

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
The meeting was held online via our Zoom meeting platform.

Present: Julie Baker, Cindy Curry, Alan Brown, Kim Guy, Pam Lotun, Denise Stairs

Regrets: Lesia Case, Gloria Ross, Stephanie Verhoeven, Donna Matthews, Diane Routledge

Thank yous will be sent on behalf of Leadership by Lesia Case, who is not able to attend our zoom meetings.

Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

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 was offered by Julie

Approval of the Minutes from March 10, 2021

Motion: to approve the minutes as circulated. Due to the absence of quorum, all motions unless otherwise noted will be ratified at a subsequent meeting.

Correspondence: None

Discussion and Decisions:

Provincial Public Orders are being revised every three weeks. Current orders now allow for Trinity to have up to 100 people present on Sunday mornings, with mask and distancing protocols in effect. At this point the public health order does not allow for committees or study groups to meet in person unless there are 5 persons or less.

Tech Update – it appears that our email and data concerns have stabilized at present. As far as we are aware, the email is up and working again. The data upgrade have allowed the uploads to YouTube to happen much more quickly – not sure whether it has impacted the Zoom experience a great deal, although it should.

Media Communication – On Friday, April 2 a story ran in Portage Online about churches gathering for Easter. An old photo of Trinity was used, but was not cited by age. It therefore did not show appropriate Covid Protocols. Trinity's actual plans were not part of the story. It was agreed that Pamela would take this up with the news department and see what might be possible to address this possible public misconception and what people might be assuming about how our church is following protocols? (see link to story below)

<https://www.portageonline.com/local/churches-eager-to-celebrate-easter-despite-pandemic>

M and P Report –

The M & P committee spent time discussing the possible options for summer that would allow our staff to take holidays. It would be their recommendation that we ask Jacquie and Julie to take holidays for the month of July and that we would cancel Sunday worship and close the church office during that time.

It was determined that making the decision sooner rather than later would allow us to start to prepare for this summer option.

Lesia Case joined the meeting by telephone so that the following motion could be made:

Motion: that the leadership team approve the option of having Julie and Jacquie take vacation for the month of July, which would mean that the church office would also be closed during this time, and there would be no church services for the month, including August 1.

*Moved by Kim, seconded by Lesia (on the phone). **Carried.***

Conversation remained divided about whether or not we would allow funerals to be held in the Trinity building during this time. This discussion will be re-visited in May, as we see what happens with public health orders and have further time to consider the implications.

Finance Report – The circulated financial report shows that we are in a relatively healthy financial position.

Motion: to approve the financial statements as circulated. Due to the absence of quorum, all motions unless otherwise noted will be ratified at a subsequent meeting.

Ministry Profile Report – The Ministry Search Team expects to meet fairly soon.

Prairie to Pine Region – Meeting scheduled for the end of May.

Calendar

Team and Interest Group Updates –

- Structure Support team and nominations – Structure support has not met since our last meeting, but Denise reminded the Leadership Team that we are all supposed to be prayerfully considering options for people who may be approached to fill the chair elect vacancy.
- Caring Friends - We sent out 52 Easter cards with a simple Easter greeting and a button flower tucked inside each card. We have heard from several people how much they enjoyed being thought of in this way.
- Property – Yard clean up April 3 saw 8 bags of cleanup and 2 volunteers (Doug Muckley & Joyce Ross), plus Mitchell. Mitchell is going to place a stone planter on the north side of Tupper (just outside the door closest to the parking lot). Otto Mutcher continues to be April's Property contact, and Leith Saunders will start her 2-month rotation in May.
- UCW – selling Chance 2 Grow plants. Deadline for ordering is May 13.
- Stewardship – next meeting scheduled for April 21

- TriniTidings – The next TriniTidings is scheduled for May 14. We will plan to communicate summer plans in this newsletter.
- Sunday School – During Lent, an intergenerational story time was offered on Facebook Live Saturday mornings. We sent out Easter packets to families with children up to grade 6. A total of 23 packets were mailed out. Activity packets are being made available on Sunday mornings for any kids who come in person.
- Study Groups – Tuesday afternoon study is on hiatus during the circuit breaker lock down
- Choirs and Singing – Three pieces of music were recorded by individual singers and mixed to form virtual choir songs for Easter Sunday. They are now uploaded to YouTube.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer

Deaths

Members:

Herb Driver, March 16, 2021

Adherents & Other:

Don Blight, March 26, 2021 (member of Oakville)

Jerry Samels, June 2, 2020 (funeral April 10, 2021)

Closing Prayer was offered by Julie.

Adjournment: 8:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Cindy Curry, Chair

Pam Lotun, Secretary