

**Minutes of Prairie to Pine Regional Council
Zoom
Night 1
October 10, 2024**

- OPENING** Lynne Sanderson called us to order at 6:03 pm for worship, study, companionship and such business that should properly come before us.
- WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS** Shannon introduced the rules of order, introduced the staff, committee members and special guests.
- PROCEDURAL/ ENABLING MOTIONS 001-2024** **That Prairie to Pine Executive approve the following Enabling Motions #1-10 for this Regional Council meeting:**
1. **Roll of Regional Council:** that the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the 6th Annual Regional Council meeting be:
 - i. the members of the Order of Ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
 - ii. Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council
 - iii. lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by communities of faith. (Manual 2024, C.1.1 and C.1.2)
 - iv. members-at-large, lay members within the Regional Council who have been appointed members as necessary for the work of the Regional Council by the Regional Council Executive and who have not been elected by their community of faith.
 2. **Corresponding Members:** that all invited guests, registered visitors, and staff be corresponding members of this regional council meeting, with voice but not vote.
 3. **The Bounds of the Council:** that the Bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space.
 4. **Minimum Number of Members at Meetings:** that the regional council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present. If there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and there must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose. (Manual 2024; C.4.3)
 5. **Limits to Debate:** that without the permission of the Council, no member shall speak more than once on any proposal or amendment; and that speeches be limited to two minutes per person on each proposal, except at

the discretion of the President.

6. **Agenda Committee**: that the Agenda Committee for this Regional Council meeting be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee, plus one person designated as Parliamentarian.
7. **Rules of Debate and Order**: that the rules of debate and order for Parliamentary debate be those spelled out in Appendix of The Manual 2024 (pages 189-193); and that any point not covered in such Appendix, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.
8. **Unfinished Business**: that unfinished business be referred to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive.
9. **Minutes**: that the Minutes of the 5th Annual Meeting of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council be approved as distributed in the online workbook.
10. **Reports**: that the verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.
11. **Proposals**: that proposals that are received and edited prior to the Docket deadline will be included in the Docket. Proposals that have not been received and edited prior to the Docket deadline will be referred to the Executive for decision making.
12. **Budget Implications**: All motions having significant budget implications for the Region (defined as \$2000 or over) shall be considered “in principle only” and, if adopted, be referred to the Executive for consideration within adopted budgetary constraints.

Moved: Shannon McCarthy

Seconded: Pat Bird

CARRIED

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF TREATY
TERRITORY**

Dawn Rolke led us in our land acknowledgement.

OPENING WORSHIP

Dawn Rolke led us in opening worship.

REPORTS

Executive Minister

Shannon reported

Thank you to our Executive. Erica Wiebe moved to Prince Alberta during her term, but she continued to serve as chair through the end of the year. We thank her for her service. Thank you also to Pat Bird for her time on the Executive. We want to welcome Dawn Rolke and Lynne Sanderson to the Executive as co-chairs.

Shannon asked to reflect on this question: where do your gifts fit and where do you feel called to within the Regional Council?

Thank you to all of the staff:

Judy Hare – Pastoral Relations Minister
Cherry Abad – Regional Admin
Twila MacNair – Youth & Young Adult
Erin Acland – Archivist
Heather Dootoff – Finance Admin
Chantal Winslow – Executive Assistant
Julie Graham – Justice & Communications

Deployed staff:

Jordan Cantwell – Growth Animator
Laura Fohse – Office of Vocations
Vicki Nelson – Stewardship Animator

Executive Chairs

Dawn Rolke reported.

Thank you to staff for all the work you do supporting the region. Thank you to Erica. Her past-chair report is in the docket. Thank you to Pat Bird for your time on the Executive.

It is our hope that communities of faith feel supported by the region. We want to work with you. We want to hear your ideas and initiatives.

We were asked to reflect on the question: is there a larger vision for us as a region?

Town Hall Report

Lynne Sanderson reported on the Town Hall that took place on June 25, 2024. This was in response to a proposal that was brought forward at our last AGM regarding the frequency of in person annual meetings.

Nominations

The nominations committee is working on finalizing the slate. We will be voting on the slate of commissioners at our meeting on October 17, 2024. Please also note all the vacancies and if you wish to join a committee, please reach out.

**MODERATOR
MESSAGE**

A video was shared with greetings from the Moderator, Carmen Landsdown.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Vicki Nelson spoke to us about Mission & Service and shared some stories.

**CONVERSATION
REGARDING TRENDS**

Judy Hare and Jordan Cantwell presented a conversation regarding trends in our region. There was a presentation and then time for engagement in break out groups.

IN MEMORIAM In Memoriam worship was led by Isla Swain and Pat Bird to acknowledge those leaders and ministry personnel who have died since our last annual meeting and also to remember and acknowledge the Communities of Faith that have disbanded in that same period.

**Night 2
October 17, 2024**

WELCOME Dawn Rolke welcomed folks back for night two.

WORSHIP Becca Whitla and Vernon Lee from St. Andrew's College led us in opening worship.

FINANCE REPORT Heather Dootoff, Shannon McCarthy and Jennifer Pakula presented the financial report and provided an opportunity for questions.

BREAKOUT ROOMS Delegates were put into breakout rooms and were asked to reflect on the following question and submit their responses:
When you think of the budget presentation, or items in last week's meeting, what are some bigger-picture Regional questions raised for you? (Please note that questions for clarification or concern about specific budget items should be raised in the meeting plenary.)

NOMINATIONS Joey Dearborn presented the nominations slate for the General Council 45 Commissioners. That slate can be found in the workbook on pages 98-102.

02-2024 **That Prairie to Pine Regional Council approve the slate of General Council 45 Commissioners as follows:**

- Jennifer Pakula
- Teresa Melnuchuk
- Craig Miller
- Doug Neufeld
- Donna Neufeld
- Silas Lee
- Tricia Gerhard
- Simbarashe Mazhara
- Emma Seamone
- Kristin Woodburke
- Damber Khadka
- Hope Mattus
- France Flook
- Hannah Polasek (Youth Forum)

- Diane Dwarka (Alternate)
- Patrick Woodbeck (Alternate)
- Susue McPherson-Derendy (Alternate)
- Karen Tjaden (Alternate)

Moved: Joey Dearborn

Seconded: Ann Craik

CARRIED

MINUTE FOR MISSION Vicki Nelson spoke to us about Mission & Service and shared some stories.

CENTENIAL Erin Acland led a discussion regarding centennial celebrations and some possible resources to help communities of faith commemorate the anniversary.

COURTESIES Lynne Sanderson and Dawn Rolke provided courtesies and thanks to a long list of people who have put their time and effort into making this gathering successful.

CLOSING WORSHIP Closing worship was led by Judy Hare, Don Chau, and Shannon McCarthy. During worship we recognized the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and the commissioning of our General Counsel Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

WORKSHOPS Delegates were given the option to choose between two different discussion groups/workshops if they wanted. The options were:

- Centennial Resources/Discussion
- Then Let Us Sing


Dawn Rolke, Co-Chair


Lynne Sanderson, Co-Chair


Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

