

**Northern Spirit Executive Minutes  
May 10, 2023 via Zoom**

<b>EXECUTIVE PRESENT</b>	Helen Reed (Chair), Mary Annan, Margaret-Anne Hall, , Leslie Penny, Peter Chynoweth Donna Kline  A quorum was present
<b>REGRETS</b>	None
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister); Julie Graham (Justice & Communications Minister); Heather Dootoff (Finance Administrator), Chloe Burns (Administrative Support); Chantal Winslow (Executive Assistant & Recording Secretary),
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Helen called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. We checked in and Helen led us in reflection & prayer.
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	We reviewed the agenda.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES 001-2023/2024</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus: That Northern Spirit Regional Council Executive approve the minutes of March 1, 2023 and April 25, 2023 as distributed.</b>
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
<b>Edmonton &amp; District Council of Churches Minutes</b>	These were being received in the office by Chloe and passed along for information. Received for information. Larry Wright is our representative.
<b>Sacred Heart Church Brochure</b>	Received for information
<b>Canadian Council of Churches 002-2023/2024</b>	Letter received asking for \$250 in fundraising for an upcoming event.  <b>It was agreed by consensus that: That Northern Spirit Regional Council Executive approve a \$250 payment to the Canadian Council of Churches.</b>
<b>FINANCE Annual Meeting</b>	\$22,000 in revenue.

\$24,000 in bills and maybe another \$8000 to come.  
Really under budget.

As a region we have a deficit of \$28,000.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Chairs

Thought that the whole annual gathering went really well. That has been the focus and now we need to move into the other pieces that we need to focus on. Encourage churches to get involved and get us the information for how/where we need to support them.

### Community of Faith Support

Attachment: Meeting Notes March 9, 2023

One of the questions that has arisen out of this is the amalgamation task group. Should we hire somebody in a short-term contract position? What might that look like? Shannon will put together a basic job description for June. Add this to the agenda for June.

### Youth

Scott has some ideas to rebuild.

### Incorporated Ministries 003-2023/2024

**It was agreed by consensus that:  
Northern Spirit Regional Council Executive approve the following:**

a) Christian Youth Camps Incorporated o/a Camp Maskepetoon  
...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada  
approve the Christian Youth Camps Incorporated o/a Camp Maskepetoon 2022-2023  
Board of Directors  
Leanna Andrews  
Samantha Berg  
Mackenzie Couper  
Stephanie Dean  
Wendy Dyjur  
James Guindon  
Brett Holden  
Kevin McBean  
Marlene McBean  
Heather McLeod  
Kenneth Sage  
Laura Webster

*This is based on the Annual General Meeting of November 24, 2022 Minutes, the 2022 board member approval form, contact list provided, and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.*

b) Surprise Lake Society

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada  
approve the Surprise Lake Society 2021-2022 Board of Directors

John Ahlf  
Natalka Dreichel  
John Jones  
April Keighan  
Colleen Laforge-Griebel  
Erin Lampreau  
Danielle Mathias  
Jeannette Stabile  
George Wadey  
Arthur White Owl

*This is based on the Annual General Meeting minutes of February 9, 2021, the 2021  
board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt 2*

*of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated  
Ministries Policy.*

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada  
approve the Surprise Lake Society 2022-2023 Board of Directors

John Ahlf  
Lawreen Ahlf  
Watson Anderson  
Natalka Dreichel  
April Keighan  
Colleen Laforge-Griebel  
Erin Lampreau  
Jeannette Stabile  
Arthur White Owl

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board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required  
documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.*

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada  
approve the Surprise Lake Society 2023-2024 Board of Directors

John Ahlf  
Natalka Dreichel  
John Jones  
April Keighan  
Colleen Laforge-Griebel  
Erin Lampreau  
Danielle Mathias  
Jeannette Stabile  
Arthur White Owl

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...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada, to recognize Surprise Lake Society as a legacy incorporated ministry effective the date the final legacy agreement is signed by all parties.

**\*\*NB** – *In September 2019 the Northern Spirit Executive agreed by consensus that the Northern Spirit Regional Council begin formal discussions with Surprise Lake Society regarding potential legacy status. 3*

*At the Society's Annual General Meeting of February 4, 2023, a resolution was passed to officially sever the relationship with great appreciation for their historical connections and support.*

*Documentation from the Society shows that this Incorporated Ministry is a United Church Incorporated Ministry, but The United Church of Canada has never been included as an additional insured in the Society's insurance policy and cannot be due to means by which the kind of insurance the Society is insured. The legacy agreement wording will reflect this uniqueness prior to being finalized/signed.*

## **Nominations**

Taking a look at who volunteered at the annual meeting.  
Scott Reynolds has some ideas on how to recruit new members.  
Affirming committee list is being pieced together.  
They will meet again in June.

## **Other**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Executive Minister**

Adam Hall has asked if he could attend the June Executive meeting.

The Celebration of Ministry service. There will be 3 individuals for recognition/ordination. This will happen on October 21-22 in Edmonton. We will also have our Affirming celebration at the same time. Would this be on Saturday? Or Sunday? Needs to be done at an affirming church. The GC 44 Commissioners are meeting on the Saturday, so maybe want to stick to the Sunday?

### **Pastoral Relations Minister**

NA

### **Justice & Communications**

Just getting back from Sabbatical and sorting things out. There will be events in this weeks newsletter.

## **OTHER**

### **Earl Retirement Celebration**

Since Earl was unable to attend the Annual Gathering due to having Covid, Chantal and Chloe are planning a celebration for his retirement on June 14 in Edmonton. Shannon will be there coordinating with Adam and doing some onboarding, so we wanted to maybe suggest an in person Executive meeting at the same time.

Peter said he would be willing to help coordinate Zoom

Agenda for the day:

9:30-11:30 - Hybrid Executive Meeting

11:30-1 – Lunch (Chantal will arrange catering)

1-2:30 - Visioning

Meeting – invite one person from each committee/commission

3-6 - Open House for Earl (come and go)

Judy Hare and Tracy are working on getting Earl a gift.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is at the same time that we would meet again in person. Should we create a task group? Shannon has spoken with Treena Duncan. Should we do something in conjunction with Chinook Winds?

### **Proposal from Paul**

Received for information. Will discuss in June.

Helen has responded to him and let him know that this is being discussed and that we are aware.

### **Response to Fires**

Pastoral letter from Helen.

A prayer that could be written and then updated.

Julie has shared on Facebook the link to the gofundme page for Little Red River Cree Nation. Question of fundraising for the other communities?

Shannon has suggested checking with Sarah Charters as they may be getting requests for donations. There is money left from High River and Fort McMurray if people are asking. Made it very easy to ask. Very little paper work. Encourage people to send funds to the region (through Canada Helps?). Funds will be used to cover things that may not be covered by other relief funds.

Offering support to those who were evacuated but at the meeting.

### **Survey from Annual Meeting**

Chloe and Julie are going to work on creating a survey. Asking things about accessibility, how did we fall short, how can we improve?

### **NEXT MEETING**

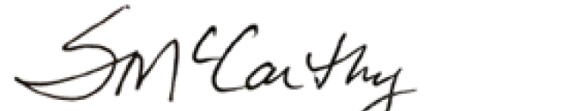
Next meeting will be June 12, 2023 at Kirk center/Hybrid on zoom.

### **ADJOURNMENT**



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**Helen Reed, Chairperson**



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**Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister**

