

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Trinity United Church
Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – held in Trinity Lower Hall at 7 pm

Present: Julie Baker, Stephanie Verhoeven, Kim Guy, Cindy Curry, Pam Lotun, Alan Brown, Tanis Essery, Diane Routledge, Donna Matthews (via zoom)

Regrets: Gloria Ross, Lesia Case, Denise Stairs

Call to order: 7:02 p.m.

Land acknowledgment

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 - Julie shared an opening prayer and reflection.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022 as circulated.

Moved: Kim Guy

Seconded: Stephanie Verhoeven

Carried

Correspondence:

Follow up to Letter from Wood Lake Books received regarding “Keys to the Kingdom” and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada in June 2025. Phone call received, asking for more pictures and a paragraph about our church for their second book. Tanis will find pictures of the church. Stephanie will work on a written piece to include.

Discussion and Decisions:

Summer Services – Julie met with John Zondag from First Presbyterian and Christine Davidson from McKenzie United Church. They would like to resume sharing summer services. It was agreed that the theme would be “Looking for a Miracle” and that we would explore biblical miracle stories and what relevance they may or may not have to our lives today. It was further agreed that we would follow the practice and protocols of each church for services in their buildings. This means that only services hosted by Trinity would be live-streamed via Zoom. It was suggested that it would be easiest for leadership to come from the host church in our own buildings this time (so leaders aren’t facilitating unfamiliar protocols). McKenzie offered to host the first three services in July. First Presbyterian would like to host the three services in the middle, which allows Trinity to host the final three services in August. The Leadership Team is in support of this plan.

Public Health Orders – Public health protocols.

Any changes required for the spring? Summer?

Decision made to leave things as is. Julie thinks what we are doing is similar to that of the other churches, so services should flow smoothly.

Finance Report

Financial statements were presented.

Motion to approve the financial statements as presented.

Moved: Donna Matthews

Seconded: Kim Guy

Carried

Trustees - Trustees have been speaking about ventilation in the sanctuary and are at the stage of engaging with a consultant to determine what options are even possible in our historic building. A consultation will likely cost at least \$2500 but the trustees are agreed that it would be a valuable step in the process. The consultation will also include what options are available for climate control (ie air conditioning). The boiler is starting to cost more in upkeep and is running less efficiently according to some testing this winter. It is not clear what the life of this boiler is intended to be, but it is now 20 years old.

The trustees met earlier today having received estimates from engineering firms on the cost of various consultation processes. The trustees do not recommend further action at this time, as the cost of the consultation was more than originally conceived, and was focussed only on bringing air conditioning into the building, and did not address the question regarding ventilation or heat. The trustees will explore other avenues of information.

M & P Report

Kim reported that Julie and Jacquie have been away sick. Julie is back as of today. Volunteers have been sitting in on behalf of Jacquie. Office was closed on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, and will be closed Friday all day. Holiday dates have been submitted for the summer months. M & P is working on emergency pastoral care coverage.

Team and Interest Group Updates

Property – Otto Mutcher is covering property issues for May & June

Plumbing issues: Cobbe's was in to clear a blockage 70 feet out and hit something hard (not sure what, and no way to know what it was). Once plumber broke through it, everything was running again. Just to be safe, he said he took it out right into the middle of the street. He also fixed the trap adapter that was under the sink by the dishwasher. Apparently when there is a lot of hot water usage they get brittle, start to leak and break. He said it's clearly been leaking for a while.

Study Groups – Julie is nearly finished her confirmation series. Confirmation tentatively set for June 19. Budget for Confirmation gifts and supplies.

Motion: to approve a budget of \$400 for confirmation gifts and supplies to be taken from the Memorial Fund.

Moved: Stephanie Verhoeven

Seconded: Cindy Curry

Carried

Motion: to receive the following persons into membership at Trinity United Church through profession of faith:

Gaby Chappellaz

Carley Hauser

Carson Pehura

Kayleigh Rintoul

Sadie Cochrane

Autumn Matthews

Moved: Kim Guy
Seconded: Diane Routledge
Carried

Structure Support Team –We continue to have a vacancy on M & P, and now vacancies on the new Worship Support Team. Structure support met on May 10 and are working on these.

UCW – No report available.

TriniTidings – Deadline May 20, to go out May 27.

Stewardship – meeting was postponed to June 9.

Sunday School – We are looking towards September. Sometime this month we wish to make contact with those who might be resources to help us make a plan (including Donna and Tanis).

Cannas for Ukraine – Mitchell Omichinski coordinating a fundraiser in support of the Ukraine Crisis by selling canna lilies that he's tended to since last fall. All money from plant sales are being directed as supra gifts through UCC Mission & Service as part of our monthly remittance (money in, money out) and he's suggested \$20/plant.

Choir – No report available

Tech Support – No report available

Search Committee – No report available

Prairie to Pine – annual meeting was held virtually on May 6-7. Attending on behalf of Trinity were Lesia Case, Brenda Brand and Julie Baker. We will look for a report on content at our next meeting.

Calendar Review

May 8th baptism was postponed. A new date has not been set yet.

New or unfinished Business

Membership Status Update:

New members

(see Confirmation report)

Transfer

Deaths

Members:

Ann Marie Stronski, April 21, 2022

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer was led by Julie

- Adjournment: 7:57 pm

Next Meeting: June 8, 2022 at 7:00pm

_____ Pamela Lotun, Chair

_____ Tanis Essery, Secretary

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