

**Pinawa Christian Fellowship**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday September 29, 2024 in the Pinawa Lutheran Church**

**MINUTES**

25 people in attendance

1. **Call to Order** – Deb Smith – the meeting was called to order at 11:53 am
2. **Opening Prayer** – Liz Brasier
3. **MOTION to adopt Agenda** as distributed – Karen Ross/Wally Kukurudz, all present were in favour.  
All MOTIONS at this meeting will have to be approved by an email vote as we did not have a quorum present
4. **Convenor's Remarks** – Deb Smith  
In addition to her written report, Deb mentioned:
  - a new book study on Israel and Palestine is beginning; it looks interesting, with ideas on how there could be a way forward
  - we are looking this year to do more outreach, engage more with the community, eg:
    - o have a presence at the Meet & Greet at the Pinawa Club on October 4
    - o we have been approached by Art211 to use our office space during the Dec. 3 Christmas sidewalk sale at the mall, organized by Reactions; Art211 will have space in our office for their art sale, and it's a way to bring people into the office and engage with the community
  - we are looking to reimagine our office space and welcome people who'd like to be involved with this
  - the first ladies' lunch of the season will be held this Thursday at the Pinawa Club. The lunches have been very popular and Deb challenged the men in the congregation to also get together

The PCF has boxes of records that need shredding and Karen Ross brought forward the idea of hosting a Shred-It event for the community, partnering with Access Credit Union, as a community outreach idea. The congregation present liked this idea and Karen will try to set something up later in the fall or in the spring.

**MOTION** to change PCF By-Law No. 1 re. Quorum for a Congregational Meeting

*from:*

"A minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the congregation or **thirty-five** Members, whichever is less"

*to:*

"A minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the congregation or **twenty-five** Members, whichever is less" –

Marg Stokes/Barb Lambert – all present were in favour

5. **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2023 General Meeting – Karen Ross/Garry Buchanan – all present were in favour
6. **MOTION** that the reports of the Convenors, Treasurer and various committees of the PCF, as published on [www.pinawa.church](http://www.pinawa.church) and as distributed at the meeting, be received and all recommendations adopted – Bob McCamis/Shirley Pellow – all present were in favour
7. **MOTION** to approve the slate of PCF General Committee candidates (below) – Glenys Kukurudz /Barb Lambert – all present were in favour

Convenor Committee	Deb Smith, Wally Kukurudz, Betty McCamis (on leave of absence)
Secretary	Marg Stokes
Treasurer	Karen Ross
Worship Committee	Brenda Morash
Christian Education	vacant
Missions	Chuck Vandergraaf
Congregational Care	Shirley Pellow
Social	Barb Lambert
Stewardship	vacant

Chuck noted that he is withdrawing as Christian Education rep.

Brenda Morash stepped forward as Worship Committee rep.

**Other positions affirmed by the Congregational Meeting:**

Pastoral Relations Sub-committee: Rob Smith, Betty McCamis, Heather Westdal

Special Gifts Fund team – Holly Parcey, Cindy Litke

**Denominational Representatives**

Anglican Wally and Glenys Kukurudz

Mennonite Ken Reddig

Presbyterian

United Brenda Morash

We no longer have a Presbyterian Rep as Joye Platford has moved to Winnipeg.

**8. Treasurer's Remarks – Karen Ross**

Karen presented a brief update on our finances to August 31, 2024.

**Income**

Local offering is about 7% less than we were hoping for at the end of August but Sept donations are looking really good and we may cover that shortfall. It is our pattern to see more giving from September to December.

Interest is higher than budgeted because it includes interest from two GICs that matured this year.

## **Expenses**

### Administration Account

- Advertising is a little lower, linked to the vacancy in the Stewardship position; there was no mail-out this fall
- Access bank fees are lower based on how Access Credit Union works vs Sunova

General Account is underspent

Parent Churches are on budget, we have assessments we provide to parent churches and the money has been paid

Pastorate Account is slightly underspent but on track, for example Travel is underspent

As of August 31, 2024, Expenses are a little less than planned but we are in the red by \$10,000 which is in line with our deficit budget.

Karen reminded us that there are tax credits when you donate to any charity – donations reduce your taxes. Thank you so much for your continuing generosity.

**MOTION** to accept the Treasurer's report – Karen Ross/Eileen Fagan, all present were in favour

## **9. New Business**

Chuck thanked Lori Evenden for the work she has done as former Stewardship rep and also many thanks to Barb Sanipelli for all the work she does preparing slides for worship services each week, with beautiful and timely photos.

Liz thanked Lori Evenden for continuing to schedule people for various volunteer tasks and also thanked Heather Westdal who organizes our musicians and song leaders.

**10. MOTION to Adjourn Meeting** – Betty McCamis, 12:19 pm

**11. Closing Prayer** – Liz Brasier