

Leadership Team Minutes – February 8, 2017

Present: Angela Mills, Greg Cochrane, Cindy Curry, Debbie Nelson, Brenda Moorhouse, Deanna Mitchell, Auna-Marie Brown, Julie Baker, Beth Kerr

Regrets: Patti Brown, Lesia Case, Dianne Sloane, Charlotte Jones, UCW rep

Thank you notes were prepared, and Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer was offered

Minutes and Correspondence

Moved by Auna-Marie, seconded by Brenda that the minutes of the January meeting be adopted as distributed. CARRIED

Discussions and Decisions

1. Confirmation will be held on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. The Leadership Team will have supper with the Confirmation Class on April 9th. Deanna and Auna-Marie will be responsible for the gifts. **Greg moved, Auna-Marie seconded to pay for the cost of supper and gifts from the memorial fund. CARRIED.**
2. The Leadership Team reviewed the Annual Meeting and some of the comments that were made. There are still vacancies on several committees. A number of people have already been approached to fill these vacancies, but they were unavailable.
3. The Leadership Team received several reports and requests for direction from the Stewardship Team in regards to the projected deficit for 2017. The questions and ideas were discussed. The Leadership Team will support a survey, but it will need to have a clear purpose, we would like them to return to us a final version of the survey before it is sent out. The survey should have an online option, the questions should be targeted to the individual filling out the survey and not other members, questions could include suggestions for potential fundraisers that individuals could either organize or support. Greg will meet with Randy to discuss our discussions.

In response to a question from Stewardship, it was noted that there is a way to make giving to the General Fund a clearly stated option for memorial gifts, but it was felt that developing a campaign around this it is not a high priority at this time. There was also encouragement to involve house groups in community meals/breakfasts. It was noted that some house groups have exercised some of these options, but we are clear that house groups can make decisions about what they are able and willing to do and that we would not make these fund raisers a requirement.

4. Greg reviewed the Financial Report. **Moved by Greg, seconded by Brenda to accept the January Financial Statements as circulated.**
5. Greg talked to Paul Davidson about endowment funds and asked him to make a presentation on suggestions for investment opportunities. Julie recommended to also bring

Kathryn Hofley from The United Church of Canada to come and give a second opinion. Greg will set up a meeting with the Leadership Team, Stewardship Team, and Trustees to explore investment options and bring in Kathryn, Paul and one other financial planner.

6. We have received a couple of proposals for the elevator replacement and Garry recommends going with the Access Store's proposal. The elevator currently works, but the door is broken. We decided to wait and make a decision in April regarding how and when we might move forward with the replacement of the elevator.
7. Julie reviewed Remit 4 – Funding a New Model. After discussion, an official vote was taken. **The Leadership Team voted against the new funding model guided by the stated principles.**
8. Building Use Requests –
There was a request for a children's music program to take place on April and May (Wednesday mornings). **Auna-Marie moved, seconded by Brenda to grant the request to accept an honorarium of \$100. CARRIED.**
9. Affirming Interest Group recommends that Trinity will move forward with seeking official status as an affirming ministry. A vision statement has been developed by the interest group and was circulated at this meeting. Next steps include developing a work plan, holding a congregational meeting, receiving approval from Affirm United and having a celebration service. We reviewed the Vision Statement and were supportive of the Interest Group's work.
10. There is a Hunger Free Campaign to raise the government limit of the daily allowance for food for social assistance recipients. We would support Trinity to form an Interest Group to support this campaign. An announcement will be made on Sunday to see if someone would like to organize an Interest Group.
- 11. Brenda moved, Auna-Marie seconded to allow Angela Roulette to host the Christmas Dinner again in 2017 at Trinity. CARRIED.**
12. We agreed to have a Pool Party again this year, as we have a gift certificate to start the process. Angela will pick a date and be in touch with the office as soon as possible.

Reports and Updates

1. UCW met on January 4 2017. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3708.10. All 3 catering groups contributed to the Folk Festival food on Saturday with Group 1 coordinating. Group 2 was also preparing lunch for the AGM on Sunday. Preparing food for 2 major functions back to back maxed out the catering groups' available workers – some doing double duty. If these functions could be spaced at least a week apart it would be helpful. This could be something to consider for next year.

The festival takes a lot of organizing and the workers had long shifts. Two workers were at the church at 10:30 am for making coffee and setting up in the big room, plus the parlour and water supply upstairs. This was not a scheduled shift, but seemed necessary. The first scheduled shift was from 12:30 – 4:30 and the second was 4:30 – finish. The food court

closed at 7:15 with clean up ending around 8 pm. We had no more people power to divide up the shifts.

We agreed to support the recommendations listed below and encourage Charlotte to talk to Garry directly.

1) Concerning the change table in the women's washroom: The change table will remain where it is. However, if possible, a small shelf for purses or other small articles needs to be installed somewhere near the sinks and change table, in a place where it could be safely attached. Also, one or two more coat hooks added on the coat hook wall, if possible, would also be very useful.

2) Adjustable shelving needs to be added to the north side of the UCW storage cabinet in the auditorium.

Submitted by Charlotte Jones

2. Church Calendar

3. Team Updates

- Stewardship – already discussed
- Structure Support Team – nothing to discuss
- Sunday School – nothing to discuss
- Property – Garry & Patti have delivered the pipe organ motor to a company in Winnipeg to have it rewired. It will take about a week and \$1,000 to \$2,000.

4. Interest Group Updates

- Saturday Breakfasts – We have no further breakfasts scheduled. To revisit next month.
- Affirming Interest Group – already discussed
- Refugee Coalition – the families are doing great
- Conference Planning – on May 28th, Church will be cancelled at Trinity and we will all go to Canad Inns
- Folk Fest – Proposed date for 2018 February 3 and a small profit was made this year.
- Transportation – Handivan - Paula McKenzie is coordinating

5. Ministry and Personnel – next meeting is in March

6. Agassiz Presbytery – there is an Affirming Ministry celebration ceremony on Saturday in MacGregor

7. Fair Board Process – there hasn't been a meeting for a while. Brenda will still go to the meetings, but this item will be removed from the agenda.

8. The laptop has been purchased within the budgeted amount. A new phone has been ordered online through Amazon for \$150, well below the budgeted amount!

9. Membership Status Update

Deaths:

Adherents and Other:

Mona Baker, January 21, 2017

Katherine Lamb, January 31, 2017
Members: None

10. Deanna will provide snacks for the March meeting.

11. Beth led the closing prayer

Next Meeting: March 8, 2017

Debbie Nelson, Chair

Deanna Mitchell, Secretary

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