

## MEETING OF THE BOARD

Neepawa United Church

May 19, 2026

**Present:** Glen Cummings, Rev. Leith Saunders, Susan Phillips, Linda Hart, Gayle Johnston, Judy Elgert, Rita Friesen, Jane Goudie, Grant Babcock, Jean Jackson, Liz Sumner, Betty Ebner, Lynda Lowry

1. **Call to order** – Glen called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. **Opening Meditation** – Rev. Leith gave an opening meditation on Ascension from last Sunday's scripture.

3. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda** – Add Sean McCann, Bench in basement and Step 2 Program to New Business.

### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

Lynda Lowry moved adoption of the amended agenda, seconded by Betty Ebner. **Carried.**

### 5. Adoption of the Minutes

Jane Goudie moved adoption of the Jan. 20, 2026 minutes, seconded by Susan Phillips.  
**Carried.**

### 6. Correspondence

- a) Reports from Rita: Rita reviewed her activities for March and April. Report attached
- b) Report from Dawn: Dawn Gardy sent a report about church activities since our last meeting. Report attached. Dawn is no longer working Mondays but may have to start again when it gets busy in the fall.

### 7. Treasurer's Report –

- Judy Elgert reviewed the financial report distributed. It shows income and expenses for the months of Jan to April 2026, a year-to-year comparison for Jan. to April 2025 and Jan. to April 2026 and a list of transactions for the months Jan to April 2026.
- Judy noted that there was one large charge for printing when we changed to a new photocopier. At the end of April, there is a surplus of \$10,000 compared to a deficit of - \$5,000 last year at this time.

### NUC Financial Statement to the end of April 2026

Income	\$ 60,843.32
Expenses	\$ 50,210.04
Surplus	\$ 10,633.28

**Moved** by Judy Elgert, seconded by Rita Friesen, that the Financial Statement be adopted.  
**Carried.**

### 8. Committee Reports

A) **Property** Grant reported

- Four Seasons has completed their annual inspection and Grant has the list of recommendations. A nitrate kit has been purchased for Four Seasons to use.
- The heat exchanger needs work, and the circulation pump is being rebuilt
- After an incident with rental of the CEC, there is now a contract for renters to sign which outlines conditions of rental.
- After consultation with the Fire Inspector, there is a list posted with maximum occupancy of the CEC.
- The Men's Shed made extensions for the choir books used by the choir and they will be put up soon.
- Curbs on the northwest of the Church will be painted blue by the Town of Neepawa for handicap parking.

B) **UCW** Susan Phillips reported

- The last General UCW meeting was on May 6, 2026
- The profits for the Gently Used Sale were \$4,800 up from \$4,300 last year
- The Pancake Lunch in Feb made approximately \$1,000
- A new coffee urn and new heavy plastic tablecloths have been purchased
- The kitchen is going to be cleaned
- Our Church will host the World Day of Prayer in 2027
- UCW bank balance at end of April is \$18,717.06
- There have been 6 catered funerals and 3 scheduled for June
- Units 1 and 6 have joined and will be Unit 2. There are now two UCW units, 2 and 4
- A Soup, Sandwich and Bake Sale is being discussed for the fall.
- The UCW visited Country Meadows in March and April
- The next General UCW meeting is June 3, 2026

C) **Pastoral Charge Supervisor's Report**

- Rev. Leith Saunders commented that she has been the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for the Neepawa United Church for 9 to 10 months. She asked what more she could do for us and assured us that she is available to help with any issues. Board Members indicated that she has been a great help to them over that time.

D) **Trustees** –

- Gayle had nothing to report

E) **Stewardship**

- The stewardship message continues to be posted in the Newsletter and on the screen at Sunday services
- Lynda has completed a course on bequeaths and legacy gifts
- She suggested that the NUC could establish a giving program where gifts could be left in a will.
- A **motion was made and passed** that the Stewardship Committee investigate establishing a planned giving program.

F) **Prairie to Pine Region** Liz Sumner and Betty Ebner are registered to attend the Prairie to Pine Conference in Selkirk at the end of May.

