

### 3) Reports

#### a) *Minister's Report (Submitted by Rev'd Alwin Maben)*

"Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;" is perhaps our Pentecostal Prayer. However, some of our colleagues warned us about singing this hymn while parts of Canada was/is burning with unprecedented forest fires. While we need the "Wind of Change" to continue to help us grow as Faith Community, may the Spirit of God in Christ guide us and show us the way forward.

The months of May and June for me has been the period of Meetings. The Special Session of Synod, Diocese of Kootenay – Anglican Church of Canada, was on May 27, 2023. This was via Zoom. Along with usual business, there was good discussion on Special Working Groups Report with regard to "A Path Forward." On the whole, the emphasis as I understood is "Co-creating a world where all experience and share the transforming power of God's love." Elaine Pickles and Judy Peterson, who are our representatives to the Synod, submitted a written report "A Brief report of the history of All Saints Church, now known as Kimberley Shared Ministry." I had the privilege of reading the 'Motion of Thanks' towards the end of the meeting.

The Pacific Mountain Regional Council – 5 th Annual General Meeting was held at the University of the Fraser Valley , in Abbotsford, BC from June 1-4, 2023. The Theme was "Refining Fire. Living Stones." Our keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis who enriched us with lively, thought provoking theological reflections. One thing that resonated with me in all her talks was the emphasis on "Speaking the Truth." The importance of it, however hard it may be, in a world where false or mis-information spreads fast. We had good worship services with good music that was calming, reflective and rousing. The one worship service that touched me most was the one led by Tony Snow. It was remembering the children died in Residential Schools. He said, we as Christians quote Jesus saying, "Let the Children Come to me." But then he asked, "What have we done to these children?". It was a very emotional service where Teddy bears and flowers were laid at the altar in memory of the children. The meetings concluded with the Celebration of Ministry in which two persons were Ordained and one Commissioned. I am yet to write a report on this AGM and will do it shortly.

As part of my continuing education I attended "reVITALize" by the sea at St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax, June 7-9, 2023. This was another good learning session. There were quite a number of good speakers who spoke on vital subjects. What impressed me most was the one by Rev. Lloyd Nyarota, "Towards a Better Society: Mission and Ministry of Reconciliation" and another one by Chris Pullenayegem, "Hiding in Plain Sight: Diaspora and the Emerging Church." These two topics I felt are really challenging in view of what we are talking about "Truth and Reconciliation" and the changing demography of Canada. I will say more about this Education program in the report that should appear in our News-Letter.

In my last report I had mentioned about having Ecumenical Worship Services with our neighbours – Presbyterian whenever we have a 5th Sunday in a month. Though the idea is welcomed, there has not been much progress and I am following up on it.

We observed Mother's Day on May 14 th and Father's Day on June 18 th with Church Picnic. I'm grateful to Outreach, Pastoral Care and Fellowship committee for all their support and also to Worship Committee. June 25 th was observed as National Indigenous Sunday/Day of Prayer. We changed our plans with regard to observation of that as some members strongly felt that there is the need for studying about truth and reconciliation before engaging anyone from the First Nations in worship service.

With regard to the Remit coming up next February to recognize/agree to Independent Indigenous church the National Church has produced a Video with regard to procedure. It's only the council that needs to vote on it and not the congregation. The Regional Council has already voted in favour.

Our Outreach service at Pines and Garden View Village are going well. Thanks to Val Bromley and Thea Hendriksma for accompanying me. We continue this service during summer. I was able to give communion to two residents at Pines recently. I am also happy with the house visits I have been able to make and thanks to all those who have invited and are inviting me to have dinner/supper as Ida is away. I continue to reach out to people through emails, phone calls, text messages, etc.

