

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
The meeting was held online via our Zoom meeting platform.

Present: Julie Baker, Cindy Curry, Diane Routledge, Alan Brown, Denise Stairs, Donna Matthews, Kim Guy, Pam Lotun

Regrets: Stephanie Verhoeven, Lesia Case

Call to order: Cindy opened the meeting at 7:00pm

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. One year ago the Leadership Team began to consider the implications of Covid-19.

Approval of the Minutes from February 17, 2021

Motion: to approve the minutes as circulated. Moved by Kim. Seconded by Alan. Carried.

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. We have baptism plans up until March 21 with baptism participants in person and congregation online. Leadership Team agreed to open the church for Palm Sunday and Easter. There will be no Good Friday service this year. 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.

We pay a regular fee to advertise in the Herald Leader, which may no longer be a good use of our resources.

Motion: to cease ads in the Herald Leader Press. Moved by Alan. Seconded by Kim. Carried.

Alan will talk to McKenzies about ceasing the ad in the paper to let them know we want to stop the ad.

Tech woes – Jacquie and Julie have spent countless hours tracing the difficulties with our trinityu@mts.net and trinityu@mymts.net getting through to recipients. Jacquie plans to keep working with MTS until the issue is resolved. At this time, we will not consider changing email providers, but developing our own trinityunited.ca emails may be an option in the future.

Broadband woes – Our current internet connection with MTS for \$90/month is giving us approximately 20mbs download speed and often only 1.6 mbs upload speed, which is not reliable enough for our zoom church offerings. Internet providers have offered us the following options:

MTS: We may enter into a 3 year contract to reduce MTS' rates to \$79.95/mo and the \$199.95 install fee would be waived. This will give us 75mbs download and 10 mbs upload.

Shaw: 2 packages - Internet 25 includes 25mbs download and 5mbs upload for \$90/mo. Their Internet 75 package includes 75mbs download and 15mbs upload for \$119/mo. To transition over takes roughly 1-2 weeks, and there would be no installation charge and the new modem would be free.

Motion: to sign on for the three-year contract with MTS for broadband upgrade. Moved by Denise. Seconded by Kim. Carried.

Ministry Profile Report – our CDM position has been approved by the region.

Finance Report – Donna presented an overview of our financial picture to date.

Motion: to approve finances as presented. Moved by Donna. Seconded by Alan. Carried.

M and P Report – M & P held its first meeting with two new members. They are aware of the workload being shouldered by staff and wish to support them as best they can.

Prairie to Pine Region – no report

Calendar – The calendar is starting to fill up again as restrictions ease.

Team and Interest Group Updates –

- Structure Support team met two weeks ago. Trying to coordinate who's covering remaining months for the year for House Group duties. We have a plan through April. Looking to fill two more positions on the structure support team. We still have a vacancy on M & P as well. We do not currently have a link to the Ministry Profile/Search team from Leadership, and only one link to M & P. Should we remedy that? The issue of finding a chair elect is very challenging. Leadership team is encouraged to prayerfully consider what options might be available to us, and to pursue conversations with people who may be asked to fill any of our positions.
- Property - All is been quiet on the home front. The only issue we had was with the north door (off the BMO parking lot). The hinge was broken, but between Don & Otto, they got it fixed. Matt Morais has agreed to go on the Property rotation schedule and is on for Sept & Oct. Jacquie has confirmed this with him.
- UCW –
- Stewardship – Looking for people to make testimonial videos and doing an educational series
- TriniTidings – A news bulletin will go out on Friday (12th), announcing what is happening for Easter. The next Trinitidings would be early May.
- Sunday School – no news
- Study Groups – Tuesday afternoon study is on hiatus during the circuit breaker lock down
- Choirs and Singing – Rehearsal materials have been prepared for any who are interested in helping record special music for Easter.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Motion: That we approve the baptisms of the following children on Sundays during Lent:

Jake Lucas Brugger, child of Tara and Dean Brugger

Millie Nicole Talbot, child of Deanna & Colin Talbot

Kaycee May Reykdal, child of Kayla & Chris Reykdal

Tuck Russell Hay, child of Adrianna Boychuk & Skylar Hay

Huxton Keith Hay, child of Katarina Boychuk & Riley Hay

Hannah Elizabeth Nixon, child of Christopher & Naomi Nixon

Christopher James Nixon, child of Christopher & Naomi Nixon

Moved by: Kim. Seconded by: Diane. Carried.

Transfer

Deaths

Members:

Joyce Rutter, March 3, 2021

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer was offered by Julie, and Cindy adjourned the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Next Meeting: April 14 2021

Cindy Curry, Chair

Pam Lotun, Secretary