

**Prairie to Pine Executive Minutes
March 7, 2023 at 6 pm (CST) via Zoom**

EXECUTIVE PRESENT	Pat Bird (Co-chair), Erica Wiebe (Co-chair), Diane Dwarka, Jennifer Pakula, Craig Miller, James deBeer, Tricia Gerhard, Betty Kelly (Nominations) A quorum was present.
REGRETS	Julia Autonyshyn, Heather Dootoff, Tammy Bleue, Meghan Chorney
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT	Don Shau, Heather Lea
STAFF PRESENT	Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister); (Finance Administrator), Chantal Winslow (Executive Assistant & Recording Secretary), Judy Hare (Pastoral Relations Minister);
CALL TO ORDER	Pat Bird called the meeting to order. We checked in and Heather Lea led us in reflection & prayer.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	We reviewed and approved the agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 038-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus: That Prairie to Pine Executive approve the minutes of February 7, 2023 as distributed.
BUSINESS ARISING	Climate Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The logo was created by Chantal Winslow and letter endorsed online.• Chantal connected Cheribella Abad with Lynda Trono to create something for the newsletter. Community Solidarity Manitoba <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meghan Chorney attended meeting on February 10. She came back with an ask for a representative to attend their media release on February 16. Pat attended and was apart of the panel that spoke.• Nice to see a solidarity of voices• More events coming up. Looking for strengthened voices. Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should we reach out to let Communities of Faith know that it has been updated.• Cheribella Abad will add a note to the weekly news that its updated with a link.
CORRESPONDENCE	Nothing

FINANCE

Nothing to report. Work with the auditors is still ongoing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Co-chairs

Diane attended the lieutenant governor's event.

Structure Document – Teresa Melnychuk

- Working with Diane Dwarka, Julie Graham and Pat Bird on the structure document.
- Presented the document.
- The Structure Document (Level 2) describes the structure of the Prairie to Pine Region.
- Mid level review of the structure. Describe in a useful way but not overwhelming.
- Started in 2019
- Each committee is broken into Purpose, Accountability, Membership and Responsibilities.
- These documents will be added to a OneDrive and shared with committees to review and provide feedback.
- A level 3 document will later be created which will provide a lot more detailed information.
- There is also a diagram that was presented. Chantal Winslow and Chloe Burns (NS) worked on an updated version of that diagram.

**Community of Faith
Support**

Heather Lea presented the following for information to the Executive:

Clandeboyne Winnipeg Beach Pastoral Charge Proposal from CCFS to P2P Executive

Whereas the Regional Council Committee on Community of Faith Support has reason to believe that the governance structure of Clandeboyne Winnipeg Beach Pastoral Charge is not adequate to serve the needs of the pastoral charge; and

Whereas the work of the ad hoc governance group named to address this issue has been put on hold due to information from Clandeboyne members that people in that worshipping community do not wish to continue as part of the pastoral charge; and

Whereas the most recent pastoral relationship ended suddenly with 90 days notice with pay in lieu of service; and

Whereas there have been other dynamics on the pastoral charge that make it difficult to determine the best way forward;

Therefore, it is proposed that the Regional Council Committee on Community of Faith Support convene separate gatherings of people in each of the Clandeboyne United Church and Winnipeg Beach United Church worship sites prior to the end of March 2023 for the purpose of hearing members' concerns and aspirations, and providing information on options and consequences; and

That the Regional Council be represented at these gatherings by the Executive Minister, one or more persons from the Committee on Community of Faith Support, a rep from Pastoral Relations Commission, and others at the discretion of the Executive Minister; and

That should questions or concerns remain in the mind of the Regional Council Executive after these gatherings, the Regional Council may take other action, including a Review of the Community of Faith; and

That until further notice the Governing Body of the Pastoral Charge as presently constituted may continue to meet to make only urgent and essential decisions following an agenda approved by the Pastoral Charge Supervisor in consultation with the chair of the Committee on Community of Faith Support.

