

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
SOUTHMINSTER-STEINHAUER UNITED CHURCH**

**DATE: May 16, 2023**

**LOCATION: Zoom**

		Present	Absent
Chair	Rebecca Aiken	X (zoom)	
Vice-Chair	Maie Kellerman	X	
Secretary	Meredith Krayenhoff	X	
Treasurer	Kim Boyes	X	
Ministry Team	Christopher New	X	
Congregational Care	Berni Hardin	X	
Finance/Stewardship	Bill Hibbard		X
Ministry & Personnel	Esther Oaks	X (zoom)	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	X	
Property Maintenance	Jo Nicholas		X
	Sandra Hildebrand	X	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	X (zoom)	
Spiritual Gatherings	Marilyn Blackall		X
Affirm	Janet Campbell	X (zoom)	

**1.0 Call to Order**

Rebecca Aiken called to order at 6:47.

**2.0 Mission Focus Moment - Margaret**

Chris lit a candle to remind us of our mission. Margaret shared a reminder of all the ways that we

are moving forward towards reconciliation, from the Moose Hide Campaign to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and the revival of the committee through its new members and associated strong energy.

### 3.0 Adoption of Agenda as revised for May 16, 2023 (Appendix A)

**MOTION:** to adopt the agenda for May 16, 2023 as distributed.

**Moved:** Berni Hardin

**Seconded:** Sandra Hildebrand Carried

### 4.0 Adoption of Minutes of April 18, 2023 (Appendix B)

**MOTION:** Minutes of April 18, 2023 be adopted as recorded

**Moved:** Kim Boyes

**Seconded:** Janet Campbell Carried

### 5.0 Matters Arising from Minutes

Meredith spoke with Alison and Zoë about their connection with SSUC (the structure and the board), and they are attending today's meeting as a result. Previous discussion about electric fireplace was a misunderstanding: there was no such request made.

### 6.0 Financial Statements – Kim Boyes (Appendices C & D)

Lots of activity in bank account, looks lower than normal, but due to expenses that will be recouped, such as Zatoun products and grocery cards. Refugee account is doing well, at \$18,300. Expenses are being paid (\$7160), but funds also continue to come in (\$1400). Garbage fees have decreased by half. Charitable tax return report due June 30. Some property maintenance expenses coming up: shed doors, windows, indoor fixtures.

**MOTION:** to accept the financial statements as presented.

**Moved:** Kim Boyes

**Seconded:** Berni Hardin Carried

### 7.0 Revenue

#### 7.1 Edmonton Youth and Children's Choir Rental - Chris

The choir currently rents 3 halls on Tuesdays. At \$50/hall, this is \$150/week, and ~\$600/month. There is now a request to use 2 halls on Thursdays, which would be another \$400 of income/month. The fee structure will be reviewed in the future. Pros: more revenue, more exposure to the choir members and families. Cons: giving up other uses for this space

every week. We may be able to include in the contract that SSUC maintains the right to reclaim the space for exceptional occasions.

**MOTION:** to authorize the SSUC office to rent 2 halls to the Edmonton Youth and Children's choir on Thursdays.

**Moved:** Meredith Krayenhoff

**Seconded:** Kim Boyes

Carried

### **7.2 Zatoun product/sales structure - Kim**

There was a decision made to purchase Zatoun products outright: \$7562 worth of product, split between SSUC and 2 other groups. Those selling it need to have a reconciliation sheet to account for money coming in.

**MOTION:** to adopt the Zatoun sales as an SSUC program in which we fund the purchase of products and receipt of income from sales.

**Moved:** Sandra Hildebrand

**Seconded:** Berni Hardin

Carried

### **8.0 Term Limit Discussion - Rebecca**

It was brought up that the term for vice chair (1 year) and chair (1 year) may be too short for adequate continuity and learning the role. Discussion to be continued in the future.

### **9.0 Board Representation by Vote per Committee - Rebecca**

A reminder that each committee should have one vote: board to hold each other accountable in this regard in the future.

### **10.0 Scheduled Updates**

#### **10.1 Housing - Maie**

The housing team met with Cam McDonald and Kevin Cooper to discuss the housing project on our land: Right at Home Housing Society (RaHHS). It seems most likely to proceed at this point. Funding will be easier if we call it a supportive housing project instead of low income/affordable housing. They would give preference to women escaping domestic violence, particularly with children, refugees, and LGBTQ+. They would have greater access to other services that they may need during their transition of 1-3 years, and there would be no need for rezoning, which would remove significant barriers. We need to draft a letter stating intent to cede this land to RaHHS, including a real estate purchase for \$1. This needs to be presented to and approved by the board, the congregation, Northern Spirit Region, and our trustees. Conditions need to be met regarding availability of funds, use of the land as

intended, and that wraparound services are in place. Maie will report back at the next meeting.

