

Region 4 Commission Minutes February 21, 2019

- Present** Annette Taylor (Chair), Susan Reed, Brian Maitland, Neil Gilbert, Dave Whalley, Bonnie Morton, Barb McNaughton, Bev Kostichuk, Heather Dootoff.
- A quorum was present.
- Regrets** Tricia Gerhard, Bonnie Morton, Bernice Saulteaux.
- Staff Present** Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister; Jamie Mckay (Recording Secretary)
- Call to Order/ Check-in** Annette called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. We shared something we have done to take care of ourselves.
- Agenda** We reviewed the agenda and agreed that it would be our agenda for this meeting.
- Minutes** We reviewed the Commission minutes from December 13, 2018, January 3, 2019, January 18, 2019 and Good Spirit Presbytery Executive .
- 043-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That we approve the Region 4 Regional Council Commission minutes of:
- **December 13, 2018**
 - **January 3, 2019**
 - **January 18, 2019**
- 044-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That we approve the Good Spirit Presbytery Executive minutes of December 12, 2018.
- Eastside Review** John Burton, UCC Reviewer completed his review of Eastside United Church.
- 045-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That the Region 4 Regional Council Commission receive the “Review of Eastside United Church” Report for action.
- 046-2018/2019** **It was agreed by consensus:**
That the Regional Council Commission create an Eastside Review Commission to deal with the review and any directive programs, and
- That the commission would be made up of Tricia Gerhard, Donna Remple, and Linda Gunningham, and**
- That expenses of the commission would be paid for out of the governance contingency line in the budget.**
- Website** The former Saskatchewan Conference website is currently functional but it is recommended that it be updated for ease of use, drag and drop function, and also includes integrations that would save money in the long run.

The next step is to generate a list of what we want and how we need the website to function. Julie Graham will want to be part of that group.

Brian Maitland has agreed to work with Julie Graham and Bev Diebert on the content for the new website and to bring in any other talented people they may think may be required.

Youth Contract Shannon reported that she is looking to have a contract ready for mid-March to hire youth contract staff.

Naming process A Google poll has been made and was posted on Facebook and the newsletter. The poll has had over 130 responses.

Ministries gathering Brian connected with Tessa Blaikie-Whitecloud and she has agreed to be a resource person for this event. She will send ideas about what she thinks process will be. Tentative dates have been set for 3rd week of March. We still need to find a place to hold the gathering.

Annual meeting planning Barb McNaughton Reported.

It was thought that a smudging ceremony would be a good idea and a way to incorporate Indigenous folk. Discussions need to take place with an elder about how that might be added and keeping in mind that time might be an issue as the ceremony might run longer than expected.

A question to answer will be around how people who are unable to participate in the ceremony will abstain respectfully.

We will try to find someone to create a logo. A notification in e-notes about registration will be added.

Nominations 047-2018/2019 **It was agreed by consensus: That Debra Smith be appointed to the Committee for the support of Communities of Faith.**

Property Commission A meeting of the property commission has been set up to discuss the handbook, a revised version will be brought to the Regional Council Commission for approval.

FINANCE Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator joined the meeting.

Green Initiative Grant Questions were raised about the Green Initiative Grant. In 2013 the amount allocated from Moats was 25K but now it is 20K, and every second year we have used the full amount. The grant hasn't been promoted very much.

Are we going to continue to do the green grant and what amount and the process to application approval?

Half of revenue from the Moat's Fund goes to Indigenous Church, assuming we

have same revenue, we would have around 10K from revenue for this grant. Moat's Fund has a balance of \$160,781.29 at the end of 2018.

We receive 2-5 applications per year, a maximum grant of 5K would need a 10K project to get the grant. Any money that isn't spent is put back into the Moat's Fund.

048-2018/2019 **It was agreed by consensus:
That we keep the Green Fund Initiative and that we allocate \$12,000 for 2019, for a max of 3K for each application.**

Summary of Funds received Heather Dootoff gave a report on funds received from presbyteries.

049-2018/2019 **It was agreed by consensus:
That the Meewasin Valley United Church money that was designated for Inner City Ministry be distributed by the Region 4 Financial Admin at the request of the ICM board.**

Eastside Receivable There was a question about the unpaid 2018 assessment owing to Wascana Presbytery from Eastside United Church. We will wait to hear what the decisions are from the Eastside commission.

Structure Questions It was discussed how the treasurer would be determined.

050-2018/2019 **It was agreed by consensus:
That the nominations committee will nominate a person who is willing to be treasurer and presuming they get voted in, they will become the Treasurer as part of the Executive group.**

Bev Kostichuk will work on a structure document with descriptions of all the committees, commissions, and task groups.

051-2018/2019 **It was agreed that there will be a Regional gathering Planning Task group made up of a chair and three other members.**

Communication We will add this to our agenda for next meeting.

Next meeting March 7 from 9:00-11:00 AM.

Bev Kostichuk will chair the next meet and will work with Annette on the agenda.