

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
The meeting was held online via our Zoom meeting platform.

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

Regrets: Lesia Case, Stephanie Verhoeven

Call to order: 7:03 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 and Reflection was offered by Julie

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes from March 10, 2021 & April 14, 2021 as circulated.

Motioned by: Kim. Seconded by: Denise. Carried.

Correspondence: Request from Affirm for our Affirming Ministry Annual Report 2020. Pam agreed to submit on our behalf.

Discussion and Decisions:

Provincial Public Orders have shifted three times since we last met – and we didn't anticipate either of them. Most recent orders have closed the church office except for curbside pick up/drop off, and worship must be online only. It is impossible to predict how long these orders may remain, and how quickly things will re-open. We will assume that we will attend to the orders. Zoom church will continue through the summer regardless. If we go back to 10 people allowed in person, we may invite some of those who cannot access online worship to be present. If we are allowed at least 50 people we can invite all those who wish to come in person, given the number who are likely to do so, with the time of year and time of the pandemic. We will encourage those who are able to do zoom to continue to do so, to attempt to be as consistent as possible. We also need to be careful that we are not perceived to have different rules for different people, or "favourites".

When staff are on vacation in July, we will also close the building. Only users who can use the building independently (have their own keys) will have access to the building. M & P will plan for any staff coverages needs at their June meeting.

The Portage Learning and Literacy Centre has requested use of the auditorium throughout July & August for their summer program (20 students, 5 staff). As the building will be closed in July, that month is not an option. It was decided that we do not have adequate staff support to accommodate the request for August.

Finance Report –

Motion: to approve both sets of financial statements from March and April 2021 as circulated and presented.

Moved by: Donna. Seconded by: Denise. Carried.

Trustees Report –

The trustees have given approval to the Nursery School for a couple of projects in their space to allow access to storage, and to carpet entryway stairs.

They received a request for dedication for window to be named in memory of Cynthia Jordan and will work with the Jordan family.

The exterior church steps are starting to deteriorate, and the trustees are looking into estimates for repair.

Ministry Search Team Report – The Ministry Search Team met April 19 and advertising for the position is in the beginning stages. Expect to see something in the upcoming newsletter. Sandra Falk has joined the search team. Official announcement will be made Friday in the trini tidings on their plans.

Motion: to nominate Sandra Falk the to the Ministry search team, along with existing members Jocelyn Baker, Yvette Brown, Sylvia Lyall, and Greg Cochrane.

Moved by: Kim. Seconded by: Donna. Carried.

M and P Report –

Kim reported that M & P gave a gift certificate to Jacquie in honour of Administrative Professionals' Week. They will be dealing with summer staff coverage needs for July at their June meeting. Julie will be away for the next couple of weeks and Janice Campbell from McKenzie United will be available for emergency pastoral care needs.

Prairie to Pine Region – A virtual meeting is scheduled for May 28-30. Lesia Case and Brenda Brand are our lay representatives to that meeting. It is not clear how much they will be able to attend – no agenda information has yet been made available.

Calendar – The team noted that many items listed on the calendar have been cancelled due to the recent public health order.

Team and Interest Group Updates –

- Structure Support team and nominations – no meeting. Hopefully meeting in August to assess plans going forward. We are all asked to prayerfully consider how to fill our chair elect vacancy.
- Property – Leith Saunders' 2-month rotation continues throughout May & June. Otto & Don cleaned out the eaves; rain water was backing up and spilling over the top, creating damage to the south side wood framing.
- UCW – selling Chance 2 Grow plants. They are now sold out.
- Stewardship – The stewardship team is working on a couple of initiatives to increase engagement and generosity toward Trinity. They are actively seeking people willing to make testimonial videos that can be used to encourage participation and financial giving. They have also been working for several years on the concept of offering a speaker series that would

speak to people both inside and out of the church community. Many plans have fallen through, but they are now wading in with an event tentatively planned for June 13 at 1:00 p.m. It will be an online line event, with guest Cornell Pashe from PCRC to further encourage education and reconciliation. It will provide some introductory information to the concept of treaties, and will provide some information on the Circles of Reconciliation program. The plan is to limit the program to about an hour in length.

- TriniTidings – The next TriniTidings is scheduled for May 14.
- Caring Friends – nothing new to report
- Just Because... Covid – Nominations are being solicited for an outreach to those who may be finding Covid a very busy and stressful time, with a care box from the church. More information has been shared online and will appear in the newsletter. While the idea came from Stewardship, it is being coordinated through the office, and Trinity volunteer helpers are most welcome. (a variation on the Caring Friends theme)
- Sunday School – nothing new to report
- Study Groups – Tuesday afternoon study is on hiatus during the circuit breaker lock down
- Choirs and Singing – nothing new to report

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer

Deaths

Members:

Cynthia Jordan, May 2, 2021

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer was offered by Julie

Adjournment: 8:09pm

Next Meeting: June 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Cindy Curry, Chair

Pam Lotun, Secretary