10.2 Spiritual Gatherings (update linked in agenda)

Taken as information.

10.3 Affirm - Janet

The local group's visioning meeting determined that there will be an information session and lunch in the second week of June, regarding pronouns, gender identity and sexual orientation. City-wide: pride activities are happening in August this year in Edmonton, at Churchill Square. No parade scheduled yet. Second city-wide event: community conference at Robertson-Wesley United Church, regarding two-spirit and LGBTQ issues, on June 22-24, for \$200 or sliding scale. Intent is to deal with related trauma, and for those not identifying as two-spirit or LGBTQ to learn about what is going on with these groups, and who is there to support them. Camp Dragonfly and Emberwood will be among those presenting.

10.4 Moving forward to reconciliation - Margaret

Red Dress and Moose Hide efforts are appreciated! More events are planned in June: land acknowledgement will be done by them each Sunday in June, with their focus being at the June 18 service.

10.5 Transition Committee - Chris

None tonight. Joyce will update the board at another meeting.

11.0 **Emberwood Updates** - Alison & Zoë

**11.1 Q&A, Structure discussions** - silent lodge this weekend, and private contract solo for grade 9s next weekend. Open House for SSUC to be planned once second room is finished. Typically they are around every Thursday, and all are welcome anytime. Door is being kept locked, so that it doesn't open accidentally and trigger the alarm. A request was made for someone to unlock the door on Sundays if neither Alison nor Zoë is around. Presence at spiritual gatherings is appreciated by the board members. No change to structure, voice or communication is required right now. Emberwood updates will be scheduled into board meeting rotation twice annually. They are keeping a close tie with the transition team to make sure there is feedback about Emberwood from the congregation going forward.

**11.2 Camp Dragonfly placed in our structure** - there may be interest from those that run Camp Dragonfly in becoming regular contract employees of SSUC. They currently receive funding from SSUC, camp fees, and grants. In the past it has been a lot of work over 9 months before receiving camp fees and associated staff payment. Going forward, board to consider this, which could be an influx of funds at the outset, followed by to allow those that run Camp Dragonfly some more stability.

**12.0 Board Communication with the Congregation - Rebecca/Maie**

Consider if we could share 4-5 bullet points about what was discussed at the previous board meeting with the congregation, in Friday messenger. Maie volunteered to share these points for this month.

**13.0 Status Report from SSUC Saskatoon (Appendix E)**

SSUC Saskatoon is mirroring what we do at SSUC. Book studies and weekly Spirit Stroll are some ways in which they stay connected. Report accepted as shared.

**14.0 Next Meeting June 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Southminster Steinhauer United Church**

Executive

Board

**Adjournment:** 9:00 p.m. by Rebecca Aiken

\_\_\_\_\_Chair, Rebecca Aiken

\_\_\_\_\_Secretary, Meredith Krayenhoff

## AGENDA

### AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SOUTHMINSTER-STEINHAUER UNITED CHURCH

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 18:30 HOURS – IN-PERSON MEETING**

Item No.	Topic	Presenter	Reference
1	Call to order	Rebecca Aiken	
2	Mission Focus Moment	Board Member	
3	Adoption of Agenda	Rebecca Aiken	Distributed
4	Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 2023	Rebecca Aiken	Distributed
5	Matters arising from the minutes of April 2023	Rebecca Aiken	
6	Financial Statements	Kim Boyes/Bill Hibbard	Distributed
	New Business		
7	Revenue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Edmonton Youth &amp; Children Choir Rental</li> <li>- Zatoun Product/sales Structure</li> </ul>	Chris New Kim/Bill ?	
8	Term Limit Discussion	Rebecca Aiken	
9	Board Representation by vote per committee	Rebecca Aiken	
10	Scheduled updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing project</li> <li>- Spiritual Gatherings</li> <li>- Affirm</li> <li>- Moving Forward to Reconciliation</li> <li>- Transition Committee</li> </ul>		Spiritual Gatherings update: <a href="https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=CB6F8FE9E892ABD1!6170&amp;ithint=file%2cdox&amp;authkey=!ACtnMi5j5xp9h34">https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=CB6F8FE9E892ABD1!6170&amp;ithint=file%2cdox&amp;authkey=!ACtnMi5j5xp9h34</a>
11	Updates and possibilities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emberwood Q &amp; A, structure considerations</li> <li>- Camp dragonfly placed in our structure</li> </ul>	Chris New Allison	

