

Present: Joyce Payne (Chair), Eileen Antone, Grafton Antone, Jim Evans, Louise Hall, Beth Parsons, Robin Sherman, Mary Anne Silverthorn, Sue Duliban (Executive Assistant), Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa (Executive Minister)

Regrets: Judith Fayter

Welcome and Check-in

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Payne, by the authority vested in her as ARW Transition Commission chair and the General Council.

Acknowledgement of Territory/Worship

Joyce acknowledged the Territory. She then read from Romans 8 v16 from The Message and offered a prayer.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED: Mary Ann Silverthorn, **SECONDED:** Robin Sherman
Adoption of agenda with amendments.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Past Meetings

1) Governance Handbook

MOVED: Louise Hall, **SECONDED:** Beth Parsons
Acceptance of the Antler River Watershed Region Governance Handbook.

CARRIED

2) Authorize Expense Signers

MOVED: Mary Ann Silverthorn, **SECONDED:** Jim Evans

That any two of the following five have the authority to endorse expenses for Antler River Watershed: Diane Blanchard, Sue Duliban, Ruthanna Mack, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa and the Treasurer of Antler River Watershed Regional Council (to be named).

CARRIED (One abstention)

3) Gathering of Ontario-Quebec Native Ministries

Cheryl-Ann confirmed that Joyce and Louise are able to attend the upcoming gathering in Hamilton. Cheryl-Ann to follow-up with the organizers and provide Joyce and Louise with details.

Procedural Motions

MOVED: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, **SECONDED:** Jim Evans

That Antler River Watershed Regional Council confirms the appointment of A) pastoral charge supervisors; and B) representatives assisting congregations with either pastoral relations matters or other items, such as property, as in place in the preceding Presbyteries at December 21, 2018 and as reported to the Regional Council. A listing to be provided as an appendix to these minutes once all Presbyteries have reported.

CARRIED

Sue and Cheryl-Ann to go through lists received (and still being received) from former presbyteries and will attach as an appendix to the minutes once the entire listing is complete.

The question was raised: if someone is going to be on the Board of Vocation, can they serve as pastoral relations liaison? Cheryl-Ann clarified that someone who had a pastoral relations role previously can continue in that role, but absolutely not beyond the annual meeting.

MOVED: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, **SECONDED:** Beth Parsons
That Antler River Watershed Regional Council confirms the granting of a licence to celebrate sacraments according to the terms of The Manual 2019 and as authorized by the preceding Conferences. **CARRIED**

Correspondence

1) Worship United – invitation from Canadian Shield Regional Council for worship leaders within regions to provide worship resources for one month in the year.

After some discussion and agreement that this is an important and interesting project, it was

MOVED: Jim Evans, **SECONDED:** Robin Shearman
That Antler River Watershed will reply to Canadian Shield Regional Council confirming their interest in providing a full worship liturgy for the month of October. Should the month of October be unavailable, September is the second choice. **CARRIED**

It was agreed that once the month is confirmed, an invitation be issued to the region to ask for interested people to work on the liturgy. The transition commission will be the default to prepare the liturgies, should there be no response from regional folks.

2) Request for a change in pastoral relations: Rev. Andrea Allan
MOVED: Mary Ann Silverthorn, **SECONDED:** Jim Evans
That Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request for change in pastoral relations for Rev. Andrea Allan effective March 31, 2019. **CARRIED**

3) Request for a change in pastoral relations: Rev. Cathy Larmond
MOVED: Louise Hall, **SECONDED:** Jim Evans
That Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request for change in pastoral relations for Rev. Cathy Larmond effective March 17, 2019. **CARRIED**

4) Request for change in pastoral relations: Rev. Paul Vollick
MOVED: Beth Parsons, **SECONDED:** Jim Evans
That Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request for change in pastoral relations for retirement for Rev. Paul Vollick effective May 31, 2019. **CARRIED**

5) Securing a supervisor for Embro United Church and Tupperville Pastoral Charge

Cheryl-Ann's suggestion around Embro, Tupperville and Mount Elgin pastoral charges, is that she will write a letter directing them to the pastoral relations resources and to the policy that now authorizes the governing body to arrange for that work and to endorse it and help them get started on that work now if they are interested. Advising them that we will be naming a pastoral charge supervisor, and that the pastoral relations process is in the midst of training liaisons to work with them around position descriptions. Thus we acknowledge that we know their situation, offer some upfront resources, but are clear that we cannot really help them do a lot of the work right at this moment, but they are on our radar and as soon as we have all our people organized, they will know what to do. We will tell them we will get back to them. Note: the profile piece is resourced in part with Lynne, but she doesn't start until March 1. Cheryl-Ann noted that before approaching people to serve as pastoral charge supervisors, need to know who is available. So it's a part of looking through presbytery lists and going through the details. Think can be ready to do this in February.

