

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting  
Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
Via Zoom

Present: Beth Kerr, Julie Baker, Cindy Curry, Kim Guy, Alan Brown, Angela Mills, Greg Cochrane  
Regrets: Stephanie Verhoeven, Denise Stairs, Lesia Case, Diane Routledge

Call to order: 7:32 p.m.

Check-In – facilitated by Cindy

Report on Worship – Julie:

Our last in-person worship service was March 15. Since then, recorded and uploaded sermons to youtube have gone out via texts and emails, and print versions have been mailed out. We've had 3 Sunday morning worship services via Zoom; the first 2 services had about 30 households, and Palm Sunday had about 50 participants. Julie's favourite has been the prayer requests using the chat function. We are now in Holy Week, and each evening either Beth or Julie do Daily Reflection posts at 7 p.m. on Facebook Live, and these posts can also be found on our youtube channel. Our ecumenical Good Friday Service has been cancelled, but will be offering a Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m. by Zoom (similar to what we do on Sundays). Easter Sunday's service will also be by Zoom, and we are going to attempt virtual communion, and may even do a virtual coffee time.

Report on Christian Education and Pastoral Care – Beth:

Friday study group has been meeting weekly for an hour by conference call. There were 12 participants one week, 8 and 10 the following weeks. Confirmation class had their last session via Zoom just as we were cancelling things. Depending on interest, they want to continue a weekly check-in, but won't meet Good Friday. Other ways we've found to stay connected include Easter materials sent to 43 children, a games night on the Thursday and a Selfie Scavenger hunt during March break (and another one planned for this Saturday). Pastoral Care is being done by using mostly phone and email to connect with a variety of people. Beth says it is a difficult time for many people.

Report on Staff and Office – Kim:

Yvette Brown, Jim Pehura and Sylvia Lyall of the M & P Committee have consented to being on the Ministry Profile Team. Moved by Kim Guy, seconded by Angela Mills to name Jocelyn Baker, Greg Cochrane, Yvette Brown, Jim Pehura and Sylvia Lyall to the Ministry Profile Team. Carried.

March 31, Kim sent an email to the Leadership team to determine whether or not we feel we are an essential service. April 1, Kim discussed with Jacquie working at the church but keeping the doors locked, and spoke with Don about keeping busy during the mandatory shutdown, as he did not want to go on EI. The Leadership Team recommends M & P keep Don employed for as long we can keep him busy. Jacquie is willing to work 40 hours per week once these uncertain times are behind us and there is work to justify a full-time work week.

Opportunity for discussion, questions, feedback, suggestions about all of the above:

Thank you to Beth and Julie for doing such a phenomenal job keeping our congregation connected.

Financial Motions:

The old laptop that was in the choir loft died suddenly on the first Sunday we were using it for Zoom. We have replaced it since we need it for the ministers to work from home during this time and we will need two laptops (one for the choir and one for Sunday School) on Sunday mornings once we are back to worshipping in the building. We have also had smaller expenses related to a Pro Zoom account (\$20 per month) and to the use of the Conference Call number through the United Church for Friday Study Group. There may be other things that come up as we live into being the church in a dispersed fashion during this time.

Moved by Angela Mills, seconded by Kim Guy to approve expenses related to being the church in a dispersed fashion during the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes the purchase the new laptop, Zoom account, conference call number, and other expenses as needed to be paid from the Memorial Fund for the purpose of Christian Education and Worship. Carried.

The Government of Canada is announcing the launch of the new Canada Emergency Business Account, which will be implemented by eligible financial institutions in cooperation with Export Development Canada (EDC). Greg will email the information for our consideration.

Closing Prayer- Julie

Adjourned: 8:31 p.m.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2020***

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Cindy Curry, Chair

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