12	Board Communication with the congregation (e-messenger summary, verbal announcement, board minutes)	Rebecca Aiken/Maie Kellerman	
13	Status report from SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	Distributed
14	Next Board Meeting: June 20, 2023		
15	Adjournment	Rebecca Aiken	

**\*For the opening “Mission/Focus Moment” of our meeting, consider being prepared to share an SSUC experience, a moment you’ve witnessed, an observation, or a congregational success story that has demonstrated one of SSUC’s values or identity. How has that reminded you of what’s important about SSUC’s ongoing ministry?\***

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Secretary	Meredith Krayenhoff	X	
Treasurer	Kim Boyes	X	
Ministry Team	Christopher New	X	
Congregational Care	Berni Hardin	X	
Finance/Stewardship	Bill Hibbard	X (zoom)	
Ministry & Personnel	Dale Irving	X	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	X	
Property Maintenance	Jo Nicholas	X	
	Sandra Hildebrand	X	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	X (zoom)	
Spiritual Gatherings	Chad Krayenhoff	X	
Affirm	Janet Campbell	X (zoom)	

**1.0 Call to Order**

Maie Kellerman called to order at 6:33pm.

**2.0 Opening - Kim**



Kim rang a heart chakra singing bowl and presented a reading.

### 3.0 Adoption of Agenda as shared for April 18, 2023 (Appendix A)

**MOTION:** to accept the agenda as shared for April 18, 2023.

**Moved:** Meredith Krayenhoff

**Seconded:** Jo Nicholas Carried

### 4.0 Adoption of Minutes of March 15, 2023 (Appendix B)

**MOTION:** that the minutes of March 15, 2023 be adopted as recorded.

**Moved:** Sandra Hildebrand

**Seconded:** Berni Hardin Carried

5.0 **Matters Arising from Minutes** - Jo has yet to be in touch with Alison regarding electric fireplace. Tabled to the next board meeting.

### 6.0 Just Like Family (JLF) Update - Carla Leon (Appendix C)

Carla, CEO of Just Like Family, joined us to share an update on the organization. The income for the first 8 months was \$244,000 - significantly exceeding the \$120,000 projected for the first 12 months of operation. While this represents a 32% ROI, no dividends will be distributed until the debt incurred by the organization is paid down. Our investment in JLF is already worth more than our initial stake. Major achievements in the first few months of operation include increasing caregivers' wages from \$16 to \$20/hour, resulting in excellent caregiver service and retention, and the fact that all but 1 franchise are now owned by BIPOC members. On average, clients spend \$2,500 - \$3,000/month on JLF services (slightly less in Alberta). Alberta now has Client Managed Care which will cover some or all of these costs - and also allows clients to select their own service providers which, because of their superior service, gives JLF a competitive advantage.

### 7.0 Treasurer – Kim Boyes (Appendices D&E)

Kim shared first 3 months of 2023: revenue is slightly higher than projected. Southern Homes refugee fund and Garneau Refugee Fund have both been placed in the regular refugee fund. \$19,000 total, not a pressing need right now. MVU account is still down: \$86,000 instead of \$100,000, and \$17,000 is already spoken for, so leery of taking anything out of this fund until the value recovers. Noted as financial statements still say \$100,000, which is not currently accurate.

**MOTION:** to accept the financial statements as presented.

**Moved:** Kim Boyes

**Seconded:** Meredith Krayenhoff Carried

## 8.0 AGM Feedback and Questions

Tabled.

## 9.0 2023 Planning Discussion

Gayle Simonson will attend the United Church Northern Spirit Region, in Camrose May 4-7. Gayle will prepare a report on it afterwards. Every minister in every congregation has a representative attend. Travel expenses will be covered.

## 10.0 Committee Updates

10.1 Ministry and Personnel: Appendix F.

10.2 Congregational Care: Appendix G.

10.3 Communications: verbal report shared by Chris. Veronica Bishop began her position mid March. She has completed a media analysis to determine next steps to improve communications, which she has now begun working on. Written report to be shared at September's meeting.

