

## Trinity United Church Council Minutes – September 25, 2019

**Present:** Carl Powers, Herb deJong, Elaine Lee, Doug MacLennan, Sue Elliott (secretary), Tim Dolbear (chair), Sandra Maltby-Mills, Jayne Glover, Debra Aarssen, David Walker, Christine Button, Julie Forgie, Curtis Marwood (regional representative)

**Regrets:** Lynne VanderVeeken

Sandra opened the meeting with devotion related to us being the clay in the potter's hands. We need remember to be moldable to God's will.

Quorum was present.

Motion made and seconded that the minutes of May 21, 2019. All in favour. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

Proposed usage policy and updated forms were reviewed. Suggestions were provided for changes. Clarification is needed regarding the insurance requirements for non-church sponsored events. Additional information will be provided once known.

### **Correspondence**

1. Request for use of the church for a piano recital on October 28 from 7-9pm for approximately 30 people. All were in agreement that this falls under the requirements for church usage. The new usage policy and forms will be used.
2. Letter from VON requesting support in letting people know they need additional volunteers.
3. Habitat for humanity is building a sixth home. They are looking for volunteer groups to help with the build.
4. Lend a hand breakfast program is looking for funds. This will be passed on to the mission and outreach committee.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Worship and Sanctuary**

We had a meeting on Sunday, September 22, 2019 to plan for "Breads of the World" on Thanksgiving and Communion on "World Food Sunday."

We are also taking care of cake and coffee for Anniversary Sunday, October 27.

#### **Christian Development**

Euchre and shuffleboard remained popular activities over the summer. For euchre we average between 28 to 32 players. When golf is over we will get back a few more shufflers.

From the euchre givings each week, the group contributed money to the family whose house was destroyed in fire. Between euchre and shuffleboard, we donated to Sandra's homeless cause. The shuffleboard group paid to have the gym floor waxed and that has made a huge improvement.

Community meal is this Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Pastoral Care**

No meeting. Coffee and treats after church have been going well.

Meetings have been happening at the church around addictions and mental health concerns. Great attendance for meetings. Reducing the stigma, community relationships. First event is October 22 and is an

awareness workshop by invitation only for key community stakeholders. The police are coming in to cover our community drug addiction statistics as well as some other speakers. Information booths will also be set up for different services available in our community. Sponsorship has also been provided from screen art for the event.

### **Trustees**

Nothing to report

### **Ministry & Personnel**

Contracts were renewed for staff with annual contracts. Pulpit supply continues on. Herb provided an update from the interview team. An update will also be provided to the congregation in an upcoming bulletin. Deb's summer hours have been extended into September and may be extending into October as well.

### **Property**

The group continues the monthly checks including the circle checks of the buildings, building checks for snow removal and salting, preventive maintenance as required for the AC and Heating systems, and preventive maintenance for the emergency/exit sign lighting.

Jobs completed were painting new lines in the parking lot; painting parking spots for the Minister, Organist, and Staff; repairing a hole in the Peace Garden manifold; replacing a fan motor on the Wellington St. A/C unit; replacing 3 toilets; adjusting the choir closet doors; repairing the light fixture for Laura; repairing chair in the sanctuary; and repairing the faucet assembly in the janitorial room.

Jobs in progress include repairing the walls as required and touch up paint; monitor the Damar fire alarm upgrade for faults; upgrade the fixture for the Arista sink in the kitchen; clean boilers; tracking down main door church keys; and sell old dishwasher.

### **Mission & Outreach**

Soup and apple crisp lunch coming October 20. Partnering with Refind and providing proceeds for local hunger. Christmas Marketplace on Nov 16 to raise money for the snowflake tree. Will be reaching out to Amanda at salvation army in October.

### **Finance and Stewardship**

We're normally borrowing by this time, but expenses are down, so we are ok. We are running a deficit at this point. Givings are down a bit, but not significantly. Mission and service is being maintained. We are at a much smaller deficit than we were at this point last year.

### **Minister's Report**

Bulletins – in 2018 bulletins were approx. 950 and in 2019 is will be 155. For awareness - There is not a ramp to the peace garden, so it is not accessible to anyone in a wheelchair.

Sandra will start attending the ministerial meetings regularly to ensure the church is represented. Pat Lee offered to organize a fall dinner if we are interested. All are supportive if she wishes to move forward with it.

John Pentland is coming to Chatham. He talks about reenergizing the church. If anyone is interested, it is \$50 per person or a team for \$100. It is in the bulletin.

Youth activities are not seeing the participation from previously. There is a plan for trying different types of programming and for planning Sunday school curriculum a bit differently.

Working with prosperity round table and talking to youth. There were a lot of comments around there being nowhere to go for things to do. There needs to be a different approach to what is needed and what will be well received.

**New Business**

Regional council meeting will be Nov 2 in Chatham. It would be good for someone from Trinity to attend.

Next meeting – November 20, 2019

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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Regional Rep (Curtis Marwood)