I continue to attend most of the zoom meetings with the National Church and Regional Council, as well as the Diocese of Kootenay on Zoom. In the past two months, I also had a meeting with Kathy Davies, our Regional Minister, PMRC with regard to my re-appointment as well as a zoom meeting with Andrea L. Brennan, Regional Dean, East Kootenay Region. I also attended a zoom meeting with the North American Alumni of my United Theological College, Bangalore.

Once again grateful thanks to all our Council members, members of all sub-committees, and to our faith community members, for all your support, care, suggestions and encouragements. May the refining fire of the Spirit help us burn away the structures and consume the sham of our holy system that comes in the way and prevents us moving forward as a Shared Ministry

*b) Treasurer's Report (Submitted by Susan Baker)*

Bank balance as of June 30, 2023 was \$10,560 and we will soon have to make a payment of approximately \$6,000 plus installation charges from plumber and electrician for the new dishwasher. I have therefore asked to have \$10,000 moved from the operating investment to our RBC bank account. If there are any additional large payments, we will need to transfer additional funds from the operating investment.

To accurately forecast cash requirements to year end I need better information on fundraising events in the fall. I would appreciate it if anyone who is planning a fundraising event could send me an estimate of the amount of funds they expect to raise.

The 2023 budget also included monies for building as follows:

- Bell installation 5,000
- Landscaping 1,000
- Ramp 4,000
- Automatic door 11,000

I would like to know if these items will be completed in 2023 and if so, what the projected completion date and cost will be.

### INVESTMENTS

- We have moved \$100,000 into GICs with RBC.
- Some confusion on level of risk with Canoe. Canoe say they are low to medium risk while Morningstar says that the Canoe investment is “high risk – high yield relative to its peers in the same category”.
- On the attached reports from Canoe please note that there are relatively high fees in the operating account. I am currently discussing fee structure with Canoe.

*(See attached pdfs: Balance Sheet as of June 30/23, Profit and Loss Jan through June; Investments: Legacy, Operating)*

### *c) Committee Reports*

### **PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Terry Thompson, Chair)**

The new Shared Ministry sign has been installed and looks great.

The insurance claim for snow damage to the Bullis residence has been settled for sum of \$2,800.

There is an upcoming meeting with the City regarding the Handicap ramp and a Reserved parking space.

The small upper hall fridge has been sold to the Mark Creek Lions Club.

A Dishwasher has been ordered for installation in the upper hall.

A housing design & plan are underway for the church bell from All Saints, and it

is hoped that it will be ready in time for the September celebration. Looking for suggestions for its location.

We will suffer a \$500 monthly rental loss as the Day Care group have given notice that they will no longer be using our premises.

OUTREACH, PASTORAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP REPORT (Submitted by Diana Semenchuk, notes by Barb Streich)

We met on June 5. PRESENT: Jackie, Diana, Ruth, Jan, Donna, Judy, Val, Carol, Barb  
REGRETS: Alwin, Jill, Thea, Joy, Louise, Colin. Diana opened the meeting with a prayer. Barb approved the agenda, seconded by Val. Minutes of May 1, were approved by Jan, seconded by Donna.

There have been 8 prayer shawls distributed since January, but concern was expressed that shawls taken have not been recorded. Currently, there are no shawls in the distribution bin. A request for more shawls to be made is necessary.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

(i) **Growing a Caring Congregation** – It suggested that an up-to-date list of our church members be distributed to each member of our committee. Diana will ask Linda Johnson to make copies for us. Communication is essential for this committee to work successfully. Cards and stamps will be available to the congregation, in the Narthex, to connect with our church members who do not attend church or may have health concerns. Checking our “prayers for the people” book will be assessed each week to help determine the need for a card or a visit. This committee will discuss how to divide up possible needs in our congregation once the list has been provided.

(ii) **Mother’s Day/Whoop and Holler Savory Auction** – Both events went very well. All were pleased with the flowers from Flora Bora. The Savory Auction made \$535.

