

NUASM Board Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025

The January meeting of the NUASM Board was held by Zoom teleconference on Tuesday

January 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Present: Pat Fedoruk, Jane Goudie, Daphne Hall, Susan Phillips, Rev. Chad, Judy Elgert, Leona Kucher, Anita d’Armada, Betty Ebner, Murray Hart

Regrets: Don Walmsley, Lynda Lowry

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

2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Chad

3. Additions/Changes to Agenda

- the topic of Wheelchairs was added to New Business

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Leona Kucher / Betty Ebner

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

5. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion: Judy Elgert / Murray Hart

That the minutes of the December 10, 2024 meeting be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) NUASM Annual Meeting Feb. 9, 2025

- reports for the NUASM booklet are due today

- the Agenda was circulated at our last meeting; no changes were suggested.

- the GAP committee has Kelly Sneesby joining as a new member. Welcome, Kelly!

- Nominating Committee Report:

- those folks leaving or staying in their positions were summarized by Jane Goudie, a member of the nominating committee

- the Vice Chair position is currently listed as vacant/pending but the nominating committee has a plan for future action on this.

- as a result of some discussion, the Nominating Committee will clarify who exactly is serving on the M & P committee; and may be able to add some new members to two committees: the Pastoral Care and the Mission &

Service and Outreach committees, based on names which were suggested.
 - it was suggested that the nominating committee report as presented in the annual booklet would be more informative if it included the term dates and/or term lengths for the various committee chairs. It would provide better information about which positions are to be elected in which years. Jane and Don will investigate this, to see if there is a way to add this refinement.

b) Naming

- last meeting there was some discussion about differentiating between the name of our organization versus the name used to describe our physical building. There was little further discussion today except to note that as we ourselves and the community at large get more familiar with our shared ministry situation, the name Neepawa United-Anglican Church is used quite commonly by folks instead of Neepawa United Church, when describing our building or the location of events held in our building.

7. Correspondence – none

8. Committee Reports

a) Treasurer – Judy Elgert

NUASM Transaction Details – January 1 through December 31, 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2024-01-09	Books	50.86		50.86
2024-02-25	UC communion supplies		8.30	59.16
2024-04-19	UC communion supplies		46.70	105.86
2024-04-19	Stamps	27.60		133.46
2024-06-17.	Appreciation Gifts	75.00		208.46
2024-06-30	Oil refills for the candles			
	162.40			370.86
2024-09-15	Sunday School			
	supplies	201.91	572.77	
2024-10-15	UC Communion supplies		8.40	581.17
2024-12-12	UC Com. supplies and Caroling		10.07	591.24
	Total	591.24	591.24	

Discussion:

- the NUASM allocation for 2025 will remain at \$1500. in order to allow for some potential expenses relating to our 5th year anniversary celebrations in

October of this year.

b) Worship – Pat Fedoruk

The Worship Committee met on January 6, 2025. We reviewed the Advent activities and events. Rev. Chad will price out Advent oil-based candles to replace the waxed ones which need to be replaced. The youth servers guild is in the planning stages. This will involve some of the older children handling some of the small tasks during Sunday services, with the intent to keep them involved in church life.

Sunday school is in transition as our teacher Nancy Hunter is stepping down and the number of children attending are few or not at all on Sundays. A plan has been made to have activity bags available for the children. They can use them while in the pews with their family or in the meeting room with a parent. The contents of the bags will be changed as needed and will be tailored to the Sunday message where possible. With this program in place, we may no longer require the Sermons4kids curriculum that has been used for the past few years.

We also discussed placing a coloured cloth or banner directly behind the pulpit so that those speaking show up better on the video view. It was decided to keep things as they are for now (partly because we want the cross on the wall to always be visible).

c) Ministry & Personnel – Jane Goudie

The M & P Committee met on January 9, 2025.

We discussed what should be included in the M & P Report for the NUASM Annual General Meeting.

We are continuing to plan/organize the required duties of the M & P Committee with the goal to be able to have limited meetings unless a situation arises which requires our attention.

d) Mission & Service and Outreach – Susan Phillips

- the outdoor Nativity scene will be packed up soon. Thanks to Grant Babcock for helping with the lights for this display. The structure which housed the manger scene in the foyer has been painted great job Rev. Chad!

