

Leadership Team Minutes – April 11, 2018

Attendance: Angela Mills, Debbie Nelson, Greg Cochrane, Alan Brown, Carol Wiebe, Kim Guy, Denise Stairs, Patti Brown, Julie Baker, Beth Kerr

Regrets: Deanna Talbot, Lesia Case (presbytery), Charlotte Jones (presbytery), Cindy Curry

Thank you notes were written to people for their contributions to Trinity's life.

An opening reflection poem was offered by Beth. "We are not done with our changes".

Minutes and Correspondence

We received a letter from Heather Lea (on behalf of Agassiz Presbytery Pastoral Oversight Committee) congratulating Trinity for a job well done on our 2017 annual report.

Discussions and Decisions

1. Summer Plans – This summer presents a whole host of interesting challenges and opportunities. Julie Baker is on sabbatical, which reduces our ministry staff by half. Jacquie Bennet is owed a lot of holiday time and will be taking 6 weeks (July 2 – August 12), which presents a significant gap for the church office. The main elevator is being replaced which will limit public accessibility to the Tupper street entrance to the building and create a construction area near the office from June 18 – July 27. Once again, we are participating in joint worship with First Presbyterian and McKenzie United. We will host worship the last three weeks in August.

Motion: Debbie/Kim that Trinity close the church office for 6 weeks from July 2 to August 13. **Carried.**

It was agreed that we hold Sunday worship on June 24 outside (in the green space by the church) weather permitting. In the case of poor weather we will move inside to the parlour or auditorium, depending on the numbers/plans.

It was agreed to accept the invitation from McKenzie United Church to share worship with them on Labour Day weekend in their building, with joint planning from our ministers.

It was agreed that the chair would send a letter to McKenzie United Church asking for permission to use their church facilities for funerals while our sanctuary is out of commission with lift replacement.

Beth proposed the idea of a Wednesday walking group for summer, starting in July. It was agreed that this idea should be offered, especially since the church building will not be as much of a gathering place.

Beth also proposed an idea of a summer "supper club". It was agreed that Sunday nights would offer an opportunity for people to gather outside of our church building. 5:30 p.m. was suggested as an appropriate time for gathering.

2. Lift Decisions/Update – As noted, the lift work is scheduled to begin Monday, June 18. At the request of the Stewardship Team, grant applications have been made to the Portage Foundation for \$23,000 and to the Cropo Foundation for \$15,000.

In addition to the main quote price of \$59,201 plus tax, it would cost \$5,800 to put automatic openers on the three lift doors and \$3108 to put an automatic door opener on the exterior office door. We have been assured that the automatic door opener has “back pressure” so we should not have trouble with the wind on the main office door. We have applied for grant monies with this in mind.

Motion: Patti/Denise to approve the additional cost to install automatic door openers on the elevator doors and exterior office door. **Carried.**

3. Handivan – We have been offering handivan service approximately once a month to those who need it to come to church September to June. Other than on Easter when there were 4 riders, we have had very few users this winter (like 1 or 2). An additional concern has been whether the escorts could accompany them while at church.

Motion: Kim/Patti that Trinity discontinue the use of the handivan at present and to re-visit the decision in the fall. **Carried.**

Kim will communicate with Auna, as the current coordinator.

4. The leadership team engaged in conversation about communication strategies for Trinity information. How do we get our information about what Trinity is about? Sermons, Instagram, Announcements, Facebook/videos, in person conversations/coffee hour, newspaper articles were all mentioned as ones used by members of the Leadership Team. Different generations require different kinds of communication – Trinitidings has been a key tenet of our communication strategy. It may be time to re-visit the form and function of that way of communication.
5. Deanna tracked some of our social media usage through the last month. Instagram and Facebook seemed to have most traffic. It was agreed that recording and posting sermons should be continued. It was agreed that small videos are also valuable (teasers, or other theological reflections on current events etc.)
6. Vision Sunday Report conversation was deferred until next meeting.

Reports and Updates

1. Finance – financial reports were circulated as attached. Greg reported that we are moving some savings money into the chequing account. We are quite a bit behind on our giving goals to date. Attendance this winter was quite low as well, and there doesn't seem to be identifiable reasons for that. It was noted that we are also fundraising for capital projects.
Motion: Greg/Debbie that the financial statements be accepted as presented. **Carried.**
2. The Church Calendar for the coming months was reviewed. The Portage Islamic Association is doing evening prayers every evening until Ramadan, when they will do morning and evening daily prayer. The year-round Friday prayers also continue. The Prairie Sounds Music festival will be in our space coming soon. We do not yet have breakfast coordinators for May or June.
3. Team Updates
 - Stewardship is talking about communication strategies.
 - Sabbatical Planning Group has arranged for worship and pastoral care coverage during Julie's absence. Some things have been organized so that they will continue on their own. Some of Julie's work will be taken over by various other Trinity people. Some things will wait until she returns.
 - Structure Support Team/House Groups There is a meeting scheduled for April 12.

- Sunday School Due to the changing needs of our children, we are looking to switch up our Sunday School program again this coming fall. We are looking forward to using a new curriculum designed particularly for teens as part of that new program – and instead of words like “Whirl” or “Spark” we will be using “Connect” and “Holy Moly”! Both programs use video resources regularly.
Motion: Kim/Carol that Trinity set a budget of \$1000 from the Memorial Fund to purchase appropriate multi-media equipment (including speakers and computer/monitor or projection) for Sunday School use. **Carried.**
 - Property – The roof work is complete except for some clean-up to happen when the snow has melted.
4. Interest Group Updates
- Saturday Breakfasts – April, May, June This month’s breakfast is being hosted by Patti, Marnie and Trinity youth. Kim will approach Alan and Linda Wright about the possibility of hosting a breakfast. Angela will have a sign up sheet on Sunday.
 - Transportation – (see discussion item above)
 - Trini-Treasures – May 25 and 26 We very little storage space, so we are hoping that people will defer bringing their items in until closer to the date. The UCW will have a hot dog sale on Friday at the sale.
 - Trini-tidings – The next issue deadline is May 4, with distribution date May 13.
 - Sundance and Pow Wow Practices - We are not certain whether or not our space has been used for this, but we understand that they intend to use it.
 - Pool Party – Date set for Thursday, July 19 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Splash Island. It was agreed should invite McKenzie and First Presbyterian to join us. We will need to make sure to have specific instructions for registration and payment given that Jacquie will be away during this time. Kim will talk to Dawn Froese about inviting their clientele.
5. Agassiz Presbytery – April 21 is the next presbytery meeting, in Altona.
6. M & P Committee met today. Caretaker Don Morrison will take vacation from July 2-July 16 inclusive. For the time being, unless anyone has any other ideas, we will make use of current choir resource leadership to fill the gaps left by Carol’s retirement.
7. UCW plans to offer the petunia sale again, although no information has yet been circulated. The cookie sale is Sunday April 22, and there will be a hot dog sale at the Trini-Treasures sale.
8. There is a plan for adult baptism and confirmation in May. Motion: Greg/Alan that a budget of up to \$50 per person be allocated from the memorial fund for baptism/confirmation gifts. **Carried.**

9. Membership Status Update

Deaths:

Adherents and other:

Frank Upward, April 2, 2018

Snacks for the May meeting – Patti Brown offered to do snacks in May.

10. Closing prayer was offered by Julie before Angela closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 09, 2018

Angela Mills, Chair

Julie Baker, Acting Secretary