(iii) **100 th Celebration** – Louise is away, but invitations have been distributed. More invitations are in the works. Information on possible invitees must be given to Linda Johnson (addresses, background connection to the church (es), etc.). Diana will check with Save On to see if they are able to make cakes with pictures of each church for this weekend celebration. Louanne Sanderson will also be asked about making a cake for Saturday, September 2. An old fashion, fancy sandwich luncheon is still being planned for after church on Sunday, September 3.

(iv) **July Fest** – No gathering is planned as the route for the parade is not suitable for our involvement.

(v) **Appliances** – The old stove downstairs has been dismantled and will need to be removed. The Building Committee will be asked to assist with this project. We will purchase a similar commercial dishwasher for the Upper Hall that Centre 64 has installed. The small fridge in the

Upper Hall will be sold. There will be a notice put in the church bulletin....asking \$50.  
POSTSCRIPT: Our new commercial dishwasher has now been delivered to the church with plumbing and electrical instal by the middle of July.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **Father's Day – Sunday, June 18** – 24 bags of 6 cookies will be distributed to the men and children in attendance. Carol, Jan, Diana and Jackie will make cookies to be brought to Jan's house on Saturday, June 17 at 11 AM. Jan and Donna will bring the cookies on Sunday to church.

(b) **Church Picnic – Sunday, June 18** – Val will ask Al Hockley to bring his bbq and help cook the burgers and hot dogs. Jay Mellor will assist. Diana – order veggie burgers and pre-cooked burgers from Save On / we have hot dogs in church freezer to be used. Jan – order hot dog and hamburger buns. Jackie – prepare lettuce, tomato, cheese plates (use vouchers from church office). Barb – prepare onions. \*The congregation will be asked to bring a salad or dessert, their own plate, cutlery and lawn chair.\*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM, and we will next meet on Monday, August 14, 11 a.m.  
The FOCUS will be PREPARATION FOR 100th CELEBRATION

#### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Gerda Mann, Chair)

1. On June 15, 2023, the Communications Committee (Gerda Mann, Jim Andrews, Allan Sayegh) and Rev. Alwin Maben met with Ryan Smith and Mikaela Smith to review a proposal for the purchase of Streaming Gear and Networking Equipment to improve the church's current networking/streaming situation. Along with installation and implementation, Ryan will troubleshoot and maintain the upkeep of all networking and streaming equipment. He will also create easy to follow step-by-step instructions to ensure a comfortable and successful stream, every stream. Additionally, he will design a roadmap for volunteers to easily follow and share in creating our own unique online Community.

Ryan Smith is particularly qualified to undertake this project as he is currently obtaining a Master's Degree in Computer Science and Cybersecurity. It is hoped that we can work together as a community to use the opportunities of our times to grow and expand. Mikaela Smith will undertake an incentive program to seek out organizations that would benefit from this state-of-the-art equipment. Institutions such as the College of the Rockies or Selkirk Secondary School and musical groups could be possible clients.

It was unanimously agreed that we would purchase this equipment at a total cost of Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-five (\$5,285) Dollars. The funds for this purchase would be taken, firstly, from the Organ Fund (approximately \$1,313) and, secondly, the remainder (\$3,972) from the Operating Budget. This purchase would deplete the Organ Fund in its entirety.

2. For some time Jim Andrews has wished to be relieved of his responsibility as webmaster. Ryan Smith has advised that he and Samantha Bloomfield would be pleased to take over the church's website. We expect that Ryan, Samantha and Jim will meet shortly to arrange for this transfer of responsibility.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Carol Andrews)

- Sunday School ended June 25; recommences in September.
- Alwin continuing to pursue sharing services with the Presbyterian congregation on fifth Sundays of the month.
- Alwin reported on the Pacific Mountain Region meeting he attended and the workshop in Halifax.
- Fall Study will be on "Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action" booklet from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, University of Manitoba.
- October 22 Pulpit Supply: Cynthia Smith and Elaine Pickles
- Next meeting Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm.

PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (No report)