.

June 19, Indigenous Day of Prayer, and Indigenous Peoples Day June 21: people have been offered resources and encouragement to participate and highlight, through the newsletter and website.

Julie will be in touch with several people who have expressed interest in aspects of communications work. Julie and Cherry will also look at the newsletter format/content survey results next week.

Winnipeg Free Press Faith Council: Julie will contact Teresa Moysey, PtoP's rep, about her views on the value and authenticity of the council following concerns that have been raised from someone representing a congregation and also paying the \$250 fee. The ethics of the set up are somewhat questionable, if understandable given funding struggles for faith-based coverage and traditional media generally. Julie or Teresa will report back in the fall or by email before the deadline for the fee is up.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Engaging our Lay Representatives

Pat & Erica are wanting to make sure Lay representatives to the Regional Council feel connected.

How do we connect with congregations who didn't name a representative? What is it important to connect with Regional Council Reps about in the fall?

It is our hope to have a gathering to connect and share information regularly.

Executive Meetings

What do we want our meetings to look like? We will need to have meetings later in the evening to accommodate voting members of the executive.

Pat will send out a doodle poll to the voting members to find a time that works well for everyone.

Updates

Diane attended the Sandy Saulteaux Centre Pow Wow, Heather Lea attended the graduation. Shannon attended the retirement celebration for Adrian Jacobs and brought greetings on behalf of the Regional Council.

Adjournment

Pat Bird adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.



Patricia Bird, Co-Chair



Erica Wiebe, Co-Chair



Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
Financial Report May 31, 2022

	Actual 2021 31-Dec
GOVERNANCE	
Grants:	
Governance and shared services (from assessments)	325,000
GC Ex Minister and Asst Salary Grant	76,375
Total grants	401,375
Other income Governance	58,797
TOTAL GOVERNANCE INCOME	460,172
Expenses: Governance	
Office Expenses	
Office rent/maintenance	43,158
Caretaker	12,783
Office costs (insurance, supplies, phone, wifi etc.)	12,816
Shared services General Council	9,120
Website	1,046
Archive Costs	6,770
Audit	10,893
	96,586
Shared staff costs	
Shared EM, Asst and Finance Staff	90,462
Shared staff office (office space, other office costs)	11,485
Shared staff travel	1,210
	103,157
Staffing	
Regional staff - Governance	161,987
Staffing related costs	2,448
	164,435
Governance: committee and structure	
Regional gathering	6,990
All other Governance costs	5,028
	12,018
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS	376,195
Amortization (not recorded monthly)	18,854
NET INCOME (LOSS) GOVERNANCE	65,123
MISSION AND MINISTRY	
Grants	
Other income Mission and Ministry (mostly grants/donations)	54,680
TOTAL MISSION AND MINISTRY INCOME	294,680
Expenses Mission and Ministry	
Salaries and benefits	133,972
Mission support grants	126,000
Clusters and events	4,234
Mission and Ministry committee costs	3,348
TOTAL MISSION AND MINISTRY COSTS	267,554
NET INCOME (LOSS) MISSION AND MINISTRY	27,126
RESTRICTED FUNDS	
Restricted Fund Income	31,174
Restricted Fund Expenses - Bursaries	(11,587)
NET INCOME RESTRICTED FUNDS	19,587
NET INCOME (LOSS) ALL FUNDS	111,836
Grant to CDI	400,000