

**Prairie to Pine Executive Minutes
September 6, 2022 via Zoom**

- Present** Pat Bird (Co-chair), Erica Wiebe (Co-chair), Diane Dwarka (Past Co-chair), James deBeer, M Chorney, Craig Miller, Tammy Bleue, Marissa Smirl (YAAY),
- Corresponding Members** Heather Lea (Community of Faith Support), Don Schau (Lay Leadership Support), Julia Antonyshyn (YAAY), Joey Dearborn (Nominating).
- Regrets** Grant Qeskekapow, Julie Graham (Communications & Justice Minister)
- Staff Present** Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister), Heather Dootoff (Finance Administrator), Judy Hare (Pastoral Relations Minister)
- Call to Order** Pat Bird called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led us in our Land Acknowledgment. Erica Wiebe led our opening reflection and prayer.
- Agenda** We reviewed the agenda as distributed and agreed that it would be our agenda with the addition of a GC 44 report.
- Minutes**
010– 2022/2023 **It was agreed by consensus:**
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approve the February 3, 2022 minutes as distributed.
- 011- 2022/2023** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approve the May 25, 2022 minutes as distributed.
- 012- 2022/2023** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approve the June 16, 2022 minutes as amended.
- BUSINESS ARISING**
- For information** M Chorney shared that she is now on the General Council Executive and the Moderator’s advisory committee. Diane Dwarka shared her appreciation of M’s role and leadership at General Council 44.
- Correspondence** We received a thank you card from Susan Girard for the Celebration of Ministry service and the gift of her bible.
- Nominations**
013- 2022/2023 **It was agreed by consensus:**
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive appoint Tammy Bleue to the Prairie to Pine Executive for a two-year term effective immediately.
- We are still looking for a chair elect and a treasurer.

There is confusion about who names the MCIC representative – General Council or the Regional Council. Judy suggested that Bill Gillis might know the history.

Co-Chairs Report

Erica reported

The Co-chairs led the celebration of ministry service in Kenora in June.

Erica is moving out of province, but can continue her duties as co-chair for our online meetings.

Community of Faith Support Committee 014- 2022/2023

Heather Lea reported

**It was agreed by consensus:
that Prairie to Pine Regional Council recognize that West Broadway Community
Ministry has been dissolved by action of their governing body as per their minutes
Feb. 2, 2021, and that the continuing work now comes under the oversight of the
incorporated body known as 1Just City in accord with by-law changes approved at
the 1Just City Annual General Meeting on June 03, 2021.**

Finance Report

Heather Dootoff reported

Funds from the sale of Central United Church have been received, a total of \$410,340 divided as follows:

\$136,780 for the Region

\$68, 390 for archives

\$136, 780 for Sandy Saulteaux and

\$68, 390 for Mission and Service

Received 10,000 back from Kildonan but no other funds at this time. Don Schau indicated that they are still in the final closing process and further funds will be transferred.

We still need to determine what the total budget available for Mission Support grants will be. Pat indicated that Mission Support applications are in, and the task group hopes to have tentative recommendations pending final budget approval to report back for the October meeting.

Pastoral Relations Minister Report

Judy Hare reported.

After August vacation time September promises to be a busy month.

* There are a number of changes in pastoral relations that have been or will be announced soon. That means many locations require training for those appointed to do community of faith profiles so the Pastoral Relations Commission continues to offer profile team training collectively in a hybrid model – some people present in person and some through Zoom. The next offering is on Saturday September 24, 2022.

We will be welcomed a new Ministry Personnel to the Regional Council in October, Rev. Simbarashe Mazhara to the new Collaborative Ministry in Steinbach -Niverville

known as United in Spirit and Sheila deForest, a Candidate doing her Supervised Ministry Education in Rivers. We continue to support several locations engaged in Collaborative Ministry conversations. Covenanting Services for new Pastoral Relationships are being planned in several locations in the coming months (Valley; Manitou-LaRiviere; Kenora; Rivers; United in Spirit)

We have a couple of complex pastoral relations matters that we are working through that requires time, skill and the prayerful support of the Regional Council. I am grateful for volunteers willing to step forward to dedicate time to these matters and grateful for Pastoral Charges who support their Ministry Personnel when they do so. It is important for everyone to exercise patience as we try and sort out priorities for time.

* There are three Ministry Personnel at various stages of Medical Leave and I am supporting them and the Pastoral Charges they serve as we navigate forms and ways to meet ongoing ministry needs.

* The Committee on Community of Faith Support has prepared its Self-Assessment Tool and will circulate it to one third of the non-Indigenous Communities of Faith later this week for completion before December 15,2022.

* The Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support meets later this week and will be planning some initial interviews for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL) and be engaging some experienced LLWLs in relicensing process.

* The Committee on Ministry Personnel Support has an in-person meeting planned for September 26, 2022. They are hoping to plan some in person gathering of Ministry Personnel this fall/winter.

* All the Committees and the Commission are awaiting final word on decisions made by GC44 and timelines for implementation of changes as some of them will have some work to do i.e. Pastoral Relations Commission and CLM/LLS related to Congregational Designated Ministers.

* I am back travelling again and look forward this month to trip to Fisher River with Peter Douglas and Nestor Falls with Pat Bird and/or Irene Chabluk.

It could /should be an interesting year as Spirit continues to move among us in new and different ways.

Executive Minister's report

Shannon McCarthy reported.

Shannon participated in General Council 44, all of the current information on decisions is on the General Council 44 website. As new information is available Shannon will work with Julie Graham to find the best ways to share it.

Shannon is travelling again and will be away for two full weeks in September starting September 12-27 for Staff Leaders and a Tri-Region staff retreat.

We do still have access to Dropbox however it wasn't working for everyone and General Council IT staff are encouraging us not to use it. Julie and Shannon are exploring using Google Docs.

The Executive Minister Program Assistant job is still vacant, hopefully it will be posted in the next couple of weeks.

Structure Document Please review the Structure document that was shared via email so that we can get the final version approved in October or November.

General Council 44 We aren't sure what the reporting process will be yet. Hopefully we will know more after the first General Council Executive meeting in mid-September.

94 in 94 Pat shared this with people for information via email, you can find more information about it here: <https://circlesforreconciliation.ca/94in94-returns-for-2022/>. Lots of good information on the Calls to Action. Are we interested in promoting this? Pat will have a conversation with Julie Graham about whether it can be posted on our website/facebook.

Regional Council Representatives Pat shared that she and Erica are continuing to think about how we encourage the Lay Representatives from Communities of Faith to participate in the work of the Regional Council and to make sure they are getting information and sharing it with their congregations. This is an on-going conversation for us as an Executive.

Adjournment Erica closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05



Patricia Bird, Co-Chair



Erica Wiebe, Co-Chair



Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister