

NUASM Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026

The April meeting of the NUASM Board was held by Zoom teleconference on Tuesday April 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Present: Leona Kucher, Judy Elgert, Lynda Lowry, Jane Goudie, Betty Ebner, Anita d'Armada, Murray Hart, Rev. Leith Saunders, Daphne Hall, Pat Fedoruk

Regrets: Susan Phillips, Rita Friesen, Liz Sumner

1. Welcome and Call to Order - by Chair Leona Kucher at 1:00 pm.

2. Opening Reflection – Rev. Saunders

3. Additions/Changes to Agenda - the agenda was amended by the addition of “Recognition of Long Service of Office Manager” to New Business.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Jane Goudie / Judy Elgert

That the agenda be approved as amended. **Carried.**

5. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (March 17, 2026)

Motion: Murray Hart / Pat Fedoruk

That the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) New Public Washroom

- the sign on the previous staff washroom has been changed to read “Washroom”. The sign is the very same as the sign on the public washroom in the CEC.
- an announcement about the availability to the public of this new washroom has been made in church.
- the washroom is roomy enough to accommodate a person with a walker
- bathroom safety bars or grab bars, designed to assist people with balance and stability, will be installed this week.

b) Remuneration of Audio-Visual Technician

- at our last meeting there was discussion of the need to provide suitable remuneration for Judy Elgert, our audio-visual technician, who in addition to her extensive duties as NUC and NUASM treasurer which she performs on a completely volunteer basis, also provides these additional services to our church community:
- supervising the audio and visual services and helpers, centered around what we call the sound both.
- looking after the live streaming and uploading of our Sunday services and other events to the internet so they are available to our wider church community through our social media accounts on YouTube and Facebook.
- preparing the PowerPoint slides which guide us through the items which make up our Sunday services
- the average time required is 10hr/month x 12 = 120 hr/year.
- following consultation and discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Pat Fedoruk / Betty Ebner

That we recommend to the Neepawa United Church Board 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 quarterly and retroactive to January 1, 2026. **Carried.**

7. Correspondence - none.

8. Committee Reports

- board members reported as follows:

a) Treasurer – Judy Elgert

<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>	Budget Balance
NUASM					1,500.00
2026-03-23	Battery operated Advent Candles and batteries	65.36		65.36	1,434.64
2026-03-31	Palm leaves for Palm Sunday	17.88		83.24	1,351.40
Total NUASM		83.24	0.00	83.24	
		<u>83.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>83.24</u>	

b) Worship – Pat Fedoruk

- Worship Committee met April 6, 2026. We reviewed the March 15 combined communion service. The changes that were made created a better traffic flow.
- The flameless Advent candles have been received and will be painted the appropriate colours at a later date.
- There will be a combined (joint) communion on Pentecost Sunday May 24, with Father Ray leading the service.
- The GAP committee is working to fill the one remaining Sunday vacancy until the end of the year (December).

c) Ministry & Personnel – Jane Goudie

d) Mission & Service and Outreach – Susan Phillips

- our committee recently completed a very successful collection of household items for the Salvation Army during Lent. Thank you to our very generous community of faith members!
- we will be meeting shortly to plan our next project.

e) Stewardship – Lynda Lowry

- reported that she is working on an online course, promoted by the Prairie to Pine Region, dealing with bequests and estate giving. She will bring information to the boards in due course.

f) Pastoral Care – Betty Ebner

Cards sent in March, 2026...

- Sympathy...6
- Get Well...3
- 1 Yr. Anniversary of Death...2
- Celebration...7

•Visits & Calls...3

g) Vice Chair / Pastoral Assistant - Rita Friesen

h) Regional Representatives

i) Prairie to Pine – Liz Sumner

- Betty reported that she and Liz Sumner have been registered for the 2026 Regional Council Meeting which will be held on May 28-31 2026, at Selkirk United Church.

ii) Brandon Diocese – Anita d’Armada

- the Brandon Diocese is losing one priest and gaining another one.

- a link to the April edition of the Anglican Journal has been circulated to NUASM board and committee members:

- some articles of note:

- Comments by Archbishop Shane Parker, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, describing his visit to Jerusalem in January of 2026

- articles describing the work of the Anglican Church in two communities in the N.W.T.

- https://anglicanjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/aj-apr2026_web.pdf

i) Pastoral Charge Supervisor – Rev. Leith Saunders

- Rev. Saunders reported that she is looking forward to the Regional Meeting in May and noted that the Moderator of the United Church of Canada will be present.

j) Website – Murray Hart

Recent updates include:

- posted the minutes of the March meetings of the NUASM board and the St. James’ Vestry.

- regular update of Stewardship Seconds messages

- revised the Photo Page it now shows the donations collected during Lent

<https://www.nuasm.com/photos.html>

- added a poster to the Events page to help publicize the Gently Used Sale

- update of event and meeting dates on the Events page and Calendar page.

k) Acceptance of Reports

Motion: Lynda Lowry / Jane Goudie

That the reports be accepted as presented and discussed. **Carried.**

9. New Business

a) Recognition of Long Service of Office Manager

- there was some discussion of the fact that May will mark 10 years that Dawn has been the Office Manager at the church.

Motion: Lynda Lowry / Betty Ebner

That NUASM, in recognition of her long service, give the office manager a gift certificate of value \$100. for the Lily Nook or other suitable garden store. **Carried.**

- Jane will coordinate arrangements for the gift certificate and a suitable card.

b) Affirming Church

- there was a short discussion on the Affirming Church designation. Currently we do not have much information on this topic. Rev. Saunders suggested that if Regional Council was approached, they

could provide the name of a contact person who could provide general background information, specific information that could go to the boards, advice on how to introduce the community of faith to this idea etc.. Lynda Lowry will make contact with Regional Council and bring back information to our board.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday May 19, 2026 at 1:00 pm by Zoom.

11. Closing Prayer - Rev. Saunders

12. Adjournment - by the chair at 1:40 pm.

Signatures:

(Chair – Leona Kucher)

(Secretary – Murray Hart)