**MOTION:** that the committee update M&P be accepted as shared.

**Moved:** Dale Irving

**Seconded:** Jo Nicholas

Carried

**MOTION:** that the committee update Congregational Care be accepted as shared.

**Moved:** Berni Hardin

**Seconded:** Sandra Hildebrand

Carried

## 11.0 Emberwood Furnishings - Kim/Marg

Zoe may also make an announcement in church on Sunday to request that these items be donated.

**MOTION:** to provide Emberwood with up to \$1500 from the Bequest Fund to assist with the purchase of furniture/equipment for their new office. Desk, shelves, seating,

**Moved:** Kim Boyes

**Seconded:** Margaret Hetherington

11 for; 2 opposed

Carried

## 12.0 Technology, SSUC Saskatoon Connection - Chris

4-5 months ago, 1 livestream camera broke. 2 remaining captured most of what was captured before, but one was quite low quality. Spiritual Gatherings team has decided to "make do" for many months, but with feedback from SSUC Saskatoon regarding how much it is missed, impacting the quality of connection with SSUC Edmonton. Discussion around privacy and ensuring all those attending are aware that they will be on camera.

**MOTION:** that the SSUC board authorize a) the replacement of the oldest camera and b) the addition of a camera that would accommodate a face view; be it further resolved that the SSUC board authorize spending for this upgrade from the invested SSUC Saskatoon/MVU funds up to \$12,000.

**Moved:** Trisha Little

**Seconded:** Janet Campbell

Carried

**13.0 Emberwood Voice/Vote on the Board - Sandra**

Discussion around what the benefit to them would be, and opportunities to be at board meetings to ensure complete communication, as well as their relationship with SSUC. Meredith to reach out to Alison/Zoe to see what their interest is in having a voice/vote on the board.

**14.0 Status Report from SSUC Saskatoon - Trisha**

Chris visited last Sunday. At the end of May they'll stop gathering together to watch for the summer. Nothing planned for pride celebration.

15.0 **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2023.** In person and on zoom.

**Adjournment:** 8:14 p.m. by Maie Kellerman

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair, Rebecca Aiken

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary, Meredith Krayenhoff

## Southminster Steinhauer United Church

### Balance Sheet As at 2023-04-30

#### ASSET

##### CURRENT ASSETS

Servus Chequing Account	210,072.16	
JLF Invested	50,000.00	
MVU Funds Invested	100,000.00	
SH Invested	182,000.00	
Servus Savings Account	5,953.05	
Grocery Cards on Hand	8,406.50	
Petty Cash	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Cash		556,831.71
GST Reimbursable		1,171.80
Prepaid Regional Assessment		12,164.00
Membership in Servus		6,817.53
Patronage Rewards Payment		<u>9.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>576,994.04</b></u>

##### FIXED ASSETS

Investment in Land	288,588.53	
Investment in Building	1,879,357.11	
Investment in Furnishings	<u>54,728.56</u>	
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<u><b>2,222,674.20</b></u>

**TOTAL ASSET** 2,799,668.24

#### LIABILITY

##### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>0.00</b></u>

##### SPECIAL FUNDS

Special Causes Fund/SH Proceeds	135,987.74	
SSUC SH Refugee	0.00	
SH Infrastructure	<u>0.00</u>	
SH Funded Projects Sub-Total		0.00
MVU Funds Transferred		86,723.89
Maintenance Reserve Fund		20,986.50
JLF Funds Transferred		50,000.00
Refugee Fund		18,332.42
Gameau Refugee Fund		0.00
Ananais Sponsorship Fund		40,000.00
Yemane Ghebretsadik Sponsorship		17,000.00

# Southminster Steinhauer United Church

## Balance Sheet As at 2023-04-30

Siem Ghebretsadik Sponsorship	17,000.00
Christmas Eve Fund	0.00
Special Events	4,127.53
Camperships Fund	204.43
Emberwood	12,421.44
Memorial Funds	11,512.41
M. Thomas Memorial Fund	500.87
Labyrinth Fund	3,601.29
Bequests	29,201.72
Caring Fund	316.18
Facility Improvement Fund	<u>2,932.10</u>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<u>450,848.52</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITY** 450,848.52

