

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Trinity United Church
Wednesday, August 30, 2023 – held in lower hall at 7 pm

Present: Pam Lotun, Alan Brown, Denise Stairs, Donna Matthews, Kim Guy, Lynne Sanderson, Tanis Essery, Stephanie Verhoeven

Regrets: Lesia Case, Diane Routledge

Call to Order: 6:58 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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes from June 14, 2023 as circulated.

Moved by: Kim Guy

Seconded by: Denise Stairs

Carried

Correspondence:

An email request from Leith Saunders - The Portage Jiu Jitsu Club is requesting rental space in the auditorium Tuesday & Friday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. They would also need some space to store mats. Rental fee \$50/evening.

Motion: To approve the request to rent the space to The Portage Jiu Jitsu club for \$50.00/evening

Moved by: Kim Guy

Seconded by: Alan Brown

Carried

Flourishing Project comes to Winnipeg - The Moderator, The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, seeks to engage both church and broader Canadian society in this question of flourishing, and how it could influence our future. With the goal of enhancing “flourishing” in church, among our leadership, and within the broader community, the Moderator is on a three-year journey to engage the nation on the big questions. She will be in Winnipeg the week of September 25 for various forums and invites local church leaders and ministry personnel to spend a day with the Moderator, engaging in reflection and energizing activities toward dream-oriented actions for our churches and communities. **Sept 29, 2023, at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. It would be helpful to have one or two representatives attend this September 29 event.** In person at The United Church in Meadowood 1111 Dakota St., Winnipeg, MB R2N 3T7. More details and registration form is available through Jacquie.

To flourish, our church needs leaders of all identities and backgrounds. Moderator Carmen Lansdowne wants to engage with the church in developing ministry leaders for the 21st century. The Leadership Program is connected to the Moderator's Flourishing project and is a pilot project to support and strengthen a diverse group of ministry personnel leaders in The United Church of Canada.

You are invited to nominate someone – or to apply yourself as ministry personnel – for this two-year opportunity and commitment. Successful candidates will be asked to commit to this two-year project, anticipating that they will be able to use continuing education time and allowance in order to participate. Only fifty Ministry Personnel will be chosen to participate. For more details about the program and the application form which is due soon, please talk to Jacquie.

Discussions and Decisions:

Mitchell would like to see Trinity have a stronger presence in the community. To that end, a 4x4 ft., sign was placed on the southeast corner of the lawn, and to date three messages have been posted weekly. There's some indifference to the sign, but for others, the messages are "corny" and uncomfortable. Going forward, messages will have a more light hearted yet meaningful message. We are in a contract until the end of September. Where will the money come from to pay for the rental?

Discussion for September meeting to decide if we will continue with the sign.

Motion: Motion made to take funds from The Val Garlick Fund

Moved by: Kim Guy

Seconded by: Donna Matthews

Carried

Finance Report:

Motion: to accept the financials as presented:

Moved by: Donna Matthews

Seconded by: Alan Brown

Carried

Calendar Review- Reviewed

Worship Plan and Pulpit Supply:

Sylvia has again done a super job of finding pulpit supply to take us to the end of the year. However, October 08 & December 24 still need to be ironed out. Possibly a joint Christmas Eve with McKenzie again this year? Will 2 services be offered that day?

Tabled discussion of Christmas Eve services.

Sunday School:

- The Go Project curriculum price has increased to \$899 for a year, they are offering a 50% discount this year until October, making the price \$449. Tanis has looked around at a few

others and some that we have used in the past are no longer available and others are probably comparable to this price.

- Sunday School programming will run from September (17th) through Christmas, and then pause until Lent begins.

Motion: To purchase the curriculum for \$449

Moved by: Tanis Essery

Seconded by: Stephanie Verhoeven

Carried

M&P Report:

- Lori Mackedenski has been asked and has accepted the position of choir leader, starting in September.

UCW Report: met August 30 to plan for the fall. Details of meeting to follow.

Property:

- Annual boiler maintenance & semi-annual lift maintenance has been done.
- This summer there was vandalism & theft to our garden hose, needles & garbage continually found on the north & south sides and plants stolen. As a result, exterior lighting has been upgraded on the north side over the BMO parking lot door, as well as the north Tupper Street door.

Stewardship: will meet October 05

Trustees:

- Patti Brown was installed as a Trustee at June 18's congregational meeting.
- Stair nose was added to the sanctuary steps to make going down them safe.
- A cheque was received from Girl Guides to cover custodian fees throughout June at \$25/wk. Payments will be made going forward.
- Solenoid valve \$730 plus taxes quote from Shewfelt's to supply and install 120 volt solenoid valve on the outside tap line above kitchen hood to allow for and secure outside tap water source from recent vandalism.
- Signage – trustees looking to have traffic signage installed on Tupper Street hydro poll to slow down traffic. Signs to read: STOP, PRIVATE LANE, NO THRU TRAFFIC, SCHOOL ZONE, 5KM/HR. Quote to follow.

Structure Support Team: No report

TriniTidings: No plans at the moment

Tech Support and Equipment needs: Hootsuite is the platform we use for our social media posts, and they no longer have a free plan. We may need to move to something like Blog2Social or Buffer. Jacquie will look into options.

Discussion held that we likely don't need any platforms at this time.

Prairie to Pine Region: No report

Affirming Ministry: No report

Saturday Breakfasts: Not enough interest at this time. Question brought forward about looking for families to volunteer?

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

Sundays:

- Music: Over the summer when services were hosted by Trinity, recorded music was used, which has been a sore spot for some people. The reason for recorded music is that the choir won't reconvene until September 07, and without them, those joining by zoom aren't able to appreciate the music portions of the service. We have only one service left with recorded music, and then will return to live music for the September 10 service.
- Big picture themes and coordination (worship committee?) Not really happening at present except through Jacquie.
- Pulpit supply – covered above
- Technology – Pam has now started doing Youtube uploads. Julie programs social media content, and Tanis and Pam also 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
- Hospital and palliative care
- 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.

Remit—NIC 01: Restructuring of the Indigenous Church

Lynne has posed the question, “Are we prepared as a Leadership team, to vote on this matter?” Most would like to review the information again. Tentatively planning to vote at our November meeting.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer:

Deaths

Members:

Aldyne Barrett, August 23, 2023

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: September 13 at 7:00 p.m.
October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:14 p.m.

_____ Pam Lotun, Chair

_____ Tanis Essery, Secretary