

MEETING OF THE BOARD

Neepawa United Church
May 20, 2025

Present: Glen Cummings, Rev. Chad McCharles, Grant Babcock, Susan Phillips, Lynda Lowry, Linda Hart, Gayle Johnston, Rev. John Lea, Betty Ebner, Connie McLeod, Judy Elgert

1. **Call to order** – Glen called the meeting to order at 7 pm

2. **Opening Meditation** – John led us in an opening meditation focusing on the meaning of the word “CALL”.

3. **Additions to the Agenda** – Add Thank you card to Correspondence.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Judy Elgert moved adoption of the amended agenda, seconded by Susan Phillips. **Carried.**

5. Adoption of the Minutes

Susan Phillips moved adoption of the Jan. 21, 2025 minutes, seconded by Connie McLeod. **Carried.**

6. Correspondence

A) Dawn Gardy sent a report to the Board giving a summary of rentals/usage of the Church facilities for April. She also gave an update on how issuing wedding certificates from the office is going.

B) Town of Neepawa sent a notice that Diamond Water Works is asking for a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 25 ft. to 10 ft. to accommodate an addition to their business.

C) A thank you card for the donation that we made to Jasper United Church.

7. Treasurer’s Report

- Judy Elgert distributed the financial statement which shows income and expenses for each of Jan. to April 2025, a year to year comparison for Jan. to April 2024 and Jan to April 2025, as well as a list of checks written Jan to April.
- The deficit at the end of April 2025 is \$2,400 less than in April 2024.
- St. James Anglican Church has increased their monthly donation from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

NUC Financial Statement to the end of April 2025

Income	\$ 65,387.19
Expenses	\$ 70,728.04
Deficit	\$ 5,340.85

Moved by Judy Elgert, seconded by Gayle Johnston, that the Financial Statement be adopted. **Carried.**

8. Committee Reports

A) **Property** Grant Babcock reported

- Grant will ask Flynn Roofing to investigate roof on the northwest corner where leaking occurs in the spring.
- John’s Electric did some work on plug ins.

8A) Property continued

- Grant will look into having handicap parking signs placed on the first two spaces in the Church parking lot.
- Randy Martin will be taking down a tree that is near the foundation.
- The Men's Shed is working on modification of the choir privacy front.
- Grant will check with Doug Guy re: lawn cutting.

B) **UCW**

- The Neepawa UCW last General Meeting was on May 7, 2025
- Two funeral lunches are upcoming.
- UCW made \$4202.75 from the Gently Used Sale

C) **Pastoral Charge Supervisor's Report**

- John Lea reported that he will now be attending the NUASM Board Meetings (by ZOOM).
- John emphasized the importance of having a financial reviewer in place. Judy will ask Daphne Hall if she will be the financial reviewer for 2025.
- John will prepare his Annual Report to the Regional Council in July.

D) **Trustees** –Gayle reported that the insurance is in place and all premiums paid.

E) **Stewardship** Lynda Lowry reported

- Stewardship Seconds appear every week in the e-mailed newsletter and on the overhead during Sunday services.

F) **Prairie to Pine Region**

We still need volunteers in this position.

G) **Minister's Report**

- Chad submitted reports for Jan., Feb. and March.
- Chad's last Sunday Service is May 25 before he takes up his new position as Bishop in Saskatoon. He has had two exit interviews with the M&P Committee and with the Bishop.
- Chad summarized the work he has been doing in the last month as he prepares to leave.

H) **Ministry and Personnel**

- Lynda Lowry reported that the GAP Committee has filled all the Sundays until the end of December.
- There is a Worship Leadership Team in place that can fill in when needed.
- A **motion was made and passed** that the NUC pay for the service fee and mileage for an Anglican priest to come to Neepawa for Holy Eucharist at least once a month.
- Ruth Hanke has been on the GAP Committee for many years and is resigning from the Committee. Betty Ebner volunteered to take her place and work with Kelly Sneesby on the GAP Committee. The GAP Committee reports to the Worship Committee of NUASM.

I) **Acceptance of all reports** was moved by Betty Ebner and seconded by Grant Babcock. **Carried.**

9. **Old Business**

A) **Computer for Live Streaming**

Judy was looking into the problems with the computer and solved it by replacing the internet stick.

9B) **Financial Reviewer** - Daphne Hall reviewed the 2024 statements and is being asked if she will be the reviewer for 2025.

C) **Handicap Parking** – is being looked after as outlined in Property Report.

