

Leadership Team Meeting – April 7, 2019

Attendance: Debbie Nelson, Stephanie Verhoeven, Kim Guy, Alan Brown, Cindy Curry, Angela Mills, Beth Kerr, Julie Baker, Greg Cochrane, Patti Brown

Regrets: Deanna Talbot, Lesia Case, Denise Stairs

Writing “thank yous” – We began by writing thank yous

Opening – Beth offered a word of grace since we had just finished worship.

Approval of Minutes – Moved by Alan, seconded by Cindy that the minutes of the March 2019 meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED

Correspondence received:

1. Neechi Camp at Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre – We discussed an email from Twila McNair about the Neechi Camp at Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. The April house group would also like to invite the congregation to donate directly to this if they would like. Stephanie will do a minute next week to introduce this.

Moved by Kim, seconded by Alan that we give \$500 from the Unspecified Bequest Fund. CARRIED

2. Prairie to Pine Bursary Funds - letter received from the Prairie to Pine Bursary Committee re: assistance in promoting the Bursary Fund and the UCW Bursary Fund.

Discussions and Decisions

1. Covenant Documents for Region – Review of the draft document provided by Jim Pehura.

If this is not a document we are going to edit regularly we might want to change the section around Faith Formation to have less detail around Sunday School and Study Group that might change or at least put in the year when that was true. The same comment was made about the numbers under pastoral care and confirmed membership. Maybe a year could be inserted so that if it changes people know when that was true. We could take out the number with respect to house groups in case that changes. We could also just talk about interest groups in general and then some examples that might change. Under Outreach, in “2018 this included” instead of “In this past year”. We really like the scripture in the conclusion. It works for who we understand ourselves to be.

2. Slogan/Motto

We tried to work on some pictures and explore some phrases that might help us continue to work with this in the moments between meetings. Here are some of the ideas we wanted to hang onto for further thought/discussion:

- Open hearts, open minds.
- Open doors, open hearts, open minds
- Meaning for today
- Keeping it real

- Engaging hearts, hands and minds

Reports and Updates

1. Unfinished Business from Previous Meetings

- a. Signage—We are working on the sign for between the doors.
- b. Lighting for the Grand Piano – This is in process.
- c. Follow-up Conversations with McKenzie – It will be on May 2 at Tavern Upstairs at 6 p.m.
- d. Region Sunday – The inaugural meeting of Prairie to Pine Region will take place from June 13 to June 16. Stephanie Verhoeven has spoken to Norman Collier and he is willing to be our guest worship leader. Kim Guy will in charge of opening up and locking up on the Sunday.
- e. Lift Responsibilities for Funerals – We have had a couple of volunteers. We will run a lift training on Thursday this week.

2. Finance –Greg reviewed the financial statements with us. March was a good month. We may look at a different line to track certain kinds of income that are not regular offering but special donations or donations of shares or the UCW. A rate sheet was given to the office by MTS about a bundle for combined internet and phone services. They will do more research about this and see if it really is a good deal. Moved by Greg, seconded by Alan that the financial statements be received as provided.
CARRIED

3. Worship Plans

- a. Good Friday will be a joint service with McKenzie and St. Mary's at McKenzie at 10:30 a.m. on Fri. Apr. 19
- b. Easter Sunday is being led by our children and youth. The communion bread might have bright colours and there might be some other exciting elements to the service. Come and join the dance (rehearsal Thurs. Apr. 18 at 6:30). You are also invited to help decorate eggs on Good Friday afternoon at 1 p.m.
- c. Portage Pride Service – May 12. A group has started planning this and will be meeting again before worship on May 5
- d. We haven't set a baptism date. If anyone is interested, they should let Beth or Julie know as soon as possible.
- e. Sunday School Windup and Sundaes Sunday – June 2
- f. Regional Sunday – June 16 – Guest worship leader Norman Collier
- g. Summer Services
 - i. Starting on June 30
 - ii. June 30 – John Zondag at First Presbyterian
 - iii. July 7 – Beth Kerr and/or Julie Baker at First Presbyterian
 - iv. July 14 – Wilma Shirriff at First Presbyterian
 - v. July 21 – Beth Kerr at Trinity
 - vi. July 28 – Marg Scott at Trinity

- vii. August 4 – John Zondag at Trinity
- viii. August 11 – Marg Scott at McKenzie
- ix. August 18 – Julie Baker at McKenzie
- x. August 25 – John Zondag at McKenzie

4. M & P Committee – Are meeting on Wednesday, April 10

5. Team Updates

- Stewardship – Stewardship is looking at a day-long mindfulness workshop in the Fall. We will keep you posted.
- Sunday School – Wind-up is very late this year in June. This year we have had to piece things together but mostly that has been working. We are starting to think about curriculum for next year.
- Property – They fixed the bathroom door on the big stall in the women’s washroom. We are all delighted that the bathrooms don’t smell anymore. Cindy’s husband does electrical so she will talk to him about coming to check the electrical on the chancel for the Scott Woods concert. The UCW want the hump between the door to the kitchen and the library leveled since it is hard to move carts over it so they are looking at it.

6. Structure Support Team/House Groups – House Group Cup on Sunday, May 5. The suggestion is that something else should go about this to keep publicizes it to get traction. Also it would be good to have a verbal announcement at the front of the church.

7. Interest Group Updates

- a. Saturday Breakfasts – April 13, May 11, June 8
- b. Transportation
- c. Trini-Treasures – Friday, May 24 from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, May 25 from 9-noon
- d. Trini-tidings – Deadline is April 26 (yes, that’s soon!)
- e. Pool Party – Thursday, July 11 from 7 -9 p.m.

8. Prairie to Pine Region – Debbie is working on the committee who will be working on the Affirming Process for the new region.

9. UCW – The Irish Stew lunch was a great success. They are putting in a new spray tap in the kitchen. The cookie sale is on April 14. Tables are being bought. The UCW wants any donations of items for use in the kitchen to go through them.

10. Membership Status Update

Deaths

Adherents & Other:

Eva Onischuk, March 19, 2019

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11. Snacks for the next meeting - Greg

12. Closing Prayer – Beth closed with prayer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Angela Mills, Chair

Deanna Talbot, Secretary