

Trinity United Church Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2020at

Welcome:

The meeting, constituted in the name of Jesus Christ, the only head of the church was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Catherine Oxenford-Grant, Sheila Anthony, Bea Moffitt, Glenda Turner, Linda Shane, Jane Mackay

Regrets: Mary-Anne McNutt

Reflections:

Read by Bea Moffitt. Volunteer for March 3, 2020 is Sheila Anthony.

Approval of Agenda:

It was noted the new chairpersons are Marg Smith and Sheila Anthony who will chair in Marg's absence. Jane Mackay is the new secretary.

Moved by Glenda Turner and seconded by Bea Moffitt that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2019

Moved by Bea Moffitt, seconded by Jane Mackay, that the minutes be approved as printed.

Carried

Business Arising from the minutes:

The date for the Celebration of the Ramp has been set for May 31, 2020. The congregation is to be asked for volunteers who would like to work with Catherine to spearhead the ramp celebration. The suggested proposal would then be brought to session for approval.

Minister's Report:

December 2019

- Continuing pastoral and spiritual care of members of congregation and members of the wider community including KGH, Providence Care, Helen Henderson Care, Countryview Retirement Home, Kingsbridge Retirement, Briargate Community, Kingsdale Chateau in Kingston and in private homes.
- Baptismal counselling and subsequent Baptism on December 8, 2019 of Kayla Mikolich.

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- Writing of Advent Liturgy and use in four services for both adults and youth/children.
- Helping with Christmas hampers and shared delivery with Carl Turner.
- Subsequent counselling of four families in community from contact during hamper delivery.
- Writing of Advent/Christmas letter.
- Officiating at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service.
- Meeting with Ministry and Personnel.

January 2020

- Continuing pastoral and spiritual care of members of congregation and wider community in facilities mentioned above.
- Preparation of annual reports: Minister's and Region 12 Council
- Meeting with other members of Sunday worship team (Sheila Anthony and Ian Mackay) to prepare preaching schedule from February 2020 to the end of June 2020.
- Continued contact with families in our community.
- Preparation of communion liturgy and officiating at the sacrament of communion on January 26, 2020.
- Registration for minister and lay representative for upcoming Regional 12 meetings in Ottawa and Cornwall.
- Attendance at Congregational meeting on February 2, 2020.
- Attendance at session meeting on February 4, 2020.

Discussion arising from minister's report:

- Christmas eve services need to be better advertised.
- Advent candle lighting needs to be better organized ahead of time. Participating families are to be contacted through the church office.

Worship and Sacrament:

- At March 3rd meeting we will talk about Lent. It is suggested that for Lent, five candles surrounded with stones be set up. One candle will be extinguished each week during Lent. Catherine will write the liturgy and this will be done by whoever is leading the service.

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- Communion dates are set for April 5th and June 28th, 2020.
- Discussion was held re the length of the bulletin. In order to have more space inside the bulletin, the contact information, the mission statement and the acknowledgement of traditional territory would all go on the front of the bulletin underneath the photo.
- Bulletin should include the words to the Lord's Prayer.
- Rebecca has the reader's list ready and will be asked to send it out to all the readers.
- Anniversary Sunday is June 14th, 2020. Sheila will invite Lynda Price to be our guest speaker. Maybe Barb Taft could be asked if Lynda isn't available.

Correspondence: None

Membership/Pastoral Care: See minister's report.

Christian Education: No report. All seems well.

Outreach: Linda Brown is the contact person for Christmas in June hampers.

New Business:

- A Sweetheart Lunch will be held on February 16th, 2020. Extra persons are needed to supply milk, coffee, tea and cream. Catherine will bring the cream. Glenda will start the coffee.
- Linda Shane will be the nomination person from this committee to find another person to serve on this committee for next year.
- Glenda found about 50 Christmas cards stored away and it was suggested that they be used this December. The Christmas letter can be enclosed in them.
- A little bit of Black History will be included in the service on February 23rd, 2020. Carleton Brown will introduce the choir and congregation to a new anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing". He will also say a few words about Black History during the children's time in that service.
- Discussion was held regarding prayer requests. Prayer request cards are to be printed on card stock and hung in the pews. They will be collected by the presiding minister during the offering.

Next Meeting: March 03, 2020

Adjourned: 8:14 p.m.

Chair person, Sheila Anthony

Secretary, Jane Mackay