

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

*The meeting will be held in person at Trinity in the lower hall, with members physically distanced.*

Present: Cindy Curry, Diane Routledge, Donna Matthews, Lesia Case, Angela Mills, Alan Brown, Denise Stairs, Pam Lotun

Regrets: Kim Guy, Stephanie Verhoeven, UCW rep

Thank you notes were written as members gathered.

Call to order: 6:57pm

Land acknowledgment

We are all treaty people. As we meet, we remember that we gather on Treaty 1 land. This is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dene, Dakota, and Oji-Cree nations and is the homeland of the Metis.

Opening Prayer and Thoughts for Reflection were offered by Julie

Approval of the Minutes from August 26, 2020

**Motion: to approve the minutes as circulated. moved by Denise, seconded by Alan. Carried.**

**Discussion and Decisions:**

Feedback about in-person and online worship thus far.... Most we've had in person in 60, least we have had in person is 37. For those who have attended, musical instruments are a good distraction from singing. House group volunteers have adjusted to their new roles. Candle lighters going behind the table to light candles is appreciated so you can see their face.

Discussion about various suspended activities were held. It was agreed that Baptism would continue to be tabled. We will hold a communion service on November 29, with the proposal outlined by Pam and Julie. We have no current coffee time alternatives, but if we go to ORANGE, we may wish to utilize the break out rooms for conversation once a month or so. We will continue to table conversation about children's programming as well.

Christmas will require some creative thinking. Julie is looking to gather a think tank to brainstorm options with the hope of having a plan in place (and alternatives, depending on health protocols) by our November meeting.

**Finance Report**

Financial reports were circulated, and Donna noted the following details: Local donations were up in September, and we are starting to see annual donations coming in. The first in person worship service in September brought in a large donation amount. 4 of our parking stalls are now rented which provides \$100 income per month for us. Note under expense – website \$175. Domain name renewal will cost us double next year. In general, the financial picture is not too bad. Donna will be meeting with the Investment Team next week to review our holdings and make recommendations on our plan for them.

**Motion: to accept the financial report as presented. moved by Donna, seconded by Alan. Carried.**

Ministry Profile Report

**Motion: to approve the ministry profile's job descriptions as circulated. Moved by Alan, seconded by Diane carried.**

We will take the time to read through the revised version of our already approved community of faith profile and approve it at the next meeting.

M and P Report – nothing to report

Prairie to Pine Regional Report :

The Prairie to Pine Regional meeting was held September 30 and October 7, 2020, via Zoom and other electronics. Over 200 people, with Julie Baker, Brenda Brand and Lesia Case as Trinity's representatives. We connected for a time of introduction, discussion, remit education, reports, voting and worship.

The vision statement motion was passed and Prairie to Pine is now an affirming region.

On October 7, a covenanting with the Communities of Faith (all the churches and places of worship) in the region took place; a moving service.

Retirees were acknowledged and ordinands recognized.

Communion at worship was interesting, as we celebrated communion by ourselves – and yet with all of us.

Calendar review

Team and Interest Group Updates –

- Structure Support – Did not meet in September, and no meeting is currently scheduled. One of the house group leaders have stepped down – house group leader for November. Alan and Heather have agreed to coordinate the group for November as the Structure Support Team endeavours to find a new leader for the group.
- Property – Mitchell Omichinski is finishing up his 2 month rotation at the end of the month. During his time he has revamped our north side parking stalls; the six stalls now are well marked with signage, stall numbers and bumpers to match each spot, no more parking confusion. There were four stalls available for rent, and all four are now rented; the other 2 stalls are for the office administrator and caretaker. The nursery school received a grant to give the south side a facelift – a new concrete pad and canopy. The boiler has been inspected and turned on. Both lifts were inspected by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, with no issues other than recommending signage, which will be addressed in his report to follow. November-December property contact is Waind MacDonald.
- UCW – no report

- Stewardship – stewardship material to be incorporated into mini trini-tidings. Those who get by email will get a separate email about their givings to date. Stewardship Sunday theme “thanks living” hoping people will send in pictures or words or whatever of things they have been grateful for through covid. They also want to do a donor thank you that has yet to be decided.
- TriniTidings – Stewardship is interested in having some information go out, and we have some information to share about November, so a mini-TriniTidings is planned for end of week (October 16ish) All Saints Day plans to be unveiled in this issue.
- Sunday School – ?????
- Study Groups – Faith Formation – Marg Scott began with the Friday morning Study group October 13 (yes, Tuesday afternoon) – was well attended and well received.
- Choirs and Singing – These activities remain on hold due to Covid. It is clear that these groups will be among the last to be able to resume any in-person activity.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Deaths

Members:

Zena Gaudreault, September 15, 2020

Ron Tidsbury, September 28 2020

Adherents & Other:

Maria Gerrard, February 9, 2020

Dorothy Andrews, September 16, 2020 (member of St. Paul’s United, Morden)

Donna Gilbert, November 26 2019

Closing Prayer was led by Julie

Adjourned: 8:53

***Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18 (Remembrance Day is the second Wednesday)***

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Cindy Curry, Chair

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Pam Lotun, Secretary