

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

We, at First United Church, are called by the spirit to be a caring community of faith actively pursuing spiritual growth and compassionate outreach

Members Present:

Peggy Worrell, Chair	Linda Stumpf, Presbytery Rep
Maxine Olmstead, Outreach	Sharon Veer, Past Chair
Sharyn Erne, Membership & Pastoral Care	Annette Taylor, Minister
Brian McConkey, Stewardship	Donna Barber, UCW
Colleen MacBean, Faith Formation	Jessie Hanna, Member @ large
Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary	Brenda Gruetzner, Outreach

- 1. Call to Order** Peggy Worrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.
- 2. Opening devotion/Holy Manner #1:** Sharon Veer
- 3. A time for education and inspiration:** Council members watched a video from the TED series. Pope Francis spoke on “The Future You”
- 4. Check In:** Around the table everyone contributed.
- 5. Additional items for the agenda:** Added vacation for Annette Taylor.
- 6. Motion to Approve the Agenda as amended:** Moved by Sharon Erne, seconded by Jessie Hanna. Carried.
- 7. Acknowledgement of April 23, 2017 Executive meeting minutes as circulated.**
- 8. Motion to approve April 27, 2017 church council meeting minutes as circulated.** Moved by Brenda Gruetzner, seconded by Donna Barber. Carried.
- 9. Business arising from the minutes.**
 - a) Presbytery Oversight visit on May 30, 2017:** Linda Tomlinson Seebach and Marilyn Forbes will be representing Chinook Presbytery. A schedule is being finalized. It is hoped that as many Council members as possible

will be able to attend the loose change supper and the meeting on that evening. The meeting will be in the Burnham room from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

- b) **Proposed Revisions to United Church Policy & Procedures:** This is tabled until the fall council meeting.
- c) **Ministry & Personnel Policy Proposal for Hiring for New Positions:** One small change was made to the 2nd draft as circulated. **Motion: Moved by Maxine Olmstead, Seconded by Sharon Veer that we adopt this policy. Carried.**
- d) **Safety for church volunteers:** Donna Barber reported that UCW and Building & Property members had decided that the best safety measure would be for at least two volunteers to always be present in the garage sale and rummage rooms. The phone numbers of Anne & Lucille will be removed from the answering machine message. Peggy Worrell will check with the Music and Worship committee about any possible concerns for other staff & volunteers.

10. There was no correspondence.

11. Minister's Report: Annette Taylor provided a report and also spoke about her experiences at the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio.

12. Important items from reports

- a) **Budget for the Affirming Ministry Committee Motion: Sharon Veer moved that a budget line be added for the Affirming Ministry Committee for \$500 for 2017.** Seconded by Colleen MacBean. Carried.
- b) **Motion: that Adele Heise be one of our presbytery representatives.** Moved by Sharon Veer. Seconded by Colleen MacBean. Carried.

13. Motion to accept written reports as circulated. Moved by Jessie Hanna. Seconded by Sharyn Erne. Carried.

14. New Business

- a) **Year End Social** Sharon Veer invited Council to her home for a year end pot luck social. It will be on June 22, 2017 at 6:00p.m. The address is 731 Hodgson Drive. Staff and spouses are also invited. Bring your own meat for barbequing as well as another food dish. Bring lawn chairs.
- b) **Motion to give the Executive of Council authority to conduct business and make decisions on behalf of Council in the summer break from**

May 26th to August 31st. Moved by Jessie Hanna, seconded by Maxine Olmstead. Carried.

c) **Motion to approve the baptism of Raea, daughter of Briana Wilms. Baptism will take place on June 18.** Moved by Sharon Erne, seconded by Brenda Gruetzner.

15. Opening devotion (Holy Manner #2) and closing prayer for Aug. 31 Council Meeting – Chair
16. Group Norms - Jessie Hanna.
17. Reminder of action items – Jessie Hanna
18. Church Council meeting evaluation
19. Peggy Worrell declared the meeting closed.
20. Closing prayer – Past Chair Sharon Veer

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday Aug. 29, 2017, 5:15 pm

Next Church Council Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 pm