G) **Minister's Report** N/A

H) **Ministry and Personnel** Jane went over her report which is attached

- **A motion was made and passed** to pay the audio-visual technician \$30 per hour for 10 hrs per month
- A gift card and flowers were given to Dawn Gardy in recognition of her 10 years service as Office Manager. Thank you Dawn.
- **A motion was made and passed** that the M&P committee can give permission to Dawn to start working on Mondays again when needed.
- Dawn Gardy is on holidays for the month of August, and members of the M&P Committee will have the Church open for four Friday mornings and two Wednesday mornings when Eucharist is being held.

I) **Acceptance of all reports** was moved by Susan Phillips and seconded by Jean Jackson **Carried.**

## 9. Old Business

### A) **Search Committee**

The Committee has put in many hours contacting ministers with no results as yet. They continue to check with ministers added to the list of those looking for jobs.

### B) **Computer for Streaming**

Judy reported that the computer for online streaming has been repaired and is working now.

### C) **Candles**

Rita reported that we will not be using real candles in the Church. Battery run candles have been purchased for Advent.

### D) **Pancake Brunch Feb. 17**

The Pancake Brunch was organized by the United and Anglican Church women. The profit of \$1,000 was shared. The UCW added \$250 to their \$500 and gave \$250 to each of the 3 schools for their breakfast program. The Anglican Ladies donated to the Anglican Church Camp.

## 10. New Business

### A) **Purchase of Bissel Cleaner**

**A motion was made and passed** to purchase a Bissell cleaner for spot removal on carpet and pews.

### B) **Collection Counter for July**

Linda indicated that a collection counter is needed for July. Susan Phillips volunteered to do July 5 and 12. Heather Cummings and Judy Elgert will cover the other two Sundays.

### C) **Sean McCann**

There has been a request from Sean McCann from the group 'Great Big Sea' to rent the sanctuary in 2027 for a performance.

A **motion was made and passed** to rent the sanctuary to Sean McCann in 2027 at regular rental rates.

**D) Bench in basement**

Susan reported that there is a bench in the CEC basement made by the Men's Shed that is available to be placed outside if needed. She is open to suggestions as to where it could be used.

**E) Step 2 Program**

Diana Davidson requests to use the CEC basement from Sept to March from 9:45 to 11:45 once every 2 weeks for a Step2 program. The Board indicated that this would be regular rental and to set the day as one of Tues to Fri when the Office is open.

11. **Moment of Levity** provided by Leith and Lynda

**12. Dates of Planned 2026 Meetings**

- Sept 15 and Nov 17, 2026

13. Rev. Saunders closed the meeting with thoughts on Pentecost.

14. Glen adjourned the meeting at 8:30

**Motion made by email Feb 23, 2026**

**1. Motion made by Judy Elgert and seconded by Lynda Lowry.** That the Neepawa United Church lease a new office printer for 5 years through WBM Technologies at a cost of \$133.98 per quarter and black and white copies \$0.018 and color copies \$0.12.

**Carried.**

**Motions made May 19, 2026**

**1. Motion made by Lynda Lowry and seconded by Rita Friesen.** That the NUC Stewardship Committee investigate establishing a planned giving program for our congregation.

**Carried.**

**2. Motion made by Jane Goudie and seconded by Judy Elgert.** That Dawn will be given permission by the M & P Committee to work on Mondays if necessary. (This may start in Sept).

**Carried.**

**3. Motion made by Betty Ebner and seconded by Jane Goudie.** That the NUC buy a Bissell Cleaner for spot cleaning.

**Carried.**

**4. Motion made by Jane Goudie and seconded by Betty Ebner.** That the NUC Board gives Sean McCann permission to use the Sanctuary in 2027 at regular rental rates.

**Carried.**

**5. Motion made by Susan Phillips and seconded by Gayle Johnston. That our audio-visual technician be remunerated at a rate of \$30/hr. for 10 hr/month (120 hr/year), with payment to be made monthly and retroactive to Jan. 1, 2026.**

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