- the committee will be meeting on February 19th to prepare the Lenten Calendar for this year.

e) Stewardship – Lynda Lowry

f) Pastoral Care – Betty Ebner

Cards sent in December 2024

- Sympathy...1
- Get Well...1
- 1 Year Anniversary of Death...3
- Celebrations...3

- Visits...1

Discussion:

Betty provided some information on the workings of this committee:

- for Sympathy, Get Well and Celebration cards, Betty sends out the United ones and Bea the Anglican ones
- Betty sends out all the Anniversary of Death cards.
- Bea does lots of visiting and phoning ... thanks Bea!
- a person has come forward and volunteered to help this committee by visiting members of our community of faith who live in Country Meadows. Thank you ... we love volunteers!

g) Regional Representatives – Susan Phillips and Anita d’Armada

i) Prairie to Pine – Susan

- Susan, Donna and Rev. Chad all participated in the recent 2024 Annual Meeting of the Prairie to Pine Region

ii) Brandon Diocese – Anita

- a link to the most recent Mustard Seed edition, found on the Brandon Diocese Facebook page, has been circulated to all NUASM chairs and committee members. The regular website of the Brandon Diocese is offline because it is being updated. When it comes back online, we are hoping it will be possible to access the Mustard Seed editions directly from one of the website pages.

h) Minister – Rev. Chad

Dear Friends,

December was a whirlwind with joyful activities and festive preparations for Christmas! Much thanks to each and every one who made our celebrations the glorious times of worship and togetherness that they were.

Once again, I was incredibly blessed by our dear Rita to be gifted the Sunday after Christmas as a day off. She does this very generously as a gift to me and the parish, as she refuses remuneration for officiating and leading worship!

This meant an extended time at home with family and friends for me, which this year was much needed as we had a social to plan and execute for Amy’s

upcoming wedding. It also meant that I was able to take some of the days off that I had missed throughout the year to try to regain that ever sought after life-work balance. Please know that I am feeling rested, grateful, and blessed, and that I continue to pray for you and yours as we step into this new year of our Lord, 2025.

Chad⁺

Yours in Christ,

Funeral planning with mourners: 0

Funerals: 0

Hospital visitations: 8

Sunday worship: 4

United Church Communion: 0

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 3

Community Lessons & Carols: 1

Country Meadows visitations: 9

Home visitations: 3

Grief counselling sessions: 4

Office days: 16

Committee meetings: 3

Benedictine Chapter: 0

Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee Meeting: 1

BARDS meeting (Bishop/Archdeacon/Regional deans): 1

Executive (diocesan): 0

Ministerial Gathering: 1

Zoom meetings: 5

Days off out of allotted 8: 11

Discussion:

- Rev. Chad was asked about the Habitat for Humanity Group A successful applicant will be announced shortly, and plans are for construction to start on the old Eastview site this spring.

i) Website – Murray Hart

Recent updates include:

- minutes of the December meetings of St. James' Vestry and the NUASM board have been added to the board minutes page.

- Stewardship Seconds are posted each week to the main page. Thanks goes out to Lynda Lowry and Dawn Gardy for getting the messages and images organized!

Dates of meetings and events that Dawn sends out in the Friday emails, have been added to the Events and Calendar pages of the website.

j) Acceptance of Reports

Motion: Judy Elgert / Pat Fedoruk

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

9. New Business

a) Wheelchairs

Discussion:

- Leona raised a question on behalf of a UCW group When wheelchairs are present in the aisles, does this create a hazard in the sense of restricting traffic flow in case of a fire?

- Since the sound booth was expanded a few years ago, there is no longer an empty spot for wheelchairs beside the sound booth.

- With only very limited numbers of wheelchairs present at once, and because the centre aisles are quite wide, and because there are exits at both ends of the sanctuary, it doesn't seem that there should be a problem.

- Jane may check with the Fire Marshall on this topic.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday February 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm by Zoom.

11. Closing Prayer – Rev. Chad

12. Adjournment – by the Chair at 1:49 pm.

Signatures:

(Chair – Don Walmsley)
Hart)

(Secretary – Murray