

NUASM Board Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025

The March meeting of the NUASM Board was held by Zoom teleconference on Tuesday March 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Present: Leona Kucher, Pat Fedoruk, Daphne Hall, Susan Phillips, Rev. Chad, Judy Elgert, Anita d'Armada, Lynda Lowry, Betty Ebner, Murray Hart

Regrets: Jane Goudie

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

2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Chad

3. Additions/Changes to Agenda - none

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Betty Ebner / Susan Phillips

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

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

Motion: Murray Hart / Lynda Lowry

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

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) United Church 100th Anniversary

Susan and Betty reported on plans made so far:

- Susan Phillips, Betty Ebner and Donna Newton have been working on plans
- actual date is June 10; we will celebrate on Sunday June 8, 2025.
- Susan has already reported to the worship committee and will maintain communication since this is a worship-related event.
- will have Communion that Sunday
- Brian Bailey is working on appropriate music by the choir and possibly the Hims for the service
- Judy is preparing a PowerPoint show involving a combination of United Church of Canada and local information
- guest speaker will be our former UC minister Joe Ball.
- an Anglican dignitary will probably be invited to attend but not speak
- plans are to have brunch after the service.... Elsie Martin, Val Jarema and Betty Ebner are organizing this. They will contact congregation folks to help. Possible menu is stew and dessert.
- the plan is to have a silver collection/charitable donation in lieu of a fee for lunch. Susan will approach the NUC board to ask for support of brunch costs and honorarium for the guest speaker.
- information about the history of the UCC and NUC will be given as part of announcement time, leading up to June 8th.
- the general UCW will be asking Dawn to plant petunias in pots and nurture them along, and the UCW will then plant them under the sign and near the church entrance. Church colors of Red, White and Burgundy will be used.

7. Correspondence

- an email from Pastoral Charge Supervisor John Lea, giving information about next steps in the search for new clergy, was received and will be part of new business later in the meeting.

8. Committee Reports

Lots has been happening through the various NUASM committees board members reported as follows:

a) Treasurer – Judy Elgert

- no bills have been paid out of the NUASM allocation so far in 2025.

b) Worship – Pat Fedoruk

The Worship Committee met on March 3. Susan Phillips presented the preliminary plans for our celebration of the United Church 100th Anniversary.

Children's activity bags are being used when there are children in church. Bags will be updated by the committee as needed. The M & S & O committee is now handling the land acknowledgment message. United church communion to be held March 16 and the next one will be April 13, Palm Sunday.

We anticipate that the carillon will be set up to play music for Holy week. Music will be heard inside and outside the church from noon until one pm. A Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. April 17. Good Friday service will be at our church if there are no church community plans.

c) Ministry & Personnel – Jane Goudie

We have a meeting planned for Tuesday April 15, 2025.

I am going to suggest that the three boards, NUC, NUASM and Vestry, each have a volunteer to begin the ministry search. We have two areas, United church and Anglican, from which to draw/search for a minister.

I suggest we have that committee of three and have one more person to head the committee.

I am away for a month, returning Tuesday April 8, 2025.

d) Mission & Service and Outreach – Susan Phillips

- the committee is working on establishing dates for two spring teas as they have done in the past.

- six quilts have been delivered to the Bear Clan in Brandon for distribution. This was a joint project of ladies from NUASM and the PAC church.

- the committee has produced the 2025 Lenten Calendar; the collection baskets in the foyer are filling up with items the congregation is generously donating.

- there will be a Games Night in April ... announcements will be made beforehand to advertise the event.

e) Stewardship – Lynda Lowry

f) Pastoral Care – Betty Ebner

Cards sent in February 2025

•Sympathy...2

•Get Well...2

•1 Year Anniversary of Death..2

•Celebration...0

•Visits...3

g) Regional Representatives

i) Prairie to Pine –

ii) Brandon Diocese – Anita d’Armada

- the Brandon Diocese website is still being updated; Mustard Seed publications are currently available through their Facebook page.
- March marks the first Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Rachael

h) Minister – Rev. Chad

Dear Friends,

I write this report with a very real sense of disbelief and mixed emotions, because as you now know, on March 8th, 2025, the people of The Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon elected me to be their 14th bishop. A ministry which will commence in June, with the consecration on June 14th in The Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist in Saskatoon. The exact dates of when I will complete my ministry with you are still being worked out, but for now, I am determined to make the most of every moment we have together.

