**Mission and Discipleship Commission**

**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

***Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith***

***APPROVED Minutes***

***June 14, 2022 - 10 a.m.  
via Zoom***

**Roster:** Richard Auckland (Chair), Linda Badke, Cheryl Bolton, Tabitha Carey. Robert Harris, James Haupt, Joshua Lawrence, Glenda McMillan, Anthony Smith

**Staff Support:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez - Minister, Social Justice

Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation

Thérèse Samuel – Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice

Dave Jagger - Stewardship and Gifts Officer

Michele Petick-Administration

Ruthanna Mack-Administration

**Present:** Richard Auckland (Chair), Linda Badke, Cheryl Bolton, ~~Tabitha Carey~~, Robert Harris, James Haupt, Joshua Lawrence, Glenda McMillan, ~~Anthony Smith~~

Staff: Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Kathy Douglas, Thérèse Samuel, ~~Dave Jagger~~, Michele Petick, ~~Ruthanna Mack~~

**Guest: Jill Hodgins, Director, Camp Kee-mo-kee (Joining us at 10:30 a.m.)**

**Agenda**

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory** We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of a number of First Nations and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages ~~(Attawandoran~~) after research it was determined this term to be degrading a more appropriate name is: Chonnonton. This Land known as Antler River Watershed, was once occupied by the Anishinabe, the Lenne-Lenape, the Haudenosaunee Peoples, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, Odawa who used their lands as their traditional gathering, hunting and congregating place.  Let us also recognize our closest neighbours from these nations: The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, The Munsee-Delaware Nation, and the Oneida Nation of the Thames, Walpole Island, Moravian of the Thames, Caldwell, Aamjiwnaang, and Chippewas of Stony and Kettle Point.  We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.
2. **Welcome/Opening Prayer/Worship:** Personal background about involvement with Mission & Discipleship **- Richard**
3. **Reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s) *We all serve in this capacity keeping each other’s words and actions in check.***
4. **Motion** to make Jill Hodgins, Director of Camp Kee-Mo-Kee a corresponding member for this meeting. Motion: Linda Badke Seconded: Robert Harris **Carried.**

**Jill Hodgins, Director of Camp Kee-Mo-Kee presentation:**

* Staffing continues to be a challenge especially for cooks and lifeguards.
* They offer overnight and day camp options.
* Camp continues to be a positive experience for all who attend.
* The camp is working on Indigenous justice researching the origins of their name and the land the camp has been settled upon.
* They have had some upgrades for accessibility and updating of older facility buildings.
* All the camps are older and require more maintenance.

1. **Approval of Agenda for June 14, 2022 as amended**

MOTION by Glenda/LindaName / Namethat the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council …

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022**

MOTION by Jim/Linda Name / Name that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council …

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Business Arising:**
2. **Funds for Ridgetown Chaplaincy have been processed.**
3. **Via email - Moved by Jim Haupt / seconded by Cheryl Bolton**that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission approve the allocation of $75 from the Events Budget for the honorarium portion to be paid to Steven Barabash for his leadership in Children and Youth Leadership Webinars in May 2022.**Carried.**
4. **Email vote regarding Michael Shewberg’s letter from Five Oaks –**

**Motion: Joshua/Jim** that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission permit the alternate use of Mission Support Funds granted in 2022 for complimentary programming to take place this year. **Carried.**

1. **Correspondence:**
2. **Deborah Laforet – Skylight Festival**

**Motion: Moved: Robert/Seconded: Jim** that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission thank Skylight Festival for their correspondence, and that we request that all unused funds be immediately returned to the United Church of Canada c/o Diana Hacker. **Carried.**

* Pastoral response/we don’t have authority to grant you to hang onto the funds and redesignate those funds.

1. **New Business:**
2. **Update: M&D Commission Retreat for the 3 regions**

–postponed until Fall 2022

1. **Budget for fall for M&D Commission?**

-Meetings $5000; Events Budget $6,625

1. **Reports:**

* **ARW Region Social and Ecological Justice Network**
* Linda Badke reported the group recently met at Butt’s cottage

**Kathy**

* **Palestine/Israel**
* May UNJPPI, in London event a success. Reviewing it this week.
* Palestine/Israel educational/connecting and relationship building Event with youth/YA. Connecting with youth/young adult in Palestine/Is and Canadian/UCC Youth/young adult. Financial honorarium, will be likely required.
* **Boundaries Training at Camps and help with review of Music**
* **Music Ministry support Event on June 6th**
* Highlighting new Music Resource -Come Let us Sing & Jeffrey Dale, Shining Waters RC facilitated a conversation around discerning history of music, considering appropriation and to wonder about the theology or theological interpretation. Reminding our music folk, that they have some responsibility in the faith community
* **Community of Faith Administration Support**

**CHAIR ACKNOWLEDGES LOSS OF QUORUM.**

**Diane**

* Affirm flag for Antler River Watershed
* Financial support for the Affirming Network
* Executive/Commissions Day September 7th – possibly at Siloam

**Thérèse**

* **Land Acknowledgement Session Review**

- Hosted by Thérèse Samuel, approximately 90 participants

- A presentation was shared by Rev. Matthew Stevens

* **Honour to Senator Murray Sinclair Session Review – Richard**

- NFB film regarding Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- Available on CBC GEM

* **Ruthanna/Michele**
* None
* **Motions to be sent by email post meeting re: quorum lost:**

MOTION: That the Mission & Discipleship Commission of ARW Regional Council approve the allocation of $500 from our meeting budget for the Tri Region Affirming Network to use for supplies and expenses incurred as they work on behalf of the region.

Moved by: Robert Seconded by: Glenda

MOTION: That the Mission & Discipleship Commission of ARW Regional Council endorse the production of ARW logoed pride flags that can be used in municipally sanctioned events.

1. **Next Meetings:**

**September 8, 2022 (M&S Fund Applications Review)**

**November 8, 2022  
December 13, 2022**

1. **Closing Prayer – Richard Auckland**
2. **Adjournment**