

Trinity United Church Committee of Stewards

Tuesday, November 01, 2016

Members: Bonnie Brown, Linda Brown, Don Coleman, Jean Clair, Ian Mackay, Ann McDougall, Marni Pedersen **Regrets:** Jean Clair

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

Treasurer: Don Coleman

- 1) Call to Order: Ian Mackay called the 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 – Ann McDougall made a motion to accept the agenda and Marni Pedersen seconded it. Carried.
- 4) Approval of Minutes – Don Coleman moved and Bonnie Brown seconded that the minutes of October 04, be accepted. Carried.

5) Business Arising from the Minutes:

- i) Accessibility Policy – Ann McDougall reported that John McDougall would like to meet with Carl Turner (Chair of Trustees) and David Jefferies (architect) to discuss plans for the proposed ramp, and also discuss possible grants.
- ii) Pick-a-Party Update – Ian Mackay reported that the two Scotch-on-the-Rocks parties were very successful raising \$500 for the church. Congratulations to Jane and Ian! We are not sure how well the “Clergy Cooks” tickets are going. Someone needs to sell the tickets while Rev. Patsy is on leave next week.
- iii) Winter Breakfasts - Don Coleman reported that Linda Bates will attend our next meeting to discuss the breakfasts to be held January 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 2016. Ann will do the sign-up sheets. Don will do the posters which will go up just after Christmas. We decided that the money raised should go to a local outreach. A park bench at the Grace Centre in Sydenham was one suggestion.
- iv) Linda Brown suggested we need a liaison person to go between the church user groups and the secretary, to keep the church functioning well. Joyce Casement's name was suggested. Marni Pedersen will have this matter put on the M and P agenda for their next meeting.
- v) November Craft Sale: Marni Pedersen reported that the Sunday School children made Christmas crackers to sell at this event – a start on local outreach education. Marni Pedersen made a motion that the money from the Basket Draw should go to the local Christmas for Kids campaign. Seconded by Linda Brown. Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report: Don Coleman was pleased that we have reduced our debt this month by over \$2000. Don moved the adoption of his report. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. Carried.

7. Counters for October:

- i) Nov. 06 – Ann McDougall
- ii) Nov. 13 – Nancy Moore-Carr/Jean Clair?
- iii) Nov. 20 – Nancy Moore-Carr/Jean Clair?
- iv) Nov. 27 – Linda Brown

8. Maintenance and Renovation: i) A new rubber mat for the Fellowship Hall entrance was found in the basement. Diane Revill requested the carpets downstairs be cleaned for the Yoga group. This could be done on our Clean-up Day, Nov. 9th.

ii) We are looking into a water treatment system to deal with the sulphur smell from the kitchen tap.

iii) All furniture will need to be moved from the Hall on Friday, Nov. 25, and put back on Monday afternoon Nov. 28th, after the floor is cleaned.

9. New Business: i) A request from Carl Turner asked that we think about the governance model for Trinity. This will be addressed at the AGM in February 2017.

ii) Don Coleman reported that some money and a couple of items from the desk were stolen sometime between Oct. 19th and 23rd. He now will keep the desk drawers locked. We need to make the congregation aware of this issue.

10. Plans for the year ahead:

i) Christmas Hampers – The Fellowship Hall is booked for Dec. 19 and 20, with hampers being packed on the 20th. Ann McDougall, Glenda Turner and Linda Brown will meet tomorrow to get things rolling.

11. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 06, 2016.

12. 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