

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Trinity United Church
Wednesday, February 08, 2023 – *held in lower hall at 7 pm*

Present: Pam Lotun, Lynne Sanderson (Pastoral Charge Supervisor), Donna Matthews, Alan Brown, Stephanie Verhoeven (on Zoom), Diane Routledge, Denise Stairs

Regrets: Tanis Essery, Kim Guy, Lesia Case, Cindy Curry

Assignment of Secretary to Meeting

Call to Order: 7:07 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 Prayer

Introductions

Approval of the minutes from November 9, 2022 & December 15, 2022.

Minutes approved by Alan. Seconded by Diane. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

Prairie to Pine – letter looking for some volunteers for the Annual Meeting in June.

Discussions and Decisions:

Annual General Meeting: Sunday, March 12, 2023 with coffee downstairs as usual, and people can come back up to the sanctuary for the AGM.

Finance Report:

Approve Financial Statements for 2022. Move by Diane. Seconded by Alan. Carried.

Proposed Draft Budget 2023: Motion to approve: Donna. Seconded by Denise. Carried.

January Financial Statements: moved by Donna. Seconded by Alan. All in favour. Carried.

Rental Rates re: Girl Guides – Trustees recommend the Leadership Team revisit the agreement with the Girl Guides. They currently use Trinity space once a week free of charge. They are also the only group using that doesn't give an honorarium to Trinity. Pre-Covid Julie and Kim had a meeting with their Leadership explaining the need of our tenants requiring additional storage. We were able to get Girl Guides to give up 1/2 the room they use off the stage. At the Trustee meeting in November it was again spoken by our tenants about the need for additional storage space. Trinity's custodian spends time cleaning the auditorium, bathroom and side entrance each week after Guides have used. The Leadership Team recommends that when it is their new year (in either August or September) they would pay a weekly custodial fee that is currently at \$25.00. In the communication with them we will let them know that they are valued and welcomed, but at a minimum this is what is being requested. Trustees will communicate this with the Guides.

Calendar Review

Worship Plan and Pulpit Supply:

Service of Remembrance and Hope: Julie recorded a service that was posted to YouTube, and is also up on our website. 57 invitation cards were sent through the mail.

Advent/Christmas – A joint Christmas Eve service with McKenzie United was offered and hosted at Trinity. The Leadership Team will send thank you cards.

M&S snowflakes campaign resulted in 42 donations.

The Christmas tree will not be going in the choir loft.

Pulpit Supply Plan – worship leaders are in place for January and February. Communion will be Sunday, February 26. Possibly Palm Sunday if Lynne or Sandra are leading worship that day.

Sunday School: Report from Tanis - There are lots of spaces that do not have teachers signed up. There may be some weeks where we cannot run a class as I myself cannot commit to being there every Sunday. Attendance is very low, often only 1 child attending.

M&P Report: Julie had her stem cell transplant last Friday (February 3). She'll be in a bubble for 2-3 weeks if all goes well. M&P met in January and all current members are willing to remain on M&P. We are still short a member. Sylvia has done an amazing job of finding Pulpit Supply right to June. We will not be meeting in February. Resignation letter from Leith Saunders; cessation of the covenant relationship between her and Trinity United Church.

UCW Report: The UCW enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Herman Prior Centre. The business portion of the meeting was followed by lunch and a gift exchange. An invitation was sent out to all UCW and a few of the women that may not attend monthly meetings did attend the Christmas meeting.

Property: Mitchell is the property contact for January & February, and will take March & April as well. Pump #2 on the boiler had the coupler break, so it was repaired and heat is now flowing through.

Stewardship: Stewardship met in person on January 18.

Trustees: BBBS & PUNS have both had modest rental increases, effective new year. There has been great concern regarding newly paved steps being extremely slippery. Dave Falk has been in touch with Ellwood McRorie to have grip strips put on as a temporary measure until something more permanent can be done.

Kim has given her written resignation to The Trustees as chair, and also as a member. She is wanting to follow up before the Annual meeting and a replacement is found.

Structure Support Team: They have not met in November. Many positions needed to be filled: Trustee to replace Kim, one vacancy on M & P, Worship Committee needs to be formed, Chair Elect for Leadership team needed, 2 vacancies for Prairie to Pine Regional reps.

Public Health Orders/Concerns:

TriniTidings: The last newsletter was sent out towards the end of November. Next one should be February 24 or possibly be March 3.

Tech Support and Equipment needs – have networking issues been resolved?

Prairie to Pine Region – annual meeting date has been set June 01 – 04. See correspondence for volunteering opportunities.

Anti-Racist Church –

Study Groups – possible Wilma study?

Affirming Ministry –

Saturday Breakfasts –

Coverage for Julie's work and other church stuff. As listed:

Sundays:

- Big picture themes and coordination (worship committee?) Not really happening at present except through Jacquie.
- Pulpit supply - Sylvia Lyall is the point person for this task, and most Sundays are filled through June 2023.
- Music: Jacquie is working with Pam and the choir to maintain communication and allow for live music leadership on Sundays
- Technology – Pam has now started doing Youtube uploads. Julie has programmed some social media content, and Tanis and Pam have started to add content.
- Sunday Hosting: has been absorbed into house group duties

Pastoral care:

- Funerals – we have a list of people who are able to do funerals for us. Lesia Case is the volunteer point person for 'after hours'.
- On demand pastoral care calls – Brenda Brand has suggested that she might be available for emergency on demand or pastoral calls. Jacquie and Lesia are working together should any of these referrals be required.
- Personal care homes – shut ins (current covid levels mean that this is not a priority)
- Hospital and palliative care (covid has reduced this demand)
- General community building

Meetings:

- Lynne Sanderson is required for any decision making meetings (Trustees, Leadership Team, Annual meeting)

New or unfinished Business:

End of covenant with Leith Saunders: We acknowledge with regret and thanksgiving for the covenant relationship with Leith Saunders. As Order of Ministers are members of the Region, a copy of receiving Leith's change in covenant will be sent to Judy Hare.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer:

Deaths

Members:

Shirley Case, December 27, 2022

Dennis McMillan, January 13, 2023

John Walsh, February 05, 2023

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 08, 2023 OR March 06

Adjournment: 8:51 p.m.

_____ Pamela Lotun, Chair

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