

## **Mount Forest and Woodland Leadership Team Agenda**

**Tuesday April 21 2026**

**7:00pm**

### **Zoom Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81066180316>

**In Attendance:** Rev. Lori, Dan M, Al L, George H, Janice B, Norm E

**Regrets:** Bill K, Mary A Marg M

**Opening prayer/devotional:** Rev. Lori

**Round Table Check-in:** Spring has sprung. People are well and meeting shave begun. Lots of rain and standing water. Janice reported she was pleased to be apart of the Palestinian land service.

**Motion for the adoption of the Minutes: No quorum tonight**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- Norms Letter of Recommendation to renew his LLW
- Manse update: Contract for the manse demolition has been drawn up. Meeting with Bob, Al, Dan and I with Randy Bye to confirm details.

### **Reports From Committees**

#### **Minister's Report**

- Voluntary Associate Minister Shawn Redden is agreeable to become our VAN. This means she could step in for Rev Lori if she is sick or away. She can also perform communion services if needs be. Shawn would be considered pulpit supply in these circumstances. Shawn could also help out with Christian Ed., and co we funerals and/weddings if Rev. Lori is away. The VAN agreement lasts as long as Rev Lori is our minister.
- Baptism approvals - Both Cody Stewart and Zander have requested they be baptized at MFUC. Rev. Lori is will meet with both candidates to determine readiness. Last Sunday in May will be set aside for the baptisms.
- Funeral Policy - This needs to be drawn up. The first quarter of our church year has been very busy, this policy can now be addressed and worked on. A committee for this purpose will be organized.
- Directory - Juliann has software in the office that will allow us to construct an updated directory for the church membership.

- Technology - Klaus knows a person named Kelly C, a film editor who is looking for more work. She will shadow Klaus in the ensuing weeks to see what he does. If she is interested in the job, Dan( M&P) and AI (Finance) will arrange a meeting to discuss possible employment.
- Governance - we do have a governance model that does have some gaps and/ difficulties. Most significantly, our governance model was never officially approved. Norm sat on the WOW Pastoral Relations Committee when our governance was under discussion - WOW has no record of our final governance draft. Norm has given Rev Lori a contact ( Anne Harbridge) to help investigate the status of our governance with WOW. An alternative course of action could be to adopt the standard church council model for governance...no approval would be needed for this because it is already UCC approved.

### **Financial Report AI Leach**

Financial Report to Leadership Team Meeting- April 21, 2026

YTD = year to date budget projection and March represents 25.0% of YTD

% spent = % of total annual budget

➤ Draft financial statements for March 2026, have been received.

- General Operating Fund balance to end of March is approx. \$16,270. Monthly receiptable income is approx. \$1,00 ahead of YTD target.

- Operating income (receiptable and non-receiptable) is ahead of YTD by approx. \$5,000.

- Total Operating Expenses are slightly below target to end of month.

- Excess Expenses/Income is at approx. (\$17,220) vs YTD projection of (\$28,690) or 16%.

➤ COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE PICTURE at end of March 2026 - or as of 25.0% of the year.

- M&P is approx. \$5,000 below YTD projection ( 22.4% of spent)

- Worship Service- below target (8.0% spent)

- Choral – ahead of target by approx. \$300 (46.5% spent)

- Pastoral Care –no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)

- CE – below target by half (12.0% spent)

- M&S –below target by \$800 (3.0% spent)

- Benevolent- no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)

- M&F- below target by\$110 (16.0% spent)
- Media –ahead of YTD by \$230 (60.0% spent)
- Church Property – slightly ahead of target (26.0% spent)
- Church House- expenses ahead of YTD by approx. \$545 (44.0 % spent)
- Grounds –expenditures ahead of YTD target by approx. \$2,600 (42.0% spent)
- Admin – below YTD y approx. \$300 (22.0% spent)
- WOW – expenditures slightly below YTD by \$300 (23.4% spent)
- Fundraising – no expenditures shown to date. (0.0% spent)

COMMENTS:

1.Church house over expenditure due to heat & hydro costs exceeding projections. Water heater has been removed and hydro shut off.

2.Grounds over expenditure due to snow removal exceeding projection to date.

3. Choral budget ahead of projection due to organ repairs.

Respectfully submitted:

Al Leach, Finance & Stewardship Committee Chair

**Mission and Outreach**

**Worship** - Fall planning on track.

**W.O.W.** - Nothing to report at this time.

**Trustees**

**Membership & Fellowship**

**Property**

**Use of Building**

**Ministry and Personnel**

**UCW**

**Pastoral Care**

**Woodland**

**Christian Ed** Movie Night, "Wild Robot"

**Media**

**Motion: by Janice to receive the reports as received and reported upon. ~~Secended by:~~  
Motion carried by consensus**

**New Business:**

- The Raw Carrot fund raiser...Janice B. Hoping to hold a Variety Night in the fall in either September or October, featuring local musicians and entertainers. Donations will be collected in lieu of tickets.
- Scouting & Cubs ... Kelly Stanners (519-807-9758) from Palmerston, would like to start a pack at MFUC. Would we sponsor them? Welcome them? The general feeling of the leadership team is that the Scouts returning to MFUC is a good idea. However, we need to determine whether this would be the beginning of a new pack and not the relocation of an existing pack. Once this information is determined, approval can proceed.

**Upcoming Dates of Import:**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday May 19/26 @ 7:00 pm.**

**Closing Prayer:**

**Motion to Adjourn: Al L**