

**Living Skies Executive Minutes  
April 22, 2021 via Zoom**

<b>Present</b>	Tricia Gerhard (Chair), Donna Brown (Treasurer), Ron Brandow, Linda Gunningham, Tim Ellis, Brian Maitland, Dave Whalley.  A quorum was present.
<b>Corresponding Members</b>	Rob Reed (Convenor), Annette Taylor (Property Commission Chairperson).
<b>Regrets</b>	Tim Ellis, Yugene Oh.
<b>Staff Present</b>	Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister), Julie Graham (Justice and Communications Minister), Kent Mohn (Youth and Young Adult Minister), Heather Dootoff (Finance Administrator), Bev Diebert (Administrative Support), Jamie Mckay (Executive Assistant & Recording Secretary).
<b>Call to Order</b>	Tricia Gerhard called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
<b>Opening Worship and Check-In</b>	Tricia Gerhard read a reflection and said a prayer.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	We reviewed the agenda.
<b>043 – 2020/2021</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Regional Council Executive accepts the agenda as distributed.</b>
<b>Approval of Executive Minutes</b>	We reviewed the minutes from February 25, 2021.
<b>044 – 2020/2021</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Regional Council Executive accepts the minutes from February 25, 2021, as distributed.</b>
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	
<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Email response from Third Avenue United Church Chair of Trustees</li><li>• Email confirming Living Skies Regional Council as a signatory on the Letter regarding Crown and Treaty Land sales</li></ul>
<b>Report from the Executive Minister</b>	Shannon McCarthy reported.  Shannon is getting ready for three annual meetings. Northern Spirit's meeting is coming up quickly during the first week of May.

The Property Commission met last week and had some recommendations on Third Avenue United Church.

The General Council Executive is meeting this upcoming weekend. One thing on the agenda is an review of the Office of Vocation.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Justice and Communications

Julie Graham submitted a report to the Dropbox for information.

### Pastoral Relations

Tracy Murton submitted a report to the Dropbox for information.

### Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Kent Mohn reported.

## FINANCE

Heather Dootoff reported.

### *Appendix A – Independent Auditor’s Report*

We reviewed the Independent Auditor’s Report (Appendix A) which included a Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, and Schedule of Funds.

### 045 – 2020/2021

**It was agreed by consensus:  
That Living Skies Regional Council Executive receives the Independent Auditor’s Report (Appendix A), as presented.**

### 046 – 2020/2021

**It was agreed by consensus:  
That regional assessments collected in 2020 be moved into a restricted fund, for use in relation to outreach ministries.**

### Communities Minister Proposal

The proposal is to establish a community ministry fund that would be used across the board for all community ministries within the regional council.

The monies collected from the universal fund would be rolled into the grants fund once a year and distributed by the Grants Committee.

We are approaching the order of the day and decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### Motion concerning disbanding of Third Avenue United Church

Rev. Annette Taylor (Property Commission Chairperson) joined the meeting at 1:45 PM.

Annette gave us a summary of what happened at the last Property Commission meeting. They made two major motions:

1. One to approve the listing for sale of Third Avenue. Hoping to get enough to cover the outstanding taxes that need to be paid as well as expenses trustees have paid out to care for the building (while it wasn't ours).
2. Disband the congregation and the current trustees will be named as trustees, would remain in place and would report directly to the regional council.

Trustees and board members of Third Avenue United Church joined the meeting at 2:00 PM.

We had a discussion about the proposal to disband Third Avenue United Church.

Disbanding the congregation would mean the elimination of the unified board. The current employee would become employed by the regional council.

Trustees and board members of Third Avenue United Church left the meeting at 2:30 PM.

**047 – 2020/2021**

**It was agreed by consensus:**

**That in accordance with The Manual (2021) G.1.5.2 Living Skies Regional Council disband Third Avenue United Church, Saskatoon as a recognized Community of Faith, effective immediately.**

**048 – 2020/2021**

**It was agreed by consensus:**

**That Living Skies Regional Council appoints the following as trustees for Third Avenue United Church, Saskatoon:**

- **Roger Giesbrecht**
- **Ruth Hoffmeyer**
- **Kenneth Holmes**
- **Jim Start**
- **Mark Stokalko**

The Property Commission will revisit decisions made by the congregation during the last sale of building and use those decisions as a guide on how to distribute any assets left from the current sale.

**049 – 2020/2021**

**It was agreed by consensus:**

**That Living Skies Regional Council delegates decision-making authority regarding the sale and proceeds of Third Avenue United Church, Saskatoon to the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission.**

Annette Taylor left the meeting at 3:00 PM.

## **REPORTS**

### **Incorporated Ministries**

There was nothing new to report from incorporated ministries.

## **Nominations**

We reviewed a nominations report submitted by Susan Reed.

Currently there is not enough applications to create a full slate and create an alternate slate.

### **050 – 2020/2021**

**It was agreed by consensus:**

**That Living Skies Regional Council Executive accepts the recommendations of the Nominations Committee that:**

- That the 14 names received be added to the slate of commissioners;
- That we seek out one more commissioner and six alternates;
- That we send out one more email (to the Rambler list) seeking applications from interested folks, and particularly from lay people, and then wait to see what comes by the time of the Regional Meeting;
- That the Nominations Committee continue to add names to the slate as possible; and,
- That if, by the time of the Regional Meeting in June we do not have a complete slate of names to propose, we will propose the slate we have, put out another plea for commissioners or alternates, and suggest that we empower the Executive to make decisions on the final slate of names.

### **051 – 2020/2021**

**It was agreed by consensus:**

**That Living Skies Regional Council Executive accepts the recommendations of the Nominations Committee that:**

#### **Refugee Liaisons**

- That Donna Nelson (Layperson) be named a Refugee Liaison for a 3-year term, renewable once; and,
- That Judy Beck (Layperson) be named a Refugee Liaison for a 3-year term, renewable once.

#### **Rural Pastoral Care Process Task Group**

- That Frances Kitson (Candidate) be named to the Rural Pastoral Care Process Task Group; and,
- That Allan Gairns (Diaconal Minister) be named to the Rural Pastoral Care Process Task Group.

#### **Affirming Process Task Group**

- That Joy Cowan (Ordained Minister) be named to the Affirming Process Task Group;
- That Robert Hayes (Layperson) be named to the Affirming Process Task Group;
- That Allison Sarauer (Layperson) be named to the Affirming Process Task Group; and,
- That Tony Thompson (Ordained Minister, Retired) be named to the Affirming Process Task Group.

**Chaplaincy Task Group**

The Chaplaincy Task Group is drafting a letter to present to the provincial government requesting a return of funding for spiritual care in hospitals. They will create a proposal to bring to the next regional meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The Executive agreed to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1:00-3:00 PM via Zoom with the next meeting date:

- May 27, 2021

**Blessing & Adjournment**

Tricia Gerhard said a prayer and adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.



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Tricia Gerhard, Chairperson



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Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