### **EQUITY**

#### **EQUITY AND SURPLUS**

Equity in Land	288,588.53
Equity in Building	1,883,559.28
Equity in Furnishings	<u>54,728.56</u>
Total Equity in Fixed Assets	2,226,876.37
Equity in Membership	6,817.53
Equity in Patronage Payment	99.44
Previous Year Surplus/Deficit	127,167.55
Current Earnings	<u>-12,141.17</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND SURPLUS</b>	<u>2,348,819.72</u>

**TOTAL EQUITY** 2,348,819.72

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** 2,799,668.24

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**Southminster Steinhauer United Church 2021  
Income Statement 2023-01-01 to 2023-04-30**

Pro Rata Budget  
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Annual

**REVENUE**

**GIVINGS**

Local	121,726.42	
Loose	416.00	
M & S	10,141.00	
Sundry	15.00	
Non-Receiptable - Other Sources	<u>8,203.61</u>	
<b>TOTAL GIVINGS</b>	<u>140,502.03</u>	<u>135,400 406,200</u>

**OTHER REVENUE**

Fundraising	1,329.75	
Sundry	0.00	
Facility Rental	9,110.24	
Grants	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<u>10,439.99</u>	<u>16,000 48,000</u>

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>150,942.02</u>	<u>151,400 454,200</u>
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**EXPENSE**

**OPERATING EXPENSE**

Furniture & Equipment	5,571.48	
Photocopier Lease, Usage Cost	1,722.00	
Supplies	704.32	
Telephone	910.00	
Sundry	2,091.19	
SSUC-SK Admin. Contract	<u>1,362.50</u>	
Office Expenses Sub-Total	12,361.49	<u>7,967 23,900</u>
Bank Charges	386.48	
PayPal Fees	167.73	
Insurance	3,261.96	
Maintenance	14,640.99	
Maintenance Reserve Funding	0.00	
Power	6,807.86	
Water & Sewage	1,911.23	
Natural Gas	<u>3,394.81</u>	
Utility Sub-Total	12,113.90	<u>7,500 22,500</u>
Board Expense	9,755.97	
Transition Team Expense	487.93	
Trustees	0.00	
Finance Committee	237.69	
Ministry & Personnel	0.00	

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Archives	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u>53,414.14</u>	<u>41,200 123,600</u>

**PERSONNEL EXPENSES**

Minister 1	19,400.06	
Minister 2	40,622.62	
Administrative Assistant	<u>15,316.80</u>	
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE</b>	<u>75,339.48</u>	<u>85,333 256,000</u>

**COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

Spiritual Gatherings	<u>954.32</u>	
Worship Sub-Total	954.32	
Communications Coordination	2,124.99	
Congregational Care	228.75	
Website	806.73	
Publicity	0.00	
Broadview	2,225.00	
Earth Charter	0.00	
Social	0.00	
TRC Response Group	0.00	
Library	<u>46.32</u>	
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM</b>	<u>6,386.11</u>	<u>9,917 29,750</u>

**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Adult Programming	0.00	
Midweek Programming	1,940.54	
Youth Programming	0.00	
Summer Programs	0.00	
kidSPIRIT	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Congregational Development Sub-Tota	3,940.54	
Affirm Initiatives	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM</b>	<u>3,940.54</u>	<u>4,617 13,850</u>

**OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Bissell Centre	1,500.00
Families/SW Community Needs	0.00
Operation Friendship	1,500.00
Operation Friendship - Casseroles	0.00
Inner City High/Duggan Elem.	0.00
Social Justice/Kairos	200.00
Winspear Special Fund (E4C)	0.00
Food Assistance	0.00
Affordable Housing/Ambrose Place	2,500.00

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Indigenous Initiatives	100.00		
Camp Dragonfly	0.00		
Emerging Issues	0.00		
SSUC Sask Outreach	<u>1,500.00</u>		
Project Sub-Total	7,300.00		
ICPM Lunch	554.92		
M & S Expense	<u>10,066.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH PROGRAM</b>	<u>17,920.92</u>	<u>23,667</u>	<u>71,000</u>
<b>WIDER CHURCH</b>			
Presbytery / Conference	<u>6,082.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL WIDER CHURCH</b>	<u>6,082.00</u>	<u>6,033</u>	<u>18,100</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>163,083.19</u>	<u>170,767</u>	<u>512,300</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u><u>-12,141.17</u></u>	<u><u>-19,367</u></u>	<u><u>-58,100</u></u>

