

Leadership Team Minutes – October 9, 2019

Attendance: Julie Baker, Stephanie Verhoeven, Alan Brown, Kim Guy, Beth Kerr, Angela Mills, Greg Cochran, Denise Stairs, Deanna Talbot, Patti Brown

Regrets: Cindy Curry

Writing “thank yous” – We began the meeting by writing thank-yous.

Opening Prayer – Julie led the opening prayer with a video of Rachel Held Evans talking about not being afraid of death in the life of the church.

Minutes from the September meeting –

MOTION: Moved by Kim, seconded by Denise, that the minutes of September 11 be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

Correspondence received: There was no correspondence received.

Discussions and Decisions

1. ALF is taking place from October 24-28. Plans are coming together. There will be 35 planning team members and home group leaders from Thursday to Friday. They will use the showers at Stride Place for \$2/person. The food organization is looked after. As of today, 95 people are registered, including planning team and home group leaders.
2. Terminal to Accept Credit Cards and Debit Cards – Stewardship researched options to accept credit and debit cards. Most of the options have a monthly fee, however the card terminal from Square does not have a monthly fee, but a fee per transaction. It will cost \$300 to purchase the unit. MOTION: Debbie moved, Greg seconded, to purchase a card terminal from Square based on the quote (\$299 plus tax) out of the future projects fund. **CARRIED.**
3. Question from Stewardship about Investment Income – What is our plan with respect to the gain from our investments? Are we intending to use this to offset deficits? When and in what amounts? Greg, Larry Muirhead, Dave Falk and one other member of the Leadership Committee (potentially Cindy) will meet to discuss the purpose for the money and come up with a recommendation. It is suggested we will have a decision made before the Annual Meeting.
4. Nominating
 - a. Known vacancies – Treasurer, Secretary, 1 member at large of Leadership Team to replace Patti Brown whose term is complete, up to 3 more regional reps, at least one vacancy on M and P, Property Team Coordinator and at least 1 person for structure support.
 - b. A small committee will be constructed to brainstorm ideas for replacing the vacancies. The committee will be made up of Stephanie, Greg and a couple of structure support members.

Denise will set up a meeting with this group with the goal to have recommendations by November.

Reports and Updates

1. Unfinished Business from Previous Meetings

- a. MacGregor United Church - A small group of about 4 people from our Leadership Team are going to have a meeting on October 23 here at Trinity with some representatives of the MacGregor United Church Leadership Team. Angela and Jaret Murray (MacGregor Leadership Chair) will put together an agenda for the meeting.

2. Finance

We are now having KelGil Electric attend to after-hour alarm calls. For every call-out we're charged \$79 plus taxes. We were unaware that recently (September 15), they were called to an alarm at the NE door, until several days later when we received an invoice for it. Jacquie has since called them to ask that going forward, let us know that there was a situation prior to sending out an invoice.

Greg reviewed the financial statement as of September 30, 2019. MOTION: Greg moved, Stephanie seconded to accept the September Financial Statements as presented. **CARRIED.**

3. Worship Review and Plans

Sunday, October 13 – Thanksgiving Sunday, 2nd of Stewardship themes

Sunday, October 20 – Sacrament of Baptism (see below for baptism names), final of stewardship themes

Sunday, October 27 – We are hosting ALF so expect a youth-friendly service

Sunday, November 3 – Communion, All Saints Sunday, In Memoriam

Sunday, November 10 – ordinary worship (special around here in its ordinariness)

4. M & P Committee – The committee met today, holidays and banked time proposals were approved for Julie and Beth. Jim Pehura will now be the second contact for ADP, in addition to Jacquie.

5. Team Updates

- Stewardship – Stewardship have handed out/mailed thank you cards with a narrative budget to all contributors to Trinity. We are grateful to Charlotte Jones for designing the logo on the card, to Diane Stevenson and Terry Lee for lots of cutting, stuffing, sealing, sorting, etc. and to Hans Stasiuk and Kim Guy who have agreed to do “Why I Give” moments. Also, we are as always grateful to all our contributors. We have had to let our speaker series go for this Fall but are thinking about options for the new year. You will already have seen that we talked some about

how to interpret and discuss our investments with donors in a way that inspires them to give to our operating expenses without thinking we have money in the bank so we shouldn't be asking for more as well as how to stay with the times and have the ability to take credit and debit cards in the office and at services such as Christmas Eve.

- Sunday School – Recruiting Sunday School teachers has been difficult. Three weeks in, we have found teachers for each week, but it has been rather last minute, and we have a lot of blanks to fill. Our goal would be to find people who are not the busy parents of our kids, but we haven't had a lot of luck with that idea. We have been slightly more successful in finding younger group teachers, because the younger group is easier to plan for and work with (well, except for October 20!) Our grade 5 & up group is larger, and the curriculum requires a little more advance planning. If anyone has an idea of someone who might be willing to work with our teens/tweens, please let Julie or Amy know!
- Property – Boiler inspection has been completed.

6. Structure Support Team/House Groups – There was a conversation with house group leaders and they have received a few ideas, including to have a bank of ideas for outreach.

7. Interest Group Updates

- a. Saturday Breakfasts – Approximately 33 people attended this past Saturday. Denise will confirm with Jennifer Baker for the November breakfast.
- b. Trini-tidings – Deadline for the next issue is November 8 for distribution on the weekend of November 15-17.

8. Prairie to Pine Region – No report.

9. UCW - Unit C's Produce Sale brought in \$361.60, and the auction held at their meeting the following week brought in \$166.55.

Portage Learning & Literacy Centre has rented the kitchen for December 12 for their Christmas Celebration for newcomers. The celebration will be held in the auditorium.

10. Membership Status Update:

Candidates for Baptism

Sophie Pearl Mak daughter of Kevin Mak and Amanda Case

Kyler Matthew Blayne Senio son of Brittany and Dan Senio

Thomas Everett Alvin Freeborn son of Gillian and Ashley Freeborn

Isla Raeanne Sissons daughter of Amy and Blye Sissons

Tess Rylie Reign Braden daughter of Cole and Courtney Braden

Heidi Michele Sissons, daughter of Kale Sissons and Rachelle Roteliuk

MOTION: Patti moved, Debbie seconded to approve the baptism for the six candidates. **CARRIED.**

Deaths

Members:

Adherents & Other:

Elizabeth Armishaw, September 22, 2019

Gregory Smith, October 1, 2019

11. Patti will provide snacks for the next meeting.
12. Closing prayer - We shared our thoughts on what they are grateful for about the life of the church.
Thanks be to God!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Angela Mills, Chair

Deanna Talbot, Secretary