

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Trinity United Church
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Held in-person Meeting Room

Present: Tanis Essery, Kelly Haapamaki, Sandra Falk, Donna Matthews, Cassandra Pehura, Julie Baker, Elijah Mwandila

Regrets: Stephanie Verhoeven, Sylvia Lyall, Diane Routledge, Kaylee Routledge

Call to Order 7:03 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 offered by Julie

Unfinished Business – To accommodate timing, a new business item was moved to the early part of our agenda. Sandra brought a request for an additional budget item on behalf of M & P. Motion: to approve a budget of up to \$300 for M & P supplies.

Moved: Donna

Seconded: Cassandra

Carried.

Correspondence:

- Minto United Church of Moose Jaw, SK sent 100th Anniversary greetings by way of a postcard.
- Certificate from Moderator Carmen Lansdowne offering appreciation for our ministry within the United Church
- General Council Structural Change Evaluation Survey was presented and filled out by the group.
- International/Minority Ministers Pulpit Exchange update - Elijah will go to Steinbach and provide pulpit supply there on Sunday, September 07, and on Sunday, September 21 Simba will come to Trinity.

Discussions and Decisions:

Kyle Rushton has offered to provide handrails for the stairs up on to the chancel. After some observations and reflection the leadership team thinks we can make alternative arrangements for those in need. Julie will respond to Kyle thanking him for his generosity but declining the offer at this time.

100th Anniversary Photo Directory - Tanis is willing to create (with help from all church members sending in pictures) a photo yearbook to celebrate and remember all that has happened over the years. Through the upcoming newsletter, socials, etc. we will put out a call for photos. A copy of the book will be made for the church and will also be available to be purchased at cost (\$\$ to be determined once the project is finished) Tanis will update us with a timeline, also yet to be determined, depending on people's responses and resources that we find.

Finance Report: Donna Matthews presented the financial picture to date.

Motion: to approve the April 2025 financial statements as presented

Moved: Donna

Seconded: Kelly

Carried

M&P Report: The M & P committee asked for approval to contract out the cleaning of the floors during the summer.

Motion: to approve the M & P's proposal to clean the floors through an independent contractor at \$20/hour plus supplies.

Moved: Sandra

Seconded: Donna

Carried

Calendar Review: Joint summer services will start at McKenzie United, July 06. See schedule, below.

Joint Coordinating Team: Elijah's Admission service is planned for Sunday, June 15 at 3 p.m. in MacGregor. A zoom operator is still needed, and Judy Hare has been notified of this.

Worship Review and Plan

Coming up: June 08 - Centennial commemoration in Island Park; no worship in Trinity building
The joint summer worship schedule is as follows (ministers will host in their own churches):

July 06 & 13 – McKenzie United

July 20 & 27 – St. Mary's

August 03 & 10 – Trinity (there is no summer house group, so Jacquie will find volunteers for the house group jobs).

August 17 & 24 – First Presbyterian

August 31 – possibly a joint service with one or more of the summer service partners

CE/Faith Formation/ Sunday School Report – Sunday School is winding down and will conclude either June 8 or June 15.

Group Study

100th Anniversary – The planning committee had their final planning meeting, and plans are in full swing now related to the centennial worship service and barbeque on June 8. We are now finalizing our recruitment for our tasks. Please tell everyone to come and join us!

UCW Report: The Chance to Grow Petunia project was well received again this year. 491 plants were sold, which is \$491 the church made through this fundraiser.

Property: The vents in the sanctuary have been opened and the boiler has been turned off for the season. Yard clean-up is planned for May 24.

Trustees: No meeting is currently scheduled.

Safe Workplace Task Group: It was agreed that we would like to see the training suggested for Mental Health First Aid go ahead if arrangements can be made. There is support to do so, but also a desire to have more information before specific approval can be offered.

TriniTidings: The TriniTidings newsletter will be produced and sent out on May 30. This issue will focus heavily on the UCC's 100th Anniversary, as well as let people know about our plans over the summer. The next one is scheduled for September.

Prairie to Pine Region: Kelly reported about some of the regional events being advertised through the regional newsletters.

Affirming Ministry: Pride Portage la Prairie has shared a date for a parade for Saturday, July 05. For the first time ever in the history of the parade, the route will take them past Trinity. At our June meeting we might discuss ways to take advantage of this change.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Transfer:

Deaths

Members:

Adherents & Other:

Ken Holland, April 20, 2025

New or unfinished Business:

Sandra noted that the M & P committee is becoming aware of things that used to be done by a property committee that are either falling through the cracks or are being done on an ad hoc basis by a few committed volunteers. As facility manager, Jacquie still needs volunteers to do property work/coverage. Much is now contracted out as a result. Is it possible for us to bring back a viable property committee by our next annual meeting?

Next Meeting: June 19 at 7 pm

Closing Prayer was shared by Elijah

Adjournment: 9:13 pm

_____ Tanis Essery, Chair

_____ Julie Baker, Acting Secretary