



March 10, 2024

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Morley Hamilton, Charlotte Kovach, Barry Balls, Wanda Wielgoz, Danny Roberts, Linda Roberts, Fran Balls, Roy Bortolotto

Devotion: Roy Bortolotto opened the meeting with a prayer.

VOTING PRIVILEGES: It was moved by Wanda Wielgoz, seconded by Danny Roberts **THAT** all present have voting privileges. **CARRIED**

AGENDA: The remit will be the first agenda item. It was moved by Charlotte Kovach, seconded by Barry Balls **THAT** the agenda as amended be approved. **CARRIED**

REMIT #1: re Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within the United Church of Canada A vote was held on this remit. The remit was passed.

Barry Balls noted that many autonomous organizations within the United Church receive Mission & Service grants: Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, Camp Tapawingo, Northern & Southern Saskatchewan Hospital Ministries, Parkland Restorative Justice and others.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Fran Balls read the minutes of the November 19, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Fran Balls, seconded by Linda Roberts **THAT** the minutes of the November 19, 2023 meeting be received as amended. **CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Linda Birnie sent copies of the budget, income and expenses. Roy Bortolotto noted that his salary would increase by approximately \$2000 with the change in designation from a Designated Lay Minister to an Ordained Minister. The music licence will be required until May when the new United Church hymnal 'Then Let Us Sing' becomes available.

It was moved by Barry Balls, seconded by Wanda Wielgoz **THAT** the Treasurer's Report be acknowledged and filed. **CARRIED**

REPORTS:

Minister's Report: The minister reported on regular activities including attending various functions in Wawota and Maryfield. Four funerals/gravesides were held; pastoral care activities and visits occurred; Christmas activities and World Day of Prayer took place. Upcoming events include the end of the Lenten season with communion on Palm Sunday March 24, Good Friday services and Easter Sunday services.

Roy Bortolotto will be taking a Zoom course on Tending the Light Within, for 3 afternoons in April. The full report is attached to the minutes.

Manse: Information has been received that there will be a 1% tax on an empty manse but no details were available at this meeting. The trustees of the manse will need to check out this regulation.

Living Skies Regional Council (LSRC): The annual Gathering will be held in Saskatoon June 13 - 16, 2024. Roy Bortolotto, Barry Balls, representative for St. Andrew's United Church, and Fran Balls, representative for Wawota United Church, will attend. Barry Balls noted that the Regional Rambler, an online newsletter, is available for all. It gives news and upcoming events for the Saskatchewan Region.

It was moved by Danny Roberts, seconded by Fran Balls **THAT** the reports be received.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL VIABILITY: For DLMs to enter the Order of Ministry, they must have 5 years post recognition as a DLM with at least 50% time spent in that position including Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. Roy Bortolotto qualifies to enter the Order of Ministry. Ordination will take place on June 16 at the Regional Gathering. The M&P Committee puts forward a recommendation for an open-ended call (no time limit on length of position) to Roy Bortolotto. The congregational meeting will be held on March 26 at 2 p.m. in Wawota. A member of the Regional Council must be in attendance (Barbara Wilkins). Salary will increase by approximately \$2000/year. The M&P Committee meets with the Treasurer to determine financial viability for Crossroads United Pastoral Charge.

CROSSROADS UNITED BOARD VICE-CHAIR: It was moved by Charlotte Kovach, seconded by Fran Balls **THAT** Danny Roberts be vice-chair of the Pastoral Charge Board. **CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING: Special congregational meeting of the pastoral charge March 26 at 2 p.m. at Wawota United Church. The next regular meeting will be June 23 at Wawota.

Charlotte Kovach adjourned the meeting.

Chair: _____ Secretary: _____