

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Trinity United Church

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – *held in-person Lower Hall, as well as our Zoom Platform*

Present: Alan Brown (Zoom), Diane Stevenson (JCT rep, Zoom), Donna Matthews (Zoom), Elaine Verwey (M&P rep), Lynne Sanderson, Elijah Mwandila, Diane Routledge, Stephanie Verhoeven, Denise Stairs, Tanis Essery, Pam Lotun

Regrets: Kim Guy, Lesia Case

Call to Order: 7:08 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

Motion: To approve minutes from December 12, 2023

Moved by: Denise Stairs

Seconded by: Alan Brown

Carried

Correspondence:

Discussions and Decisions:

Annual General Meeting: Sunday, March 3, 2024 both in-person and on Zoom

Jacquie has sent out a call for annual reports, due by Friday, January 26.

Nominations? How will we fill vacancies?

Denise has a few people that are considering some of the vacancies and is waiting to hear back from them soon. At this time, no vacancies have been filled.

Discussion: Logistical plans for zoom (Stephanie), Pam can do powerpoint. Need someone to take attendance (Donna), count votes, pass microphone for questions (Diane & Denise)

Finance Report:

Motion: to approve Financial Statements for 2023

Moved: Donna Matthews

Seconded: Stephanie Verhoeven

Carried

Motion: to approve proposed Draft Budget 2024

Tabled to approve at the next meeting due to some possible clarifications.

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried

Motion: to approve December Financial Statements (amended from January as they are not ready, as per Donna)

Moved: Donna Matthews

Seconded: Stephanie Verhoeven

Carried

Calendar Review: Reviewed

Worship Plan and Pulpit Supply:

Thanks to a small group who came together to make sure we had a Christmas Eve service. It included carols, poems, stories, scripture, candle lighting, etc. Elijah and his family joined us for Christmas Eve.

M&S snowflakes campaign resulted in 25 donations.

Sunday School: Will resume February 04

M&P Report: M&P met January 10, 2024 with Julie and Judy Hare to discuss Julie's Graduated Return to Work. There have been delays with the insurance company, so she cannot yet return to work. We are hoping that it will soon get sorted out.

Kim has agreed to join the Joint Coordinating Team as a rep in handling Elijah's transition.

Jacquie gave Elijah her office chair. Another chair needs to be purchased for Jacquie.

Motion: to purchase a new office chair for Jacquie.

Moved by: Tanis Essery

Seconded by: Denise Stairs

Carried

Joint Coordinating Team:

Had initial meeting January 10. Discussed office hours and days for Elijah, in office at Trinity on Thursdays. Off Saturdays and Mondays. Will be leading worship at Trinity on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Will be meeting again in February.

Judy Hare sent an email with more things that need to happen before the Covenanting Service can take place and the Search Committee can disband. Diane feels we can put off some of the required meetings until after each church's annual meeting and the Covenanting Service can take place after the winter months. Donna shared her agreement with this.

Question: Does a rep from the JCT committee need to be part of M&P meetings or part of Leadership meetings?

*Great thanks to Donna for stepping up for all the things that were needed to be done while others could not be available.

Motion: to approve Trinity Reps (Diane Stevenson and Kim Guy)

Moved by: Tanis Essery

Seconded by: Diane Routledge

Carried

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. No meeting in January.

Property: All Star Alarms performed our annual emergency lighting and smoke detector inspection. Both the office windows and the south door crash door have both had the glass replaced from the break-in prior to Christmas. Semi-annual lift maintenance was completed mid January.

Stewardship:

Trustees: The Trustees haven't yet been able to secure a meeting with Ellwood McRorie re: sanctuary steps. An invoice was received before Christmas and the Trustees advised Jacquie to not remit payment until both parties have a chance to meet. PUNS has had a 3% rental increase, effective new year.

Structure Support Team: Covered above

TriniTidings:

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: The United Church of Canada is working on a new music resource Then Let Us Sing! Feedback will be collected on the sampler throughout the month of January. An online feedback form link has been emailed, and Jacquie will be remitting this feedback as soon as possible.

- 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. Tanis and Pam add social media 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.
- Pastoral Care
- 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:

Prairie Sounds Music Festival requested their week rental of \$500 in April 2024 be reduced to \$300 for the next couple years. They are currently in the rebuilding stage and would appreciate consideration. Hosting the Festival takes very little effort and energy from Trinity. Tabled until next month to have further discussion with M&P and with staff.

Motion: to approve the request to reduce the rental rate for Prairie Sounds Music Festival to \$300.00 for 2024 only (revisit for future years)

Moved by: Stephanie Verhoeven

Seconded by: Denise Stairs

Carried

Search Committee - Elijah and family arrived on December 21. They spent Christmas Eve at Trinity and New Year's Eve service in MacGregor. Elijah's schedule will include the first & third Sunday at Trinity and second and fourth Sunday in MacGregor.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer:

Deaths

Members:

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

_____ Pam Lotun, Chair

_____ Tanis Essery, Secretary