

NUASM Board Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025

The April meeting of the NUASM Board was held by Zoom teleconference on Tuesday April 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Present: Leona Kucher, Pat Fedoruk, Susan Phillips, Judy Elgert, Lynda Lowry, Jane Goudie, Betty Ebner, Murray Hart

Regrets: Daphne Hall, Rev. Chad, Anita d'Armada

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Leona Kucher called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Opening Prayer – reading by Leona

3. Additions/Changes to Agenda - the agenda was amended by the addition of: Letter from Congregation Member added to Correspondence; GAP committee added to New Business.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Lynda Lowry / Judy Elgert

That the agenda be approved as amended. **Carried.**

5. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (March 18, 2025)

Motion: Murray Hart / Pat Fedoruk

That the minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) United Church 100th Anniversary

Susan provided a review and update of plans:

- June 8 will be our 100th Anniversary service. Joe Ball will lead the service which will feature Communion and also the participation of Rita Friesen and Rev. John Lea.
- the service will be a mixture of historical and contemporary items.
- the Brunch convenors are finalizing plans. The NUC has approved a \$300. budget to pay for supplies and expenses. There will be a silver collection to raise money for a worthy cause. Helpers are being contacted to provide stew (recipe provided), biscuits and cake, and to help with other jobs.
- the UCW flower planting project is being organized.
- historical information will continue to be provided at Sunday services leading up to the anniversary date.
- Overall, plans are well in hand; Leona expressed thanks to the organizers for their excellent work.

b) Moving Forward Meeting April 22, 2025

- date is April 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the church.
- Judy Hare (Pastoral Relations Minister, Prairie to Pine Region), Bishop Rachael, and Pastoral Supervisor John Lea will be the resource people
- members of our three boards, the UCW, and all interested community of faith members are invited to attend.
- Judy will operate the sound booth so that microphones are available for anyone speaking.
- It was agreed to tape the meeting so that we have an accurate record to which we can refer back if needed. This will not go online but could be available for committees or congregation members who need to refer to it.
- the NUASM secretary will also keep written notes on basic information that may be provided, and also questions and answers.

- Leona will contact John lea to tell him of our intention to tape the meeting, and also to ask about the agenda and who will chair the meeting.
- Pat will organize tea and coffee in the foyer
- we are especially interested in any information pertaining to the makeup and functioning of a proposed Search Committee. We have a copy of the Ministry Profile used when issuing our last call in 2020; it may be helpful as a starting point this time.

7. Correspondence

a) Letter from Community of Faith Member

- a letter was received asking that travel expenses for a person coming in to perform Holy Eucharist services be covered in the same fashion as pulpit supply.
- this would happen about twice a month; the GAP committee has talked about this.
- our committee will talk about this at our next meeting.

b) Email from The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls

- received as information through our Brandon Diocese representative ... an email forwarded by Cheryl Kukurudz, Executive Archdeacon Brandon Diocese, from The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls Archbishop & Retired Primate, Anglican Church of Canada to the Prime Minister, urging political leaders to join with faith leaders in appealing for peace and a just settlement of the conflict in the Middle East.

8. Committee Reports

The NUASM committees have been busy this past month, with reports on activities made as follows:

a) Treasurer – Judy Elgert

- no bills have been received or paid, to the end of March.
- some bills have recently come in such as bills for candle oil, the costs of which are split with the Anglican side.

b) Worship – Pat Fedoruk

Our meeting was on April 7. We had discussion about the order of service for the UC 100th anniversary service June 8. Pat will converse with organizers.

Our major discussion was about how to help the GAP committee to organize pulpit supply after the end of May when Bishop-Elect, Rev. Chad has vacated. Additionally, we will prepare a fundamental outline of what should be included in the Sunday services. The rotation of lay readers for scriptures and prayers of the people will continue.

We hope to reengage the Worship Leadership team to help fill some of the pulpit vacancies.

We encourage the faith family to attend the Maundy Thursday service April 17 at 7 pm, and the Good Friday service which will be at P.A.C. (Prairie Alliance Church) at 11 a.m.

c) Ministry & Personnel – Jane Goudie

- the committee met on April 15
- they rest of the year has been planned out in terms of holidays and who is working when.

