

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting  
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Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – *held in lower hall at 7 pm*

Present: Tanis Essery, Sylvia Lyall (attending on behalf of Kim Guy), Stephanie Verhoeven, Donna Matthews, Lynne Sanderson, Denise Stairs, Pam Lotun

Regrets: Diane Routledge, Alan Brown, Lesia Case

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

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 March 08, 2023 as circulated.

Moved by: Donna Matthews

Seconded by: Stephanie Verhoeven

**Carried**

Correspondence:

Discussions and Decisions:

Finance Report:

Motion: to accept the financials as presented:

Moved by: Donna Matthews

Seconded by: Denise Stairs

**Carried**

Calendar Review-

It was brought up that one of our rental groups brings a dog with them. Concern was held about liability if something should happen, allergies and general safety. This led to another conversation about the agreements in place with our rental groups. It was agreed this should be followed up with the Trustees.

Change in date for the next Leadership meeting....May 24 at 7:00 pm.

Worship Plan and Pulpit Supply:

Very positive comments regarding the Easter Sunday service!

Christine Davidson from McKenzie received a call from First Presbyterian about participating in joint summer services. The Presbyterians wish to participate, so the rotation will be:

McKenzie: July 2, 9, 16

First Presbyterian: July 23, 30, August 6  
Trinity: August 13, 20, 27

Staff vacation time and church usage will need to be figured out before then.

Sunday School: Attendance remains low. Tentative end date for the year June 11.

M&P Report: Don and Jacquie have been asked to consider vacation dates for the summer. Don will take vacation July 03 - 17, and Jacquie has spoken for July 24 – August 8. Jacquie is taking a vacation day on May 01 and M&P made the decision to close the office that day.

UCW Report: UCW hosted the Irish Stew lunch and it raised \$551. They have catered to several large funerals since the new year, which has substantially increased their catering income.

Property: The north door and framing is now complete but was not installed properly so the company that did it will need to be contacted to correct the work. All Star Alarms has completed the work by wiring it into our security system.

Stewardship: Stewardship met April 3, and will meet again on May 31.

Trustees: Mitchell Omichinski was elected in as a trustee at the annual meeting.

Structure Support Team: No report

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)? We will want to let people know what our summer plans are, as well as to update them on things that have been going on since last newsletter. If we are going to send a newsletter, Jacquie is going to need considerable help with article submissions. She can take it from there.

Tech Support and Equipment needs – Jeff from Byte Me was in to repair the audio cable. It mostly worked, but Myron Dyck from Golden West Sound Design was in to properly repair the sound board. Approval for the expense was done via email, with Pam initiating the request. Sound system expenses in past have been take out of the UBF.

Motion: to pay the expenses for the sound board issues out of UBF

Moved by: Denise Stairs

Seconded by: Donna Matthews

**Carried**

Prairie to Pine Region – annual meeting date has been set June 01 – 04. Registration early bird rate is \$150 and has been sent to cover Lesia Case & Brenda Brand.

Anti-Racist Church –

Study Groups –

Affirming Ministry – Pride Parade is May 27. Maybe a group from Trinity will participate. Asked if we would be interested in holding a gathering of some sort at the church following the parade. Ideas were thrown out, nothing formally landed on. A post will be made on Facebook to gauge interest.

Saturday Breakfasts – A few people have expressed interest, but not quite enough to move forward at this time. Perhaps in the Fall again.

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 ALL 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 been adding 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:

Category 3 Remit: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization - due next March 2024. Letter, taken in part, from Michael Blair, General Secretary, The United Church of Canada...

"As a church, we continue to evolve in our commitments to reconciliation and equity.

Ever since its inception in 1925, The United Church of Canada has embraced change, and we have been continuously striving for meaningful change in times of uncertainty. In 2018, our church embarked on one of our most significant changes since union, with the restructuring of our church structures and governance bodies. In 2019, the United Church accepted the Calls to the Church by the Caretakers of our Indigenous Circle. This was a document that envisioned a self-determining Indigenous Church founded on Indigenous knowledges and teachings. The enclosed remit is an expression of the spirit of the vision as an evolving

church. At its meeting in July 2022, the 44th General Council authorized this remit to be sent to the regional councils and the communities of faith that are pastoral charges.”

Lynn explained the process of this to us and this will be ongoing for the next few meetings for further discussion.

Canna Lilies for Ukraine – Mitchell Omichinski has initiated fundraising again this year to directly support the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees in the Portage area. However, instead of selling the plants, we are selling the tubers directly. Each package \$10, with 4-5 tubers.

Membership Status Update:

*New members*

*Transfer:*

*Deaths*

Members:

Jennifer Baker, March 17, 2023

Adherents & Other:

Albert Patenaude, March 14, 2023

Edwina Popoff, April 08, 2023

Closing Prayer

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Adjournment: 8:14 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Pamela Lotun, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Tanis Essery, Secretary