A requirement of now being a bishop-elect is attending the National House of Bishops meetings in Niagara Falls March 28- April 4, which will mean I am away from the parish over spring break. Anita has agreed once again to lead worship that Sunday, a gift for which I am very grateful. We have a tremendous team of leaders in this parish who I am confident will attend to the needs of our faith family until you find a new spiritual leader.

It has been my honour and privilege, and I mean those words with absolute genuineness, to be the first incumbent minister of The Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry, and to help you bravely step into this reality. You all have been mentors, confidants, fellow travelers on the road of faith, healers, and friends to me, and have played a huge role in equipping me for this new and awesome ministry as the bishop of Saskatoon. The words “thank you” will never, ever be enough. I love you all NUASM and always will and will carry you with me until the end of my days.

Yours in Christ,



Funeral planning with mourners: 2
Funerals: 2
Hospital visitations: 4
Sunday worship: 4
United Church Communion: 0
Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 3
Country Meadows visitations: 4
Home visitations: 5
Grief counselling sessions: 3

Benedictine Chapter: 0
Habitat for Humanity Meeting: 1
BARDS meeting: 1
Executive (diocesan): 0
Ministerial Gathering: 0
Zoom meetings: 12
Days off out of allotted 8: 5
Committee meetings: 3
Office days: 19

Discussion:

- Bishop - Elect Chad’s Consecration in Saskatoon has been moved up in June so as a result his last Sunday with us will be May 25th, and his resignation will be effective as of May 31, 2025.
- Leona expressed to Rev. Chad that we have greatly appreciated his talents over the last five years and we are sad to see him leave us. Our best wishes go with you, Rev Chad; we wish you the very best in the future!

i) Website – Murray Hart

Recent updates and changes include:

- posted the February minutes of the NUASM board meeting to the Board Minutes page
- on the Events page, placed and now removed posters advertising the Pancake Brunch and the World Day of Prayer
- a re-coded version of the website is now up and running, caused by a change in the program which is used to design the website. Some improved features include: unifying thematic features on each page, rounded corners on text boxes for a more polished appearance, proper navigation bars instead of links in a table, and drop-down lists for board minutes instead of large tables with links.

j) Acceptance of Reports

Motion: Murray Hart / Pat Fedoruk

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

9. New Business

a) Search for New Clergy

Email received from John Lea ... summary:

- Judy Hare, Prairie to Pine Regional Council Pastoral Relations Minister, and Bishop Rachael have had a discussion concerning our upcoming position vacancy
- along with John Lea, Pastoral Charge Supervisor, they would like to meet with members of our governing bodies and interested parties from the community of faith as a whole to talk about possible next steps in both general and specific terms.
- their suggested date is during the week of April 21 - 25 (excluding April 24). The NUASM board favours a date from April 21 to 23, and the board secretary will pass that information along to Rev. Lea. The NUC board and the St. James' Vestry will advise him separately of their preferred date(s) for the meeting.
- Rev. Lea suggested that an ad hoc committee with a variety of people could be named soon in order to begin the process of describing ourselves, the community, and the position description.

Discussion:

- both of our denominations need to be represented on a search committee
- it would make sense for each of our three boards to have input into the makeup of the search committee
- a suggestion made in the M & P report above is to have the three boards (NUC, NUASM and Vestry) each have a volunteer to begin the ministry search, giving a committee of three plus one more person to head the committee.
- a similar suggestion that was mentioned was to ask the three board chairs to solicit names from their area, then meet to establish a search committee chair and committee members, with total membership of approximately six.
- it seems that we won't know until that April meeting what the specific role of the search committee will be and exactly what next steps would be taken. If we get too far ahead of the process, we may do work that is not needed or may start going down the wrong path.
- it was mentioned that we have access to the final Ministry Profile from May 2020, and it could well help our search committee to begin operating quickly once it is established. The secretary will send out copies for information.
- there was potentially useful information about the structure of NUASM and the functioning of its committees in the Covenant which NUASM made with the Prairie to Pine Region. Susan will look for a copy of this document.
- it was mentioned that having a Zoom option for the April meeting may be an idea to pursue.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm by Zoom.

11. Closing Prayer - Rev. Chad

12. Adjournment - by the chair at 1:58 pm.

Signatures:

(Chair – Leona Kucher)

(Secretary – Murray Hart)