

## **Trinity United Church Council Minutes – November 20, 2019**

**Present:** Carl Powers, Herb deJong, Doug MacLennan, Nancy MacLennan, Tim Dolbear (chair), Sandra Maltby-Mills, Debra Aarssen, Christine Button, Julie Forgie, Curtis Marwood (Presbytery Representative), Lynne Vanderveeken, Dave Walker.

Guest, Keith Southern.

**Regrets:** Sue Elliott, Elaine Lee

Tim opened the meeting at 7:01pm

Quorum was present.

Sandra opened with visualization exercise with sea shells and thanked everyone for all they did. Then opened in prayer.

Keith invited to speak about the SOS and saving the hospital initiatives from past years, and current initiatives to protect hospitals. Looking for permission, if need arises, to place cards in Church, which can be sent to the provincial Government, in support of health care services.

Short discussion followed and there where no objections raised about distributing cards at church.

Motion made by Deb and seconded by Doug that the minutes of September 25, 2019 be accepted. All in favour. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

- None mentioned.

### **Correspondence**

- Thank you for donation to assist with homeless from Hope Haven.
- Thank you from Lend a Hand breakfast program.
- Piano recital has been cancelled.
- Baptism scheduled for second Sunday in January. Deb made a motion to approve baptism for, Sarah Boer and seconded by Lynne. All in favour. Carried.
- Request from Chatham Kent Cancer society for a donation forwarded to Mission and Outreach.
- Request for donation from Chatham Kent Health Alliance forwarded to Mission and Outreach.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Search Committee (Herb deJong)**

- Provided update on search committee as well as upcoming congregational meeting to approve us as an SME site.

### **Worship and Sanctuary (Deb Aarssen)**

- Did thanksgiving service and breads of the world. Getting ready for Christmas season and hanging of the greens. Also doing poinsettias.

### **Christian Development (Julie Forgie)**

- Sunday school numbers are low right now but that could change in the New Year.

### **Pastoral Care (Christine Button)**

- Christine will be emailing report.

### **Trustees (Dave Walker)**

- Reviewed speed bumps and recommended and approved speed bumps. Would be a three-season fix, so would have to be moved in the winter. Asked for properties cooperation.
- Reviewed treasures report and investments during their meeting and everything seemed to be in order.
- Approved donation to Kenesserie Camp in 2020.
- Also reviewed other capital projects such as a new air conditioner
- Looked at the pond pump maintenance which will be turned over to the property committee
- Discussed the shear curtains and talked about possibly replacing them.

### **Ministry & Personnel (Herb deJong)**

- Talked about continuity of staff and that they are doing an excellent job. Also mentioned pulpit supply and continue to work with same core group of David, Sharon, Bruce, Sandra and Herb. David may be reducing his services in 2020 due to other commitments.

### **Property (Doug MacLennan)**

- Completed monthly checks including checks on building, checks for snow removal, and required preventative maintenance.
- Completed work requests including repair of main AC disconnect, install material back in cabinets, replaced 2 damaged ceiling ties, set up for market place repair of Christmas tree base and repair a wheel on one of the coat racks

- Jobs completed included removal of peace garden pump, painting of front offices, repair hole in the peace garden manifold, lubricate the choir closet doors, paint some of the upper ceiling tiles, reset Church timers, snake 2 down spouts, and remove spare pavers.
- Jobs in progress include repairing walls as required, monitor fire alarm upgrade, upgrade fixture for sink in kitchen, install a receptacle in front office, selling old dishwasher and donating old toilets to Refind.

### **Mission & Outreach (Nancy MacLennan)**

- At our annual fall luncheon after church in October we had a nice variety of soups and apple crisp with ice cream. This goodwill offering event raised \$407.00 for local hunger including the Wallaceburg District Secondary School brown bag lunch program.
- Our annual Marketplace which just took place raised \$1511.00. Each vendor was charged \$25.00 a table which included a meal voucher for them.  
We have many return vendors who love the Marketplace and ask to put down for next year before the event.  
This raised \$675 before we had even done any work! Then our food sales and a raffle on a fresh Christmas arrangement donated by a friend of Sandra's, made up the rest of the \$1511.00  
Then after church the next day we sold the leftover pies and pie slices. Along with a couple of donations this brought our total to \$1631.90!
- This money will be used to buy the gifts for the snowflakes on the tree that are not filled.  
We have 61 children to buy for this year.  
We will be packing up all the gifts on White Gift Sunday, December 8th.  
We had a very good article in the Courier Press prior to the event and I think it was very good in explaining to people exactly the purpose of the Marketplace.

### **Finance and Stewardship (Lynne Vanderveeken)**

- Reviewed balance sheet. Have \$27,000 in bank. Along with other items have \$32,751.25 in assets. Liabilities include payables to trustees, benevolent funds, Chatham Kent Homeless Initiative. Along with retained earnings and operating loss the total liabilities of \$32,751.25.
- On the profit and loss statement total income to Oct 19 was \$130,625.81 versus a budget of \$141,746.87. Total expenses were \$137,486.71 versus a budget of \$182,477.73 leaving an operating loss to Oct 18 of -\$6,860.90. which is down from -\$40,730.86 in budget.

### **Ministerial Report (Sandra Maltby Mills)**

Sanctuary committee was asking about having shelves built in the far room at the end of the back hall to keep all the flowers together in one room

### **Regional Council Meeting Summary – Nov 2/19**

- the process for election of general council commissioners was voted on
- funds were allocated from Presbytery and budgets were discussed

- template for a covenant was set between the regional council and communities of faith (an outline of a service was offered)
- within this covenant congregations are being asked:
  - to update their Living Faith Story (assessing their ministry annually)
  - to respect and follow the policies set out by the regional council

Further discussion of handbells – no interest was apparent

Are the yellow stewardship cards necessary?

- Not many were returned
- the cost of them was \$100+
- Are they actually used?

On a pastoral care note:

MAID – I have been invited into a conversation and discernment for Medical Assistance In Dying

A request was submitted for a donation to the Christmas meal being donated and arranged by Mark Childs at the Black Goose and Greg Heatherington at the radio station

- names and addresses are being collected (after being confirmed by the recipients)
- the list is compiled and checked for duplications
- the meals will be delivered Dec 24 9:00-11:00
- volunteer drivers will be used for delivery

For the newsletter: what date will the annual congregation meeting for 2020 be?

### **New Business**

- All committees to submit a budget by Dec 20.
- Discussion about long range planning about repurposing the back section of the Church.

Next meeting January 22nd, 7:00pm.

Meeting closed in prayer by Sandra.

Motion to adjourn

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Secretary (Sue Elliott)

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Chairperson (Tim Dolbear)

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Supervisor (Curtis Marwood)