

**Living Skies Property Commission  
December 13, 2019**

<b>Present</b>	Annette Taylor, Daryl Woods, Jim MacNaughton, George Thurlow, Bev Kostichuk
<b>Staff Present</b>	None
<b>Check-in</b>	We checked in and George opened with prayer.
<b>Agenda</b>	We reviewed our agenda and made additions and approved.
<b>Secretary 030-2019/2020</b>	It was agreed that Bev Kostichuk be recording secretary for this meeting.
<b>Approval of Minutes 031-2019/2020</b>	It was agreed by consensus that the minutes of October 24, 2019 and November 15, 2019 be approved as presented.
<b>Correspondence</b>	Edge email regarding the Halo Project: agreed to pass this to Tracy Murton to have it considered by one of her committees (mission or oversight matter not property) Email from Indigenous Church regarding where to send cheques – Annette took this information and created a document email listing addresses for distribution of assets- Commission liaison members will share with communities of faith as they are disbursing sale proceeds. For proof of distribution of sale proceeds to close our file on sales, we will require their year end statement showing the distribution.
<b>Business arising  032-2019/2020  033-2019/2020  034-2019/2020</b>	<p>A. Nominations committee- Annette has advised Nominations that we need to fill our vacant position. Annette will contact Tricia Gerhardt regarding naming of trustees for the region.</p> <p>B. Account with ISC: George has the forms to apply for an account, ISC does not charge for transfers for under \$500. <b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission apply for an ISC account which includes applying for credit.</b></p> <p>C. Property – Manual G.2.1.1 and other major assets G.2.1.2- Major assets come into play when communities of faith are purchasing, renovating or selling property. <b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission proposes that Living Skies Regional council make changes to their property policy to define a major asset as equal to or greater than 20% of the yearly operating budget of the community of faith.</b></p> <p>D. <b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission proposes to the Living Skies Regional Council that the policy regarding disbursement of assets (not including assets from sale of property) at the closure of a community of faith : be 25 % to M&amp;S, 10% to Indigenous church and the balance to charitable organizations within the mission of the United Church as decided by the community of faith.</b></p> <p>E. We had a brief discussion on to whom and for what purpose we might sell United Church property. The request from the Cannabis church to purchase Fielding property will be discussed in our discussions on abandoned property in January. Annette to contact</p>

	<p>Anglican bishop and Gayle Wensley (who has been in contact with potential buyer) regarding the Cannabis church request.</p> <p>Update to Handbook-the Property Handbooks needs to be reviewed and updated. Each commission member will take some sections to review; Annette will email the sections for members to select. This review will be on the February meeting agenda.</p>
<b>List of Properties</b>	We reviewed and updated the List of Properties document.
<b>Brithdir United Church 035-2019/2020</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission grant the Brithdir United Church permission to demolish the Brithdir church building.</b>
<b>Grace United Church Fillmore 036-2019/2020</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission give Grace United Church permission to enter into negotiation with the village of Fillmore for the price and terms of debt repayment related to the sale of their church and manse building legal description Lot 9, Block 10 Plan D 3520 Ext. 0 Mineral Title 107477196; Lot 9, Block 10 Plan D3520 Ext 0 Surface Title 107477185; Lot 10 Block 10 Plan 3520 Ext 0 Mineral Rights 107477219 and Lot 10 Block 10 Plan D 3520 Ext 0 Surface Rights 107477208 and municipal address of 83 Main Street, Fillmore, Saskatchewan.</b>
<b>Foam Lake/Leslie Manse 037-2019/2020</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from the trustees of Foam Lake/Leslie Pastoral Charge to list for sale their manse with the legal description Lot 11 and PT 12 Block 05 Plan M4060 and municipal address of 303 Royal Street, Foam Lake Saskatchewan with the following terms: Listing agent Tony Hoffman, Century 21, 180 Broadway Street West, Yorkton, Saskatchewan with a commission rate of 6% and a listing price of \$79,500.</b>
<b>Kelfied United Church 038-2019/2020</b>	<p>Since Kelfield Presbyterian church borrowed <del>\$100.00</del> \$500.00 from the Church and Manse board of the Presbyterian church of Canada in 1918 and granted a mortgage on lots 29, 30, 31 and 32 block 4 plan 305 and we believe it was paid but the documentation was never completed And since Kelfield Presbyterian church is now Kelfield United Church and since the Church and Manse board of the Presbyterian church of Canada is now the United Church of Canada;</p> <p><b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission support the request of Kelfield United Church to the United Church of Canada to discharge the mortgage.</b></p>
<b>Loverna – Grace United Church 039-2019/2020</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the disbanding of the congregation of Grace United Church in Loverna, Saskatchewan as of December 16, 2019; and approve the dispersal of their remaining funds as follows:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. M&amp;S - \$500.00</li> </ol>

	<b>2. Remaining funds to Alsask United Church.</b>
<b>Abandoned Properties</b>	Bev updated the commission with the number of properties in Bill Doyle's files. Of 333 United Church properties there remains 121 to be reviewed. 5 of 12 Congregational properties remain; 11 of 213 Methodist properties remain. There are 278 Presbyterian properties, Bill has removed some. There are 23 United Church properties with mineral rights. Properties listed in only that name of trustees can not be found in a ISC search.
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 pm and the following agenda items were tabled until our January meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cemeteries - Update from George including:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cemetery South of Speers – who is paying transfer fees</li> <li>b) Insurance (cost \$2016 plus \$110 per cemetery. Finance and administration passed motion to <u>not</u> take on expense of insuring them on nov 4, 2016)</li> <li>c) Cemeteries Act – key items to be aware of</li> <li>d) The Flats Church/Goslin Cemetery</li> <li>e) Davis Cemetery / Red Deer Hill – request from SK Power</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Abandoned Properties             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Update from George/Bev including:                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bill's Files – Bev</li> <li>ii. Obtaining information from former presbyteries</li> <li>iii. Property in Fielding</li> <li>iv. Coderre UC and other properties</li> <li>v.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Face to face meeting in 2020?</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">February meeting; Property Handbook updates</p>
<b>Upcoming meeting Dates</b>	January 10, 2020, February 14, 2020, March 13, 2020, May 8, 2020.

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Annette Taylor, Chair

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Bev Kostichuk, Recording Secretary.