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# SSUC Saskatoon

## March/April 2023 Report

### 1. SSUC SK Spiritual Gatherings:

- a) **The Spiritual Gathering on April 16** was led by Chris at St Andrew's. Nephesh Spirit sang and Teresa and Kate read for us. SSUC Edmonton had some technical issues and our sound was not loud enough for both locations, but we will definitely be trying it again in the future.
- b) **The MVU Legacy investment** has gone below the initial \$100,000 deposit. The \$5000 for St Andrews' boiler/water heaters and the money for the Vimeo technology was taken from other SSUC sources. Once this investment portfolio recovers sufficiently, the SSUC sources will be replenished from the MVU legacy investments.
- c) **OUTSaskatoon donations to TransCare Fund:** Heartfelt thanks to SSUC SK members who donated about \$1000 to the fund! Trisha attended an OUTSaskatoon meeting on April 19 to ascertain what the issues have been with their finances and what the future holds. [See her report here.](#)
- d) **Emergent causes:** When the request for additional funding for OUTSaskatoon's TransCare fund came through via our SAM contacts, Linda suggested that we consider holding a portion of the \$5000 for Saskatoon Outreach for emergent causes throughout the year. If it looks like we will have some money left by the end of the year, we will inform Outreach and the Treasurer where we would like the funds directed. This plan is fine with SSUC and we will follow this direction for the 2024 budget year. There is already a schedule for 2023 and I felt that it was best to follow that for this year.
- e) **Emberwood Landscape Event:** This is a cabin/tenting retreat at Narrow Lake for both SSUC Edmonton and Saskatoon September 30 – Oct 2, 2023. The purpose is to afford an opportunity to further build community within our ranks within nature. Trisha has offered to help with the planning, in hopes that some of our members may be able to attend.
- f) **Transition Team Zoom meeting with SSUC SK on May 2** gave us the opportunity to voice what has worked for us and what we may like to see happen in the future. View the notes [here.](#)
- g) During the Transition Team Zoom meeting it was discussed that we:
  - **Discontinue Home Gatherings**, watch the livestream from our own homes and then meet on Zoom as our own Post Gathering discussion about the theme of the Spiritual Gathering.
  - Plan to have **book studies** throughout the year beginning next fall. Teresa and Kate are going to look at the SSUC resources for ideas of which books may entice our group.
  - Schedule a **Spirit Stroll** once a week. Trisha posted an invitation to gather at Meewasin shack near the end of Pinehouse on Friday mornings at 10:00am in our section of the e-messenger. Members are invited to bring a pondering, wondering, reading, or poem to the group that we can discuss as we walk within Gaia.

### 2. ICM:

- a) **Chop n' Chat:** SSUC SK has committed to sending two volunteers on the fourth instead of the second Wednesday of each month 11:00am – 3:00pm to help with the weekly meal offered to inner city community members. We have all Wednesdays covered till the end of June. The program will restart in September. Members are encouraged to let Trisha know which dates might work for them in the fall.

### 3. SSUC Edmonton news:

- a) **The Transition team:** The team has been very thorough in reaching out to members, community and staff to ascertain what SSUC's needs/wants may be for the future. They are inviting members to meet after the gathering on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for an opportunity to delve a little deeper into the six areas that have been named as priorities for SSUC. It is hoped that there will be a report to the congregation by the end of May 2023.
- b) **SSUC is in the process of changing their email addresses.** Please update your address book to include [chris@ssucedmonton.com](mailto:chris@ssucedmonton.com) and [info@ssucedmonton.com](mailto:info@ssucedmonton.com) and delete the old addresses.
- c) A couple of educational events and a number of social events have been advertised in the e-messenger this spring to bring Edmonton members together, like in pre-covid times.

### 4. Affirming news:

- a) Saskatoon Pride Festival is June 10 – 18, 2023. There is a picnic on June 10, many events through the week, and the **Pride Parade is on Saturday, June 17**. See [Saskatoon Pride website](#) for details. **If anyone wishes to walk in the Pride Parade with our banner, please contact Trisha who will not be in the city on June 17.**
- b) SAM has not been in close contact the last couple of years and therefore missed the chance to work together on a joint PIE day event in 2023. We met on May 9 to discuss ways that we can be a more cohesive group. We decided to update our email list to keep one another informed of upcoming causes, plan events together (PIE, Pride week, Multi-faith Pride Gathering) and support a new initiative – the creation of a 2SLGBTQ+ multi-faith group, Fruits of the Spirit.

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