

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES TRINITY UNITED CHURCH VERONA

JANUARY 31, 2017

Chair: Glenda Turner. Secretary: Linda Brown

In Attendance: Linda Brown, Bonnie Brown, Darlene Nicol, Don Coleman, Ian Mackay, Diane Revill, Gayle Robertson, Mary-Anne McNutt, Marni Pedersen, Andy Adamson, Beatrice Moffitt
Rev. Patsy Henry, Carl Turner, Glenda Turner

Devotion: Sharing a spiritual insight from our week.

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Diane Revill, Seconded by Carl Turner. Carried

Approval of minutes of November 28, 2016: read and moved by Marni Pedersen, seconded by Gayle Robertson . Carried.

Business Arising: i) Amalgamation: Carl Turner announced that the vote was for the name Trinity United Church to remain as at present. ii) Remits: Reverend Patsy will investigate whether a presbytery Rep. must be present at the remit meetings. She will also find dates for the meetings to take place in March after church. iii) There will be a bulletin announcement to bring a BAG LUNCH for the Annual General Meeting on February 12, 2017. iv) New photo directory will be discussed in 2018.

Reports: Reverend Patsy was pleased at the participation of children at the beginning of the Advent Service and suggests they will be invited to participate in Lenten Services.

Rev. Patsy expressed appreciation to our wonderful choir and choir director for all their contributions this year. She announced that long-time member Ethel Whiten passed away on Saturday, January 28. There will be a private family service this week, and a celebration of Ethel's life sometime in April.

M&P: Andy Adamson announced the dates of Reverend Patsy's vacation and Study Leave. As an aside, he confirmed that Jane Adamson will be staying on as Presbytery Representative for 2017.

Treasurer's Report: Gayle Robertson announced that Barb Joyce and herself had examined the Pastoral Charge Financial Records for 2016 and found them correct. Appreciation was expressed to Don Coleman for his careful and diligent work as Treasurer of the Pastoral Charge. Don gave the St. Paul's treasurer's report. Moved by Don, seconded by Bonnie Brown that the report be adopted as read. Carried. Trinity's report will be presented at the annual meeting.

Property Report: Carl Turner reported on a water line leak in December, which involved replacing the well head and other objects, with brass fittings, and getting a new pressure tank. The area of the leak was dug up by Mark of Verona Hardware. He did an excellent job, using the back hoe, and repairing the leak. Cost-approx. five hundred dollars. The Board thanks Carl Turner for the extra effort he put in to see the project to its conclusion. The Health Unit has recommended we fund a couple of people to become familiar with wider water issues. Cost is around \$200 in person, or approx. \$100 on-line. It is suggested that Carl Turner take the course, which the church would pay for.

The basement carpets were cleaned over the Christmas break, by Carleton and Linda Brown.

Session: Diane Revill, Chair: Session met monthly, except during the Ice Storm. Beatrice Moffitt, Mary-Anne McNutt, and Gayle Robertson have agreed to sit on Session beginning

February 2017. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was held on November 27, and on Christmas Eve. The Boy Scouts, and the R.C.M.P. attended the Remembrance Day Service. The Sunday School Concert was December 11th. Two couples' memberships were withdrawn from Trinity-Dennis and Diane Buchanan, Doug and Lynda Boulter, have moved in to Kingston. Stewards: Linda Brown : Our downstairs piano is going to the Napanee Piano Museum in early spring. Linda Brown has offered to organize a tour of the Museum, sometime in April for interested parties, with lunch at a local Napanee Restaurant, date to be announced later in the bulletin. There is a possibility of twinning with a New Brunswick congregation, where the Reverend David Allan is minister of a 4-point charge. Linda Brown will have more information by the March Stewards meeting.

United Church Women: Darlene Nicol: The group will meet February 22 at MOM's Restaurant, 12:noon. The World Day of Prayer will be held at the Verona Free Methodist Church, Friday , March 3, 10 am. Four Rivers Presbytery Spring Annual General Meeting will be held at Delta United Church, April 19th.

Trustees: Carl Turner: Possibility of a ramp to make the church more accessible, is on hold at the moment as our architectural advisor is dealing with other matters. A site plan, and a survey will be needed. Leonard Fuels has been consulted about the possibility of changing to propane heating, which, in the long run would be more cost-effective than the present system and might also include an air-conditioning unit attached to the furnace. Finances are available but a second estimate is needed.

New Business: Don Coleman: Our portion of proceeds from the Winter Breakfasts , as stated on the Breakfast sign, is to be used "for Trinity's work within the Verona Community." Stewards is at present exploring a possible donation to Prince Charles School, for work with children in need. Sustainability: Don also announced that we cannot continue to afford a full-time minister as the financial means will not be there, by roughly 2018. It will be recommended at the Annual General Meeting that we re-start the Sustainability Committee to explore the possibility of a future shared ministry with another local Pastoral Charge.

Our May Pie Sale needs a co-ordinator.

The Garage Sale May 27th , needs helpers for the Friday before, the day of, and After the sale. Speak to Glenda Turner.

Next Official Board Meeting Monday April 27th, 7 pm.