

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Trinity United Church
Wednesday, November 08, 2023 – held in Meeting Room at 7 pm

Present: Pam Lotun, Stephanie Verhoeven, Donna Matthews, Lynne Sanderson, Alan Brown, Lesia Case, Tanis Essery, Diane Routledge, Denise Stairs

Regrets: Kim Guy

Call to Order: 7:00 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 October 25, 2023 as circulated.

Moved by: Denise Stairs

Seconded by: Alan Brown

Carried

Correspondence:

Discussions and Decisions:

Advent will begin here at Trinity on November 26. It would be helpful to have some direction about Advent worship so that Lynne, Sandra and Karen are clear whether Trinity will be creating the opening Advent liturgy candle lighting, etc., or whether they should coordinate so that Advent can build and flow well from week to week. Discussion held to coordinate the theme with what Sunday School has planned.

There was also some discussion held about finding a way to hold a Christmas Eve service for the evening. Several people (Donna, Hans, Diane, Maliya, Pam) have offered to plan a service, even though we would not have a minister to lead.

Follow up from Danny Carroll concert: Piano service – Trinity has found a very good piano tuner through the Danny Carroll concert here November 03; Ernest Unrau from Morden gave our grand piano a very thorough go-over. He's now made us aware of outstanding matters that are calling for attention. If we're interested, he is willing to provide additional maintenance — the needling and reshaping, plus service and lube the key bushings and key pins to promote greater freedom of the action (playability and expression). There is also an outstanding issue to service the climate system and correct the installation. The Piano Life-Saver system's humidistat has never been

properly mounted, and is falling down, which means it's not "in the zone" to monitor the soundboard as designed. This is not something we can fix at the drop of a hat; it would require Piano Life-Saver system and improve the piano's tuning stability. He's proposing to bill for a couple of extra hours of service that includes the additional service plus additional keyboard service (key bushing service, polish key pins and lube), as well as service the grand's Piano Life-Saver system and remount the components that are in disrepair. Cost: \$160

Motion: to spend \$160.00 to further maintain the piano.

Moved by: Alan Brown

Seconded by: Lesia Case

Carried

Budgeting 2024 - Brainstorming ideas for fund raising in 2024.

Opportunities to have some sort of special event fundraising now that we no longer have covid restrictions. Donna listed several past events that we have held and is encouraging us to find something we can do. Donna and Stephanie are willing to help coordinate something with others and help to direct. Something could be put in Trini-tidings, Donna will write something.

Discussion also to use snowflakes again for M&S fund for 2023.

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:

Pulpit Supply is now filled to the end of this year; Karen Tjaden has agreed to lead December 10, as well the 17. Norman will take December 31, as well as January 07, 2024.

Communion process – communion on October 29 was confusing and not well planned. Going forward Jacquie will make detailed instructions for all participants (from preparation of elements to actual communion service to cleanup that follows). Perhaps also would be good to connect with the minister leading, as they may have specific ways they want followed.

Sunday School: Advent plans was shared via email

M&P Report: The office will be closed Monday, November 13 (Remembrance Day observed). Christmas holiday schedule will be Dec 25 & 26 and Jan 01 office closed. Jacquie will be on vacation February 20-23; the date for the AGM will need to be decided based on her time out of the office. Tentative date for AGM March 3, 2024.

UCW Report: As a fundraiser, the UCW will sell the United Church Calendars for \$10/ea. Trinity has ordered 25, so they will see a little bit of a profit. Plans are to have them available through the office, as well as sell during coffee time some Sunday.

Property: The sanctuary lights have been changed and it's much brighter.

Stewardship: is working on their Fall Campaign. Their theme this year is "Change". Norman will speak to this when he is here November 19.

Trustees: The Trustees have been provided with a rental schedule of Trinity's user groups. Copies are also available for Leadership Team. Waiting for another quote for the boiler. It was originally thought the quote was for 2 boilers but it was only for 1.

Structure Support Team: Denise listed the various positions that will need to be filled on various committees. She has a list of names to try and contact.

TriniTidings: Fundraising, advent plans, Stewardship theme, Christmas Eve service plans, House Group info for 2024, updates about Elijah are all things that could be put in. Can this be ready to go out in 2 weeks?

Tech Support and Equipment needs: No report

Prairie to Pine Region: No report

Affirming Ministry: No report

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

- Music: Then Let Us Sing! The United Church of Canada is working on a new music resource. It is not a new hymnbook, but a digital collection of music that will include Voices United, More Voices, as well as music to represent the changing cultural realities of congregations and the intercultural vision for the church. Trinity is one of 350 "focus group" congregations who have been asked to offer feedback on new music. These sampler songs are noted on the screen during worship. Feedback can be sent to the church office or directly to Lori Mackedenski.
- Big picture themes and coordination (worship committee?) Not really happening at present except through Jacquie.
- Pulpit supply – covered above
- Technology – Pam uploads Sunday's sermons to Youtube. 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:

Search Committee – some members of the search committee have expressed that now the task of moving Elijah is mostly wrapped up, they would like to see the committee dissolve. What needs to happen next? It will need to remain in place until the Covenanting Service.

As of November 1, Elijah’s applications were approved. His next step is to get the passports to an embassy to be stamped with a visa number. Passports have been sent to be stamped. When he has them back he will be discussing getting flights booked. When he does arrive he has vacation for the first month to get personal documents in order. Donna suspects we may need volunteer drivers to help get them where they need to go.

Category 3 Remit: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization. More info, attached.

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?”

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer:

Deaths

Members:

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.

_____ Pam Lotun, Chair

_____ Tanis Essery, Secretary