

Region 4 Commission Minutes February 8, 2019

- Present** Annette Taylor (Chair), Bev Kostichuk, Susan Reed, David Whalley, Brian Maitland, Tricia Gerhard.
- A quorum was present.
- Staff Present** Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister (Recording Secretary); Julie Graham, Minister of Transitions and Networks; Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister (afternoon)
- Regrets** Bernice Saulteaux, Neil Gilbert, Bonnie Morton.
- Call to Order/
Check in** Commission Chair Annette Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- We shared what we need to let go of in order to be present today.
- Worship** Brian Maitland led us in worship.
- Agenda** We reviewed the agenda.
- Minutes of Final
Presbytery &
Executive
025-2018/2019** We reviewed the final minutes of the Presbyteries that make up Region 4 and Saskatchewan Conference.
- It was agreed by consensus:**
That the Region 4 Regional Council Commission approve the following minutes:
Saskatchewan Conference Sub-Executive minutes of November 29, 2018.
Saskatchewan Conference Executive minutes of November 2, 2018.
Wascana Presbytery Executive minutes of December 5, 2018.
Tamarack Presbytery Executive minutes of November 12, 2018.
Tamarack Presbytery Executive minutes of December 10, 2018.
Chinook Presbytery minutes of November 16&17, 2018 With the corrected amount in motion # \$10000 went to worship
Good Spirit Presbytery minutes November 24, 2018.
Prairie Pine Presbytery minutes November 17, 2018.
Twin Valleys Presbytery minutes November 23, 2018.
Prairie Pine Presbytery Executive of December 8, 2018
- Eastside Review** There is nothing new to report on the review.
- 026-2018/2019
Website** **It was agreed by consensus**
That Region 4 get the website enhanced setup 1499.99 and special hosting bundle \$725/year and choose Template 1; however, If we can reuse the Saskatchewan Conference site more easily and costing less then we will do that.
- Property Policy** We reviewed the document "Property Policies and Processes Region 4 Regional Council"
- 027-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**

That we approved this policy as distributed.

Action item: the property commission will update the property handbook accordingly. They will also look at creating a policy for congregations who are selling property or assets and amalgamating or continuing on.

028-2018/2019

It was agreed by consensus:

That we will not have a policy regarding the spending manse funds.

029-2018/2019

It was agreed by consensus:

That we sell the mineral rights of SE 17-33-19 w3 (160 acres) to Chad Swan for the amount of \$20,000 with Chad Swan paying all the legal costs.

And that the resulting funds distributed as follows: 80% for the region. 5% to archives, 10% to Indigenous Church, 5% to M&S.

Action Item: Shannon will contact Chad about our decision.

Naming the Region

We discussed whether we should choose a name at the Inaugural Meeting or just choose a name.

We will have an online voting process with an end date so we can have a name by our March 7, 2018 meeting.

030-2018/2019

We agreed by consensus:

That the names for the Regional vote will be:

- **Living Skies Regional Council**
- **Saskatchewan Regional Council**
- **Prairie Spirit Regional Council**

Action Item: Tricia will put together some sort of voting process.

Office of Vocation

Karen Medland joined us and discussed what her role is in the system.

Annual Meeting Planning

Annual Meeting planning is moving forward and making decisions around worship leaders for the Celebration of Ministries.

031-2018/2019

It was agreed by consensus:

That there be a \$150 registration fee for the Annual Meeting.

If we cannot meet the dietary restrictions then contact the Chair of Annual Meeting Planning and there will be a reduction of the fee.

Youth Ministry

We discussed the need for Youth at Conference program and other youth ministry needs in the Region.

032-2018/2019

It was agreed by consensus:

That we get some contract staff to help rebuild the youth network and look at establishing a Youth Ministry Committee. The contract will be for for 2019 with the understanding that funds will come from governance and unspent funds from Presbyteries and Conference.

