

**Pinawa Christian Fellowship
Special Congregational Meeting**

to discuss a rental agreement with Pinawa Lutheran Church
Sunday, June 18, 2023
in the Pinawa Lutheran Church

MINUTES

PRESENT 30 members in attendance
 8 votes by email

Call to order 11:55 a.m. – Wally Kukurudz

Some time ago it was agreed to hold services at Pinawa Lutheran Church. Our General Committee has discussed a rental agreement with PLC and the Lutheran Council has drawn up a 3-year rental agreement. It was received on Thursday, June 15 and reviewed by General Committee on Friday.

PCF Worship Space Options and Proposed Rental Agreement with Pinawa Lutheran Church – Karen Ross

- Earlier we put out a discussion paper on our future worship location; most PCF members' responses were in favour of continuing in the Pinawa Lutheran Church
- Karen looked at rental cost at Lewis Centre, Pinawa Secondary School, FW Gilbert School and Pinawa Lutheran Church; Karen contacted the Alliance Church who did not get back to us with a cost – they have no Sunday morning time available; did not contact Catholic Church, Ironwood or Wilderness Edge
- cost of Lutheran Church is the most favourable and falls within our budget

The PCF Executive met with the Lutheran Council who proposed a 3-year rental agreement for our consideration

- Karen's PowerPoint presentation (attached to these Minutes) outlined the clauses with which we have to abide, noting some items that still require clarification:
 - o can we still have lay-led services and guest speakers?
 - o will obtain the PLC Policy for Use of Church Facilities
 - o can we have wine at Communion?
 - o do we need to vacuum the sanctuary following services?
 - o how is the 95 decibel limit administered?
 - o can we put wording that we worship here on the front sign, also the sign at the mall?
- Dinner & Conversation evenings could be booked at PLC or we could use the FW Gilbert kitchen where we still have \$1,300 credit

Escape clause – PCF or PLC can terminate the agreement with 90 days notice

Questions:

- Would \$35 cover a wedding or funeral? – yes
- Could we have a Second Hour in the sanctuary or would it be in the social area? – Karen will ask Lutheran Council
- If we are the only ones to have a service on a Sunday, who would be responsible for clearing the parking lot? – we are renters and not responsible for snow clearing. If we had an event on a non-church day, we would have to contact them and make arrangements for snow clearing.

- How do we respond if snow/freezing rain comes after the Lutherans leave? – will ask Lutheran Council for clarification on this; it was noted that when necessary whoever is here early needs to find the shovel and de-icer as we've done for many years in similar situations at the school

MOTION to allow the General Committee to act on behalf of the congregation to review and approve the 3-year rental agreement with Pinawa Lutheran Church, based on the favourable clarification of any points raised at the congregational meeting – Karen/George Montgomery, all in favour

In addition to this in-person vote, we received 8 emails by Friday June 23, all in favour.

Discussion

- How much storage space will we have? – we will have less than at FW Gilbert school, we have asked for size of cabinet we can have; we did an inventory and feel that a relatively small amount of our stuff needs to be brought from the school
- What about the organ? – we do not have an organ; the keyboard is in the mall office at the moment
- Can we use real candles? – they are no longer allowed because of fire hazard

Motion to adjourn – Karen, 12:38 p.m.

Garry Buchanan expressed his thanks, on behalf of the congregation, to the committee for their efforts