

## Region 4 Commission Minutes January 31, 2019

- Present:** Annette Taylor, Tricia Gerhard, Brian Maitland, Dave Whalley, Barb MacNaughton, Susan Reed, Bonnie Morton, Neil Gilbert, Bernice Saulteaux.
- There was a quorum present.
- Staff Present:** Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister; Jamie Mckay (Recording Secretary)
- Regrets:** Bev Kostichuk
- Opening** Annette opened the meeting with a reading “For a Leader” from *To Bless the Space Between Us* by John O’Donohue and asked the group to check-in.
- Minutes** We will approve past minutes at our next meeting.
- Agenda** The agenda was approved as distributed.
- Update re:  
Eastside Review** Shannon McCarthy reported that the reviewer has completed his work and we are just waiting for his report.
- Edge – Clusters &  
Networks  
Strategy** EDGE has created a Clusters & Networks strategy document and they are asking each regional commission if they would like a presentation. We will ask them to present at our meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will also invite Julie Graham to be part of the conversation.
- Executive  
Minister’s Report** Shannon reported that she will be away on a trip to Israel and Palestine from March 18 to March 29.
- Update on policy  
review** Shannon and Annette went through policies on the Saskatchewan Conference website and assigned them to the appropriate staff or committee for review.
- It was decided that any policies related to the regional gathering will be sent to the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.  
Language Guidelines will be referred to Tracy Murton.
- Sub-Commission** Shannon reported that we are allowed to create a sub-commission if we think this is necessary. It was decided that we will not create a sub-commission.
- Communication/  
website** Shannon is investigating whether Region 4 needs a new website since the Saskatchewan Conference website is less than two years old.
- Region naming** We discussed whether the naming process should take place at the inaugural regional gathering to give the Indigenous community a chance to come up with name suggestions.
- Tricia and Bernice will connect at the February 8th meeting in Saskatoon to discuss the naming process.

- Property policies** A property policy document has been prepared by the Tri-region Property Task Group. This document will be circulated and will be discussed on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Ministries' Gathering** The Ministries' Gathering Task Group reported that a letter was sent in December asking if the ministries would be interested in a winter gathering to network and talk about new funding sources. They have received a positive response and are now making plans for a meeting in late February or early March.
- Nominations committee** Annette read a report submitted by Bev Kostichuk.
- The nominations commission met this week and are working on filling the three Pastoral Relations committees. Nominations will need to know by mid February what other positions are needed in order to bring a slate of nominees to the annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC)** One of the biggest questions for our regional gathering is the mileage rates. We will ask Heather Dootoff to do the math as to how much we can afford to pay for mileage for the regional gathering. We will look into pastoral charges subsidizing their delegate. Barb will find the previous amount used for mileage.
- The mileage question will be added to the agenda for February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- We would like to have co-chairs at the regional gathering with one from the Indigenous church. Bernice will talk to those who were at the Indigenous Gathering in Calgary in December about who can co-chair.
- We decided that the AMPC will be asked to find worship leaders for the Service of Celebration.
- We decided that we will not have a theme banner made this year. Instead Annette, Brian and Bonnie will ask someone to create a logo and then that logo will be displayed on the screens using PowerPoint.
- It was decided that the AMPC will find someone to organize the Retirees Banquet.
- Arrangements have already been made for first aid. Barb will attempt to find Sexual Misconduct Consultants for the event. Music and worship people will be named by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Annette Taylor, Chair

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Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister