

**Trinity United Church Committee of Stewards**

Tuesday, September 14, 2015

**Members:** Bonnie Brown, Linda Brown, Don Coleman, Gerald Howes, Ian Mackay, Ann McDougall

**Regrets:** Gerald Howes, Ian Mackay

**Minister:** Rev. Patsy Henry **Chairperson:** Linda Brown **Secretary:** Ann McDougall **Treasurer:** Don Coleman

1) Call to Order: I call this meeting to order in the name of Jesus Christ, the one and only Head of the Church.

2) Opening Prayer: Generous and compassionate God, as we gather together we ask for your guidance in our work for this church. Give us grace and wisdom to accept your will as we make our decisions. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

3) Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved by all.

4) Approval of Minutes – accepted as read by Ann McDougall

5) Business Arising from the Minutes:

i) Accessibility Policy a) It was decided to sell the stair climber on Kijiji (Don Coleman) as it has not worked well over the past 10 years. At Diane Buchanan's suggestion we will hold a practice session with the new ramp and put a printed sign nearby as to how to set it up and use it correctly.

b) Ann will talk to Rev. Patsy regarding the sound system in the Sanctuary and any possible alternative solutions.

ii) Pick-a-Party Update – Ann McDougall reported that she and John were considering a house concert sometime in the future.

iii) Don has posted the current finances in the bulletin for Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

iv) Don Coleman reported that the St. Paul's Brunch in August was successful financially for both churches

v) The Blue Book will be updated in November – (Bonnie, Linda, Ann)

6. Treasurer's Report: Don Coleman gave a detailed report of our financial situation. Typically, our summer months had more expenses than income, but with our up-coming fundraisers we should be able to make up some of the deficit.

Don moved the adoption of his report and it was seconded by Linda Brown.

7. Counters for September:

- i) Sept. 13 – Linda Brown
- ii) Sept. 20 – Ian Mackay
- iii) Sept. 27 – Ann McDougall
- iv) Oct. 4 - Linda Brown

8. Correspondence: none

9. Maintenance:

- i) Don reported that the stained glass window has gone to Westport for repairs, at a cost of approximately \$7000.00. If there is a problem with the 2 transom windows, they will be replaced with thermopane windows rather than incur a cost of another \$7000.00.
- ii) Bill Watson will be doing repairs to the Bell Tower sometime in November.

10. Property Committee: No update.

11. New Business:

- i) It was decided to table the issue of distorted sound in the Fellowship Hall until Spring.
- ii) No one had any knowledge of the front steps being a problem.

12. Plans for the year Ahead (Fundraisers)

- i) Apple Pie Sales – Linda Brown asked for announcements to be made at both churches this Sunday. She needs 3 people to help set up on Thurs. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ii) Ann McDougall reported that the Quilt raffle ticket sales at Trinity are slow. She will make an announcement this Sunday.
- iii) Linda Brown suggested that we have refreshments at the Newfoundland Monologue on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. We will save any leftover squares from the Quilt Show.

13. Our next meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2015

14. Closing Prayer: Grant O God, that in the quietness of the evening and in the hush of the night, our hearts may be filled with thankfulness for all your blessings.

Secretary: Ann McDougall

Chair: Linda Brown