

**Prairie to Pine Executive Minutes
February 25, 2025 via Zoom**

EXECUTIVE PRESENT	Lynne Sanderson (Co-Chair), Pat Bird (Past Chair, Jennifer Pakula, M Chorney, Craig Miller, Dawn Rolke (Co-Chair), A quorum was present.
REGRETS	Doug Neufeld, George Meggison, Tricia Gerhard
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT	Susan Tilleman, Patrick Woodbeck, Hope Mattus, Ken Thomas,
STAFF PRESENT	Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister); Judy Hare (Pastoral Relations Minister);
CALL TO ORDER	Lynne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Lynn did the land acknowledgement and opening prayer.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	We reviewed the agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 030-2024/2025	It was agreed by consensus: That Prairie to Pine Executive approve the minutes of February 4, 2025 as distributed.
BUSINESS ARISING	
Cluster Funding Procedure 031-2024/2025	It was agreed by consensus: That Prairie to Pine Executive approve the following process for cluster funding: 1) Staff will have discretion to approve cluster funding requests under \$1500. 2) Any amount that exceeds \$1500 will go to the Executive for approval. 3) If we reach our budgeted amount of \$10,000 in a year, it will be brought to the Executive for discussion.
CORRESPONDENCE	We received a copy of a letter from the Board of Vocation to Rev. Lukacs. It was requested that he be moved to the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary) effective February 13, 2025.
NEW BUSINESS Retiree Event	Lynne has been working on the Retiree Event. The date is going to be June 15 which is the night before the Celebration of Ministry service. It will take place at Meadowood United Church. To do: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lynne will work with Chantal to arrange catering for the dinner

- Lynne will reach out to Heather regarding budget.

Towards 2035

Shannon provided us with a document regarding Towards 2035. This document is confidential and should not be shared at this time.

To do:

- Chantal will send out a doodle poll to help decide on a date for us to meeting in person (hybrid) in Winnipeg on a Saturday in April/May

FINANCE

Jennifer reported.

Heather is working on the audit. Her official retirement date will be at the end of June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Co-chairs

Lynne is working on planning the retiree dinner. She is also finalizing plans for travelling to Newfoundland for the centennial service.

Community of Faith Support

Nothing new to report.

Equity and Diversity

YAAY

Zebu took place in Selkirk a few weeks ago. It went really well.

Property

Ken reported.

He has brought forward a proposed new policy for the disbursement of funds from a sale of church property.

(attached)

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It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Executive approve the revised Disbursement Policies for the Sale of Church Property.

Discussion was had regarding how we can support Indigenous ministry's when it comes to the sale of property.

To do:

- Dawn will make sure that we find a time and place to further discuss supporting Indigenous Ministry's.

Incorporated Ministries	<p>Shannon is working with the Incorporated Ministries team to finalize a severance agreement with Fred Douglas Society.</p> <p>We have received a letter from the United Church Halfway Homes asking us to move towards a severance agreement.</p>
Nominations	<p>The Nominations committee has asked that we join them on zoom for their open house event. This event will be taking place on March 25 at 7 pm.</p>
Lay Leadership Support	<p>Nothing to report.</p>
Ministry Personnel Support	<p>Susan reported.</p> <p>Pensioners event will take place on June 10th at Westworth.</p>
Pastoral Relations Commission	<p>Nothing to report.</p>
Other	
STAFF REPORTS	
Executive Minister	<p>Shannon reported.</p> <p>General Counsel Executive takes place next week. The Total Compensation report will be going to GCE.</p> <p>Shannon will attend a meeting on March 4th with the inner city ministry churches in the city of Winnipeg to discuss property and various options.</p> <p>General Counsel Commissioners Orientation will take place on March 20th.</p> <p>To do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chantal to add M to the mail out list regarding General Counsel Commissioners.
Pastoral Relations Minister	<p>Judy reported</p> <p>Thank you to Sherri McConnel and Cheri Abad for spending Saturday with 101 people from 26 different communities of faith at the Ministry Personnel Committee Workshop.</p> <p>One of the biggest employment legislation pieces that's impacting our region currently is related to changes in the immigration rules. We have received a copy of a letter from Sarah Bruer (personally) and a letter written by Michael Blair and Carmen Lansdowne that have been sent to the immigration minister. Sarah is asking those in</p>

our region to personally write or take part in conversations, expressing to our MPs our concerns.

The racialized ministers are planning a pulpit exchange for May 4th and a return exchange on September 21.

To do:

- Use the letter writing guide to write a personal letter to the MPs in your area regarding our concerns around the employment legislation change.

**Justice &
Communications**

NA

OTHER

**Celebration of
Ministry**

MacGregor United Church will host the celebration of Ministry on June 15.

Centennial;

We have received a few requests. We should get information about the events happening in our region into the Newsletter so that we can build excitement.

To do:

Cheri will get the information into the Newsletter.

**Request from Pilgrim
United**

We received a request from Pilgrim United asking for \$500 to help fund a Black History project.

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It was agreed by consensus:

That Prairie to Pine Executive approve the request for \$500 for the Black History project organized by Pilgrim United.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be April 1, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Dawn led us in a check out reflection and closing prayer.


Dawn Rolke, Co-Chair


Lynne Sanderson, Co-Chair


Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

