

December 14, 2014

A special congregational meeting of the Carrot River/Arborfield Pastoral Charge was held on Sunday, December 14, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Nancy Steinbachs	Fred Bradshaw	Muriel Pennycook	Jean Borsa
Ann Hall	Ernie Bittner	Jean Dean	Allan Dean
Dave Shore	Muriel Green	Allen Green	April Charko
Calvin Charko	Ray Johnson	Darlene Johnson	Vicki McShannock
Kathy Van Meter	Barb Little	Ed Little	April Wouters
Louise Little	Jane Campbell	Irene Cragg	Sandra Manz
Pat Brown	Linda Blum	Bill Blum	Moira Kielbiski
Wendy Chatfield	Sandra McIntyre	Helena Lefebvre	Sharon Pelletier
Nancy Watts	Isabell Novogrodski	Gladys Forsberg	David Stanger
Valerie Stanger	Ken Thurston		

Moved by Pat Brown, **seconded** by April Wouters, that David Stanger chair the meeting in the absence of chairperson, John Lefebvre. Carried.

David Stanger opened the meeting by explaining the purpose of the meeting was to receive the recommendations of the JNAC. He began by explaining the two options open to us are to declare a vacancy and begin the search for a new minister, or to enter into interim ministry. Interim ministers are specially trained, usually serving for a two year term, to guide a congregation to where they would like to be, especially after a difficult time or a long-term ministry has ended. An interim minister would not be available until July 1, 2015. Along with the interim minister, a Transition Team, is set with members from the congregation who will work together to set goals and work towards achieving those goals.

Ken Thurston then presented the JNAC report. This is the second time in a very short while that we have prepared a JNAC report. Meetings started in September with Rev. Nancy Steinbachs and Pat Gilmour from Hudson Bay as our Presbytery representatives. The purpose of the report is to let the incoming minister know what we have to offer within our church and community and our financial ability to sustain our congregation. The idea that the committee was pursuing changed late in October when the possibility of interim ministry became available. The JNAC is therefore recommending that we enter into an interim ministry.

Moved by Pat Brown, **seconded** by Jean Dean, to extend voting privileges to all adherents present. Carried.

Moved by Fred Bradshaw, **seconded** by Muriel Pennycook, that we accept the JNAC recommendation and request Tamarack Presbytery to appoint an interim minister for a two year term beginning July 1, 2015. Carried.

For the period from now until July, we will carry on as we have been, hiring pulpit supply when we are able and filling in with lay people from our congregation on Sundays when we are not able to find clergy able to come and lead our services.

Moved by Fred Bradshaw, **seconded** by Sandra McIntyre, to adjourn the meeting.