

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

Present: Lynne Sanderson (by Zoom), Pam Lotun, Alan Brown, Donna Matthews, Kim Guy, Lesia Case, Cindy Curry, Stephanie Verhoeven, Diane Routledge

Regrets: Tanis Essery

Assignment of Secretary to Meeting - Pam Lotun

Call to Order: 7:02pm

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

Motion: to approve the minutes from February 08, 2023 as circulated.

Moved by: Diane

Seconded by: Alan

Carried

Correspondence:

Discussions and Decisions:

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

Nominations (see end of document) How will we fill vacancies? Leadership team needs to find a chair elect, and structure and support – possibly Diane Stevenson for chair elect? Randy Owens? Motion at the AGM: The congregation empowers the leadership team to fill any vacancies on committees, teams and groups that exist or arise through 2023. The Ministry and Personnel Committee and the Board of Trustees are required by The Manual of The United Church of Canada.

Logistical plans for zoom (tech support volunteers): Kim will ask Amy to count the votes.

Jacque has the PowerPoint slides ready.

Secretary for meeting - Stephanie

Finance Report:

Ended February with a surplus of \$7,895.63 - Giving Goals have been exceeded to date.

Motion: to accept the financials as presented:

Moved by: Donna

Seconded by: Alan

Carried

Rental Rates re: Girl Guides – Leadership team recommends that the Trustees have a conversation with the Guides, asking them to start paying a \$25 per use “cleaning fee” (covering the custodial fee) in September when they start their new season. Kim will take care of this.

Calendar Review

Worship Plan and Pulpit Supply:

Pulpit Supply Plan – worship leaders are in place to the end of June. Thank you, Sylvia (and to all of our guest worship leaders!) The only question mark is for April 9 (Easter Sunday). Possibly Brenda Brand will lead worship that day. Sylvia’s waiting on confirmation. Communion was held Sunday, February 26th, with Lynne Sanderson. Palm Sunday’s guest worship leader is Norman Collier.

Sunday School: Attendance remains low.

M&P Report: Julie got word that as of March 16 we move into the LTD phase, so that means Trinity will no longer pay her, and she will get paid directly by the insurer. She has sent a copy of the notice.

UCW Report: UCW will host Irish Stew lunch on March 17

Property: Leith is going to continue on as property contact for March & April. The north door and framing is now complete.

Motion: \$3, 500 payment for door to come out of the UBF Fund

Moved by: Stephanie

Seconded by: Lesia

Carried

Stewardship: Stewardship meets next on March 22.

Trustees:

Structure Support Team: Many positions need 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. (See end of report for positions in need of being filled). House Group A now has Patti Brown & Hans Stasiuk helping Amy with leadership/filling roles

Public Health Orders/Concerns:

TriniTidings: The last newsletter was sent out towards the end of November. There aren’t plans at this time to send out a newsletter. A possibility may be May (or sooner)?

Tech Support and Equipment needs – Jeff from Byte Me was in to repair the audio cable.

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

Anti-Racist Church –

Study Groups – Wilma is not doing one here; she is doing one with McKenzie United.

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:

We acknowledge with regret and thanksgiving for the covenant relationship with Leith Saunders. A blessing service for Leith will be on March 12 during worship. Donna looking for input from the leadership team to thank Leith.

A wedding request for August 26 has come in from Brooke Drummond of Holland and her fiancé. She has requested use of Trinity's building, with Sandra Rex and/or Heather Grobb officiating.

Motion: The Leadership team moves to approve this wedding take place with Sandra officiating, and can include Heather as she sees fit.

Moved by: Lesia

Seconded by: Stephanie

Carried

McKenzie United is starting to think about summer services and invites us join them in joint services. They are open to any and all suggestions. Christine Davidson will meet with their worship committee next Tuesday (March 14), so would like to know if we are interested in joint services before then. Kim will speak to Christine to let her know we are interested.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer:

Deaths

Members:

Bob Turko, February 11, 2023

Jean Spiller, February 22, 2023

Adherents & Other:

Gladys Wishart, February 07, 2023

Art Domes, February 10, 2023

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.

_____ Pamela Lotun, Chair and acting secretary