Equity and Diversity

Nothing

YAAY

Zebu was in Brandon. Great event.

Incorporated Ministries

A long time ago, Shannon McCarthy requested the permission of the Executive to negotiate release/severance agreements. We have been in the long process of doing so with the Fred Douglas Society. Prairie View Lodge has been rewriting their bylaws so we have reinitiated the conversation with them. Eventually we will have some final severance agreements for the Executive to approve.

Nominations 039-2022/2023

**It was agreed by consensus:
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive will name Janice White-Christie (Jan Christie) as a United Church of Canada representative to the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council. Jan Christie's appointment to the MIIC board will be dependent upon acceptance by the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Executive.**

Nominations will be starting a heavy duty recruitment for the new church year.

Lay Leadership Support

Motions from Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support for meeting of Executive of Prairie to Pine Regional Council on March 07, 2023

On February 15th, 2023 the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support considered requests for re-licensing with accompanying documentation from eighteen Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Some LLWLs have requirements related to mandatory training or letters of support that need to be met before motions for re-licensing can be brought before the Executive of Prairie to Pine Regional Council. The following motions are brought for consideration:

040-2022/2023

It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approve the following recommendations:

- i. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that **LINDA BUCHANAN of Westminster United Church, The Pas** be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.
- ii. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that **BARBARA ANN CRAIK** of Langruth United Church, be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.
- iii. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that be **WENDY DENBOW of Knox United Church, Plumas** be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.
- iv. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that **JULIE DZEOBA of Vermillion Bay United Church** be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.
- v. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that **PATRICIA KOPP of Langruth United Church**, be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.
- vi. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that **WILMA SHIRRIFF of Mckenzie United Church, Portage La Prairie** be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.
- vii. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that **JIM Warburton of Meadow Lea United Church** be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.
- viii. Based on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Ministry/Lay Leadership Support that **NORMA WINDLE of McCreary United Church** be re-licensed as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in Prairie to Pine Regional Council effective immediately for a period of three years.

Other

Logo

- Chantal created a logo for the region. Presented to the Executive.
- Do we add the United Church crest?
- In formal letterhead we will add the crest, but when signing documents we can't always use the United Church crest.

041-2022/2023

It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approve the new logo for the Region.

Annual Meeting Planning

- Emma Seamone, the chair of the planning committee, joined us.
- The meeting will be held at Meadowood United and using some breakout spaces in the area.
- It will be a 4 day event.
- Celebration of Ministry Service on May 4
- Workshop spaces
- The moderator is confirmed to be in attendance
- There will be education around the remit and voting
- Registration packages will be going out soon
- That weekend is Pride weekend. Should let Moderator know.
- Rural Connect will be featured as part of one of the services.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Minister

Shannon McCarthy took a road trip because of the Saskatchewan Archives. Living Skies no longer has an Archivist effective March 31, 2023. Erin, our Archivist, will be taking on some additional hours to help cover. They are touring to see where they may be able to move records.

One more week of her change management course.

Searching for a NS Pastoral Relations Minister.

Meeting Minutes done with the help of Chantal Winslow for the audit. Heather Dootoff was in Winnipeg for a week to meet with the auditors.

February 16 there was a tri-region executive meeting.

**Pastoral Relations
Minister**

Nothing

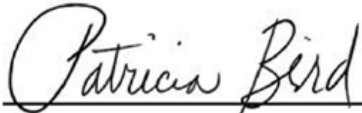
**Justice &
Communications**

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OTHER

NEXT MEETING Next meeting will be April 4, 2023.

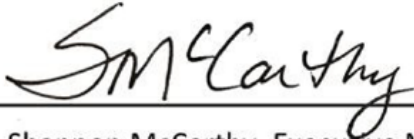
ADJOURNMENT

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Patricia Bird, Co-Chair

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Erica Wiebe, Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shannon McCarthy".

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister