

**Virtual Leadership Team Meeting  
Minutes  
January 11, 2022**

**Present:** Lynda Pyzer, Thelma Bretel, Cathy Zroback, Rai Therrien, Peter Fox, Brenda Shodin, Mona Denton, Marc Whitehead

**1) Devotions:** Rai Therrien

James 1 verse 22 "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only". The passage goes on to explain the difference. Many biblical references ask us to place our trust/lives in God's hands. This is something many of us have great difficulty with.

The passage goes on to admonish us to follow God's example and to help those in need, to be "doers".

Rai concluded in prayer, asking God to help us seek His way in our lives and church activities.

Lynda Pyzer reminded us of our Holy Manners

**2) Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda topic numbering was revised to eliminate duplicates.

**Motion #1** - Moved by Brenda Shodin and seconded by Cathy Zroback

THAT the agenda be approved as corrected.

Carried

**3) Community of Faith Profile:**

Mona Denton had asked 2 colleagues to assess our Profile for completeness. These colleagues will both be on the Prairie to Pine group that has to approve our profile so their input as well as Mona's was helpful in making revisions. LT then went through the Profile and suggested further changes in each of the sections.

**Motion #2** Moved by Peter Fox and seconded by Cathy Zroback

THAT the Knox United Church, Kenora Community of Faith Profile and appendices be approved by Leadership Team and forwarded to the congregation for their approval at a virtual meeting on January 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Carried

Assuming approval at that meeting, it will then be forwarded to Prairie to Pine for final approval before being posted to the United Church Hub to attract applicants for our vacant ministerial position.

Marc then commended LT, the Profile Draft group and Mona Denton for a job well done.

Mona shared a musical selection on her Cello with our group before she left the meeting.

**4) Approval of Minutes:**

**i) November 9, 2021 Minutes:**

Correction item 3ii) The Northwestern Health Unit did come to assess the tent site but declined to act on the request to remove the needles. Cheryl Dyck completed the clean up.

Correct spelling under WIG report, "Parents aren't COMING ..."

**Motion #3** Moved by Peter Fox and seconded by Brenda Shodin

THAT the November 9, 2021 minutes be approved as corrected.

Carried

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**December 14, 2021 Minutes:**

Correction: Under Community of Faith Profile, at bottom of Financial Viability  
"Before LT passes the Profile, submit it to Prairie to Pine for unofficial feedback to avoid repeated resubmissions for corrections...."

**Motion#4** Moved by Thelma Bretel and seconded by Peter Fox  
THAT the December 14, 2021 LT minutes be approved as corrected.  
Carried

**ii) Email Decisions:**

Approval for Cheryl Kinney Matheson to do a family baptism on December 29, 2021  
(this was ultimately cancelled by family due to local Covid increase).

Suspension of in person worship services as per WIG recommendation during Omicron Covid surge and Public Health Restrictions.

M&P recommendations that Cheryl Dyck return to working at home (Omicron surge).

**5) Business Arising From Minutes:**

- i) "Lost" Congregants: Lynda Pyzer spoke to many over the Christmas holidays. Most were feeling "OK" about church. Pat Fair (visiting) also felt all was OK. Her interest group is a big job and has few members but they are managing. Some congregants are calling members.
- ii) Membership Transfer: Can be done without "paperwork" from home church. Marc suggested that it is best to do it by a reaffirmation of Baptismal Faith. Initially the couple was not at the church service to advise them and then church was closed due to Covid so the transfer of membership has not happened.
- iii) Spirituality Interest Group is looking forward to forming, but feels now is not the time. The group will bring their plan to the Leadership Team.
- iv) Lynda Pyzer has lost touch with Kenora Moving Forward. There has been no further meeting between KDSB and Kenora Moving Forward.
- v) Knox keys: The 2 keys signed out to Meg Illman-White have not been returned. An e-mail was sent requesting their return to the office or to Rai Therrien via a meet. There has been no response in either fashion. Rai will pursue this further.
- vi) Children's Christmas service did take place. Lynda had no issue securing permission to read this story. Discussion of copyright acquisition and issues was discussed briefly. The idea of holding a "story corner" for children was discussed. Could each family suggest a favourite story to be used and even take a turn being the reader of their favourite one?  
Jan Richardson has determined a way to use stories without breaching copyright.

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**vii)** Church entry wall repair: Cathy Zroback, Lakeside Builders assessed the tower wall and submitted a cost estimate of \$3147.05  
LT by consensus approved the repair be completed.

**6) Other:**

Status of the Building: Currently not closed but following Public Health restriction services are suspended. Anyone who does NOT regularly access the building MUST advise Cheryl Dyck that they want access.

Cheryl Dyck decided to continue to work from the office rather than from home.

The Centering Prayer Group will assess their return to meetings on the January 27 according to city and provincial Public Health guidelines.

G Clef Choir will wait for the city reassessment on January 27.

Peter Fox advised that he has started a reserve financial fund to help cover upcoming ministerial relocation costs with a \$30,000 budget and Finance sent salary and information to M&P committee.

Peter Fox would like to use wording from the Community of Faith Profile to answer questions in the Carbon Footprint Grant, LT agreed to this.

**7) Adjournment:**

Brenda Shodin moved that the meeting to be adjourned.

Date of next meeting - February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Devotions - Peter Fox

**8) Closing Prayer:**

Marc Whitehead led prayer.



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Signature of Chair



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Signature of Secretary

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**Decisions Made By Consensus:**

Lakeside Builders will be asked to complete tower wall repair as per their estimate.

Church is not closed but anyone who does not regularly access the church MUST advise Cheryl Dyck in advance that they would like to enter and why.

Peter Fox can use excerpts from the Community of Faith Profile to answer the questions posed in the Footprints Grant.

**Reports and Tasks Pending from January 11, 2022**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Person(s) / Responsible</b>
Advise congregation of meeting Jan23 @ 1PM on ZOOM	Via newsletter
Retrieve keys	Rai Therrien
Community of Faith Profile to members of congregation to review	Sent from office
Pursue possibility of continuing a "Story Corner " for children	WIG and interested LT or other church members
Accept Lakeside Builder's estimate for wall repair	Cathy Zroback