10. **New Business**

A) **NUASM Moving Forward Meeting April 22, 2025**

The meeting with Judy Hares, Bishop Rachael and Rev. John Lea was well attended and informative, outlining steps that need to be followed in the process of getting a new minister. The minutes of this meeting have been distributed. Since that meeting a committee of six has been formed to develop a profile of the Church and community as the first step in the process. NUC: Lynda Lowry and Jane Goudie, NUASM: Murray Hart and Don Walmsley, St. James Anglican: Nancy Hunter and Jackie Snider

B) **Change of Caretaker**

Doug Guy is taking some time off and will be replaced by Marivi Bonali. She has obtained all necessary checks. Jane Goudie and Grant met with her and she signed a six month contract with wage starting at \$18 an hour.

C) **Sticky Key Grand Piano**- has been fixed

D) **New Choir Front** – Men's Shed working on this

E) **United Church 100th Anniversary Celebration June 8, 2025**

- Susan reported that the service plans are coming together with Joe Ball, John Lea and Rita Friesen.
- An outreach to Habitat for Humanity Neepawa is part of the celebration with donations being collected and silver collection at the brunch going to this organization.
- Betty reported that the lunch is organized.
- Susan informed us that there is a 100th Anniversary program on Vision TV on June 10th at 8:00 pm.

F) **Rita as Sacraments Elder**

A **motion was made and passed** by e-mail on May 2 to support Rita's application to renew her license as Sacraments Elder. Glen has signed the necessary papers and Rita can send in her application.

G) **Westman Youth Choir**

The Westman Youth Choir will be singing in Neepawa in October 2025. They have requested use of the Church.

A **motion was made and passed** to allow the Choir to use the Church at no cost for their concert in October 2025.

H) **Office Laptop Replacement**

A **motion was made and passed** to purchase a new laptop and monitor for the office, price not to exceed \$2,000.

I) **Beautiful Plains Community Foundation**

- NUASM was chosen to receive a gift of \$750 from BPCF as part of their 30 Days of Giving.
- A **motion was made and passed** to use this money to go towards the purchase of the office computer.
- Linda will ask Leona to accept the donation on June 3 at 11am at the Foundation office.

11. **Moment of Levity** – shared by Chad

12. **Next Board Meetings**

- Tuesday Sept. 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday Nov. 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm

13. Chad closed the meeting with a prayer.

14. Glen adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm

E-MAIL Motions made since Jan. 21/25 Board Meeting

1. **Motion made by Judy Elgert and Seconded by Linda Hart.** That the NUC allow the Neepawa Community Choir to use CEC for their regular practices at no cost. **Carried.**
2. **Motion made by Linda Hart and seconded by Lynda Lowry.** That the NUC Board have the sticky key on the grand piano repaired. **Carried.**
3. **Motion made by Lynda Lowry and seconded by Leila Hildebrand.** That the NUC pay an honorarium of \$150 to Daphne Hall for checking the 2024 financial statements. **Carried.**
4. **Motion made by Rita Friesen and seconded by Judy Elgert.** That the NUC authorize the Men's Shed to work on the privacy screen for the choir at quoted price. **Carried.**
5. **Motion made by Lynda Lowry and seconded by Susan Phillips.** That the NUC allocate \$300 towards the 100th Anniversary Event so that the luncheon can be free to those attending. **Carried.**
6. **Motion made by Leila Hildebrand and seconded by Lynda Lowry.** That the NUC Board support the application of Rita Friesen to renew her license as a Sacraments Elder. **Carried.**

Motions made May 20, 2025

1. **Motion made by Lynda Lowry and seconded by Susan Phillips.** That NUC pay the service fee and mileage for an Anglican priest to come to lead Holy Eucharist once, or twice a month, according to the Diocese of Brandon rates. **Carried.**
2. **Motion made by Betty Ebner and seconded by Gayle Johnston.** That we give the Westman Youth Choir the complimentary use of our sanctuary for their concert in October 2025. **Carried.**
3. **Motion made by Susan Phillips and seconded by Judy Elgert.** That we purchase a new computer and monitor for the office, not to exceed \$2,000. **Carried.**
4. **Motion made by Susan Phillips and seconded by Connie McLeod.** That we use the \$750 gifted from the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation to put towards the new office computer. **Carried.**

E-MAIL Motions made May 22, 2025

1. **Motion made by Judy Elgert and seconded by Linda Hart.** That our financial reviewer for 2025 be Daphne Hall. **Carried.**
2. **Motion made by Judy Elgert and seconded by Linda Hart.** That we pay Rev. John Lea \$621.25 which includes his mileage and an honorarium for Sept. 2024 to June 2025. **Carried**