- Pastoral Relations** Tracy Murton joined us for this portion of the meeting.
- Continuing Education Fund** We discussed the Continuing Education fund that was existing in Continuing Education fund
- 033-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That we approved the application form for the Continuing Education fund. Payment will not be made to applicants until receipts are provided.
- The paperwork will go to Bev Diebert and Shannon will sign off.
- There is currently \$6650 in a designated fund left from Saskatchewan Conference.
- Members-at-Large** We discussed the need for members-at-large of the Region. We need Pastoral Relations Liaisons and Pastoral Charge supervisors to be members-at-large.
- 034-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That any lay members on commissions (Pastoral Relations Commission, Property Commission), the Executive of the Regional Council, Pastoral Charge Supervisors, and Regional Council Liaisons will be made Members-at-Large of the Regional Council if they are not already a Member from their congregation.
- 035-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That the Regional Council will pay the Annual Meeting Registration fee of \$150 for Members-at-Large of the Region and if they choose not to billet delegates would pay their own hotel bills.
- 036-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That the following will be named as Members-at-Large of the Region:
- **Marvin Mackie**
 - **Dwaine Dornan**
 - **Bev Kostichuk**
- Structure** We discussed the structure of the Region and what we need to make good decisions for the Region.
- Should we have the group who are elected to the executive choose the chair?
What is the number of people we need on the Executive?
What is a balance of lay & ministry personnel?
- 037-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That our Regional Council executive will be 10 people including a chair selected from within that group with a minimum of 3 lay people and order of ministry.
- Nominations** What are our terms of office for committees and commissions?
- 038-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**

That all commissions and committees of the Region have three year term renewable once. To start so that we have some staggering of years we have some members with two year terms renewable.

We will provide biography information of the executive so people can vote at the Regional Council Meeting.

039-2018/2019

It was agreed by consensus:

That the Region will use an expression of interest process similar to what General Council uses to fill its slate of nominations.

Current Structure:

Property commission (5-7 members)
Nominations Committee (5-7 members)
Pastoral Relations Commission
Community of Faith Support Committee
Ministry Personnel Support

Other possible Committees

Granting body
Clusters Task Group

040-2018/2019

It was agreed by consensus:

That we form a Clusters and Networks Task Group (3-5 people) with the following terms:

- **To offer a publicly known and centralized space for the entire Region, for gathering and managing contact and status information about emerging Clusters, including Clusters that may eventually evolve into Networks;**
- **To receive, develop, and share ideas on how Region 4 can encourage and support the development of Clusters;**
- **To Provide and coordinate space for Clusters to occasionally talk with each other, remotely or in person;**
- **To connect with other Regions, Edge, General Council, etc on best practices and emerging ideas or spaces.**
- **Inform the Regional Council of their work as needed and requested.**
- **As appropriate and possible, could also track emerging Networks or possible Networks if this were helpful to Regional work and added to the mandate.**
- **With an initial budget of \$2000 and staff support from Julie Graham.**

Inaugural Annual Meeting

Action item: Julie will work with the AMP committee to help with welcoming Indigenous congregations and bring people in to help as necessary.

Action item: Shannon will contact Maggie Dieter about Charlene Burns attending the Inaugural Meeting of Region 4.

041-2018/2019

It was agreed by consensus:

**That the following appointments be made to the following committees:
Committee on Lay Leadership Support**

- **Faye Ford**
- **Sheila Ivanochko**

Committee on Ministry Personnel Leadership

- **Rick McCorrister**
- **Michele Rowe**

Committee on Community of Faith Support

- **Nora Borgeson**
- **Bill Pollock**

Edge Clusters and Networks Strategy

Alexandra Belaski joined us via Zoom to share the Clusters and Networks Strategy and went through a powerpoint presentation.

We let her know about our Clusters and Networks Task Group and they will connect with her as they begin their work.

This process is being funded from transition funds and through Edge funding, there isn't a cost to the Region or Networks and Clusters.

FINANCE

**042-2018/2019
Travel Policy for
Annual Meeting**

We agreed by consensus:

That the travel rate for the annual meeting will be \$0.25 for one delegate in the vehicle/0.30 for carpooling for any mileage over 300 kilometres.

We don't want finances to be a barrier to attending, we will look at ways that we might be able to assist in financing.

VBS Caravan

We don't have the staff capacity this year to run the VBS Caravan. We recognize the importance of this program and hope we will be able to have it in future years.

**Green Initiative
Grant**

We discussed the Faithful Footprints information and the Moats money, we look at this in more detail at our Feb. 21 meeting.

Communication

We discussed the way that communication will happen.

We are transitioning to Mailchimp to replace the e-shares and e-news. Currently the office staff are attempting to get complete lists to send out weekly news.

Action item: Annette will put together some information to share to give an update on our work.

Adjournment

Annette adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Annette Taylor, Chair

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister