

**Living Skies Commission Minutes  
May 2, 2019**

**Present** Annette Taylor, Tricia Gerhard, Bev Kostichuk, Barb MacNaughton, Brian Maitland, Neil Gilbert, Dave Whalley, Kent Mohn, Susan Reed.

A quorum was present.

**Staff Present** Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister; Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister; Jamie McKay, Program Assistant (Recording Secretary).

**Regrets** Bonnie Morton, Bernice Saulteaux.

**Call to Order/  
Check in** Annette called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM (SK).

We checked in and Annette read a prayer from Earth Prayers.

**Agenda** We reviewed the agenda and agreed that it would be our agenda for this meeting as updated.

**Minutes**

**079-2018/2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:  
That we approve minutes for April 4, 2019.**

We will approve the minutes from April 18, 2019 at the next meeting.

**Report from  
Pastoral Relations  
Minister**

We discussed the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Conflict of Resolution Facilitation Policy.

**080-2018/2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:  
To adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy of the General Council, as found in the governance handbook, as presented.**

We also thought it would be a good idea to post the policy on the website.

**081-2018/2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:  
To adopt the Conflict of Resolution Facilitation Policy as presented.**

**082-2018/2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:  
That retired Designated Lay Ministers who want to continue to work in the Region and have been authorized by their former Presbyteries to have Sacramental privilege and marriage licenses, be allowed to continue to do so within the boundaries of Living Skies Regional Council until June 30, 2020.**

**Report from  
Executive Minister**

A letter was sent from students at Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre to the General Council Executive asking for an autonomous indigenous region and to trust their

process and decisions that will be made at the National Indigenous Gathering in August 2019.

**Report from Youth and Young Adult Minister**

Kent was interested to know about the progress of the new website as it is intended to be used a communication piece to connect across the region. Bev Diebert and Julie Graham maintain the current website and Jamie Mckay is the one compiling content for the new website. Design and implementation of the new website design will be completed by Kris Trudeau of A Plus computers.

**Budget Request from Women's Network**

There was a budget request for \$5000 from Women's Network for the remainder of 2019.

**082-2018/2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:  
To accept the budget request from Women's Network as submitted.**

**Regional Gathering Planning Committee**

Barb gave a report on the progress of the regional meeting plans.

Things are coming along as they should. They conducted another site visit and confirmed the size of stage and tables that would be needed. We are open to looking into the cost of purchasing a bulk number of lanyards to be used across the three regions at a shared cost. Charlene Burns will be running a Silent Auction with a Twist and will take a bit more time than a typical silent auction. There will be an additional invitation for attendees to bring items for the silent auction.

**Nominations Committee**

Nominations has named a fifth person to the Clusters Task Group. Margaret McCallum has agreed to be on this committee for a term ending June 30, 2020.

Merle Sherwin, lay from Westview United Church in Yorkton has agreed to be appointed to the committee on ministry personnel leadership. We were seeking one lay person for this committee. The remaining two positions will be filled by ministry personnel.

The only two current members of the executive that are continuing on with the new executive are Brian Maitland and Dave Whalley.

**083-2018/2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:  
That the nominations committee proposes that the commission appoint Merle Sherwin (lay) to the Committee for Ministry Personnel Support.**

**Property Commission**

Property commission will have a report for the next meeting.

**Updated 2019 Budget & Investment Policy**

The budget and the investment policy for 2020 will be left for the new executive.

**Structure** Make people aware that this is our governance structure and not our mission. Grant committee will need to be added. Jamie created a regional structure diagram and will makes additional edits as requested.

**Update on New Website** Work on the regional meeting has taken priority over work on the new website. After the regional meeting, work on the website will continue.

**Next Meeting** May 16 @ 9:00 AM (SK), 10:00 AM (MB).  
This is the last meeting before the regional meeting and the last transition commission meeting.

**Adjournment** Annette adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

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Annette Taylor, Chair

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Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

