

**Trinity United Church Committee of Stewards
Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

Members: Bonnie Brown, Linda Brown, Donald Coleman, Ian Mackay, Ann McDougall

Minister: Rev. Patsy Henry **Chairperson:** Linda Brown **Secretary:** Ann McDougall
Treasurer: Donald 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: Moved by Linda Brown, seconded by Ann McDougall

4) Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Ann McDougall, seconded by Linda Brown that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

5) Muriel York asked for time to discuss the Christmas Hampers as she and Sheila Anthony are in charge this year. Sheila has said that St. Paul's cannot support the usual 39 baskets we have done in the past. Instead they need to cut back to 25 baskets between the two congregations.

After much discussion, Linda Brown moved that we concentrate on Christmas dinner only for 25 families (with a possible 2 or 3 more) and that extra donations from individuals be included (ie, milk, cheese, Christmas cake, mittens) Other food items that we used to put in, will be donated to the local food bank. Ian Mackay seconded the motion. Carried.

6) Business arising from the minutes:

i) Accessibility Policy – A few members will set up the new ramp as a trial run.

ii) Pick-a-party – nothing to report.

iii) Trevor Mckinvin “They Came From Away”. About 50 people attended the show bringing in \$ 556.00. (\$278.00 for Trinity.)

iv) Plaque for dishwasher: ?

v) Ann McDougall reported that the Quilt Show was a financial success, netting over \$3000.00 for Trinity United and \$1626.00 for the Southern Frontenac Community Services.

7) Treasurer's Report: Don Coleman moved and Bonnie Brown seconded that the report be accepted. Carried. Don suggested we will need to approve paying for the stained glass window repairs with funding from another category at the AGM.

8) Counters for November:

Nov. 8 – Linda Brown

Nov. 15 – Bonnie Brown

Nov. 22 - Ann McDougall

Nov. 29 – Ian Mackay

9) Maintenance and Renovation:

i) the bell tower – Bill Watson should be attending to this soon.

ii) side entrance steps – Carl Turner (Property committee) agreed to check on this.

iii) Linda Brown would like a “please remove you boots” sign put up for winter. Don said he would take care of it.

iv) The Child Care Centre reported mouse droppings in the basement cupboards. Ann will purchase some mousetraps and Glenda Turner and Diane Reville of Session will do some housecleaning.

10) Plans for the Year ahead:

i) Winter Breakfasts - It was suggested that we ask some community members through the V.C.A. to help us with organizing and executing this event. Don Coleman said he would do this. We will also ask people from St. Paul's.

ii) A discussion about Gerald Howe's sign brought various responses. Carl Turner will check into putting it up at the front of the church.

Next meeting: December 1, 2015.

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.
Amen.

Secretary: Ann McDougall

Chair: Linda Brown