6) Request to declare a vacancy: Villages United – in process, more information required. To be carried forward.

7) Request to declare a vacancy: Trinity United Church, Ingersoll – in process, more information required. To be carried forward.

8) Letter re Covenanting Service – Jack Lovering, Jan. 20, 2019.

MOVED: Louise Hall, **SECONDED:** Mary Ann Silverthorn

That Robin Sherman serve as the regional representative at the covenanting service for Jack Lovering. **CARRIED**

There was a discussion regarding the practices to be followed when preparing covenanting services. Cheryl-Ann noted that there is a template through General Council Office that she can forward to Jack. She added that the practice might now be that the planning of a covenanting service can be done by the congregation; the only thing required is that the covenanting vows be included.

MOVED: Beth Parson, **SECONDED:** Robin Sherman

That the regional council practice will be that the covenanting service template from General Council be offered to communities of faith when beginning preparations for a covenanting service. That it be made clear to congregations that the covenanting vows are required, but the rest of the service, will be at the design of the congregation. **CARRIED**

MOVED: Robin Sherman, **SECONDED:** Jim Evans

That Mary Ann Silverthorn will be the regional representative for the covenanting service between Rev. Cordell Parsons and Foldens. **CARRIED**

The Executive Minister will advise the Minister, Pastoral Relations of the covenanting service practice, so that this information can be shared with pastoral charge liaisons.

There was brief mention of the need for opportunities for collegial gathering (a covenanting service being one). Cheryl-Ann suggested that Kevin Steeper, Minister Pastoral Support be invited to attend the next ARW regional council meeting for part of the time (a half hour on the agenda perhaps). Kevin's current priority is setting up clergy networks and it might be helpful to hear from him.

9) Meeting of Belle River-Woodslee pastoral charge – Jan 20, 2019

MOVED: Mary Ann Silverthorn, **SECONDED:** Louise Hall

That Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa and Robin Shearman be authorized to find a regional council representative for the Belle River-Woodslee Pastoral Charge meeting. **CARRIED**

10) Grant Application: Kee-Mo-Kee

MOVED: Mary Ann Silverthorn, **SECONDED:** Louise Hall

That Antler River Watershed Regional Council endorse the Kee-Mo-Kee application, to be forwarded to the General Council for consideration. **CARRIED**

11) Letter from Council of Delaware Nation at Moraviantown - set a date

Cheryl-Ann provided the background/history of the Fairfield properties, a longstanding situation. Cheryl-Ann has acknowledged receipt of the letter. She recommended that a day meeting be planned with the ARW transition commission and members of the museum committee to discuss the issue and what we might do moving forward – what are the partnership opportunities.

C-A suggested the day begin at the museum and then have discussion at Moraviantown; setting up a time for Chief Stonefish and members of council to share a bit what they are imagining. Kim Uyede-Kai, Minister Right Relations and Indigenous Justice to be included in the gathering. End of February/beginning of March was suggested as a possible timeframe.

It was agreed that Cheryl-Ann check that meeting at Moraviantown would be an option and then write to Chief Stonefish to suggest either February 22 or March 1 as possible meeting dates.

Other Updates

1) Office Information: Renovations are ongoing, but proceeding in a timely manner and looking good. Furniture/office supplies from the former London Conference office will be moved to the Regional Office on January 17.

2) Financial information: Still being worked on. Time is required to figure out budgets and templates.

3) Website Templates: The commission reviewed the three templates.

MOVED: Jim Evans, **SECONDED:** Beth Parsons

That Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve website template 1 (blue).

CARRIED

To Do's:

Will need at some point think about how to handle additional funding requests: events, learning grants, Malahide Youth Fund, etc.

Need to look at Property policy: a definition for major assets, major expenses/renovations needs to be set. However, Governance is currently the priority.

Cheryl-Ann noted that, as the agenda was prepared for today, it became apparent some pieces re: property are routine and other pieces are holding the big picture. She felt it might be helpful when designing the agendas to be clear what the work of regional council is and what work they are doing until the other commissions are in place. It was agreed that would be of value.

Until the regional council further delineates what the property policy will be as they move forward, it was suggested that a temporary policy be implemented.

MOVED: Jim Evans, **SECONDED:** Robin Sherman

That the following temporary policy be implemented until the property policy is fully delineated: that communities of faith advise the regional council of any emergency repairs needed due to an unexpected development and seek prior permission for any expense in excess of 35% of the amount reported for line 32d (budget line, income minus M&S). **CARRIED**

Transition Commission meetings: Items for meetings will be added to an ARW dropbox. The goal will be to have dropbox information to the commission by the Friday evening prior to the monthly Wednesday meeting.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2019 (C-A will be away). Conference call at 10 am (note: the conference call information does not change).

Meeting adjourned.