- Dawn is being asked to keep a record of extra things she may be asked to do when Rev. Chad leaves.
- The GAP committee has filled all but 4 Sundays between now and the end of the calendar year. Anita and Rita have helped fill in many of the spots.
- the committee is planning to do an exit interview with Rev. Chad before he leaves.
- the committee has recommended that the Moving Forward meeting be taped, and that folks come with prepared questions.

d) Mission & Service and Outreach – Susan Phillips

We have a busy month ahead!

We'll be doing two spring teas — one at Kinsmen Kourts One on May 8 (confirmed), and another on May 12 at Yellowhead Manor (not yet confirmed). The Hims will be joining us for both.

We have a Games Night planned for April 25th. We will send an invitation to Prairie Alliance Church folks—we really enjoyed working with the women of that congregation during the fall/winter when we made 6 quilts to take to the Bear Clan, and would love to see them again.

Our committee is meeting on April 16th and we'll be looking for ways to include a service project with our 100th anniversary celebrations. One idea is to do a focus on Habitat for Humanity, but will be discussing this further.

As always, thank you for your support!

e) Stewardship – Lynda Lowry

- work is ongoing as our community of faith shares what we have with others who need help.

f) Pastoral Care – Betty Ebner

Cards sent in March 2025

- Sympathy...2
- Get Well...1
- 1 Year Anniversary of Death...5
- Celebrations...7

•Visits/Calls...3

g) Regional Representatives

i) Prairie to Pine –

ii) Brandon Diocese – Anita d'Armada

h) Minister – Rev. Chad

Dear Friends,

It is amazing how much can happen in the span of a month! It feels like it has been absolutely ages since we flipped flap jacks for Shrove Tuesday, and journeyed through Ash Wednesday, and yet, that was just the beginning of March.

March was a whirlwind of activity that swept me off my feet in a cloud of unexpected joy, excitement, awe, wonder, and new realities, along with sorrow and grief as I began to grapple with the reality of leaving NUASM and Neepawa. I want to thank every member of our congregation who has expressed that same mix of emotions at the news of my departure,

open heartedly sharing their well wishes shaded with sadness. To know you will miss me as I will miss you, truly touches my heart.

Looking ahead to Holy Week and the great Tridium, I am so thankful to have this most Holy Paschal season to journey through with you as our last season together as priest and people. Good Friday we will join our brothers and sisters at Prairie Alliance Church (PAC) where Pastor Parker and I, along with other faith leaders in the community, will host a Good Friday service for Neepawa.

My last Sunday leading worship at NUASM will be May 25, with the following days in May set aside for wrapping things up and making sure all is in place for the interim time when you are without paid clergy. As I said in the Banner article, I am very confident in the leadership team of our parish and know you will be in good hands.

Yours in Christ,

Chad†

Funeral planning with mourners: 1

Funerals: 0

Hospital visitations: 6

Sunday worship: 3

United Church Communion: 1

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 4 (Ash Wednesday)

Country Meadows visitations: 2

Home visitations: 1

Grief counselling sessions: 0

Benedictine Chapter: 1

Habitat for Humanity Meeting: 0

Clericus meeting: 1

Executive (diocesan): 0

Ministerial Gathering: 0

Zoom meetings: 9

Days off out of allotted 8: 11

Committee meetings: 3

Office days: 17

i) Website – Murray Hart

Recent Updates include:

- posted the March minutes of St. James' Vestry and the NUASM board to the board minutes page.
- weekly update of the Stewardship Seconds message and dates of meetings on the Events and Calendar pages of the website.
- added posters to the Events page to provide information on the NUASM Maundy Thursday service and the Community Good Friday Service.
- on the main page of the website, added information about the Moving Forward meeting on April 22nd.

j) Acceptance of Reports

Motion: Lynda Lowry / Susan Phillips

That the committee reports be accepted as presented and discussed. **Carried.**

9. New Business

a) May 25

- plans for Rev. Chad's last Sunday with us ... May 25 were discussed.

b) GAP Committee

- currently the work of this committee is being done primarily by Kelly Sneesby. It would be nice if she had a helper; the M & P committee will attempt to find someone. Board members are asked to send possible names to Jane.

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm by Zoom.

11. Closing Thought - by Leona

12. Adjournment - by the Chair at 2:18 pm.

Signatures:

(Chair – Leona Kucher)

(Secretary – Murray Hart)