

**Trinity United Church Committee of Stewards**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

**Members:** Bonnie Brown, Linda Brown, Don Coleman, Jean Clair, Ian Mackay, Ann McDougall, Marni Pedersen, Ruth Barker and Andy Adamson. **Regrets:** Andy Adamson, Jean Clair

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

- 1) Call to Order: Linda Brown 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 – Linda Brown/Bonnie Brown. Carried.
- 4) Approval of Minutes – Ann McDougall / Marni Pedersen. Carried.

5) Business Arising from the Minutes:

i) Winter Wake-up Breakfast proceeds: Don Coleman reported a profit of \$2200.00 from the breakfasts, with \$1100.00 going to the VCA and \$1100.00 going to Trinity. Ann McDougall reported that there were two options in donating our portion to Prince Charles Public School. We could fund the school Parent Council which would go towards paying off the playground equipment, or put the money towards a school slush fund to be used at the Principal/Vice-principal's discretion in helping families pay for school trips, or for sport's teams or school technology. **We will vote on this at the next meeting.**

ii) New Insurance application: Don Coleman reported that there seemed to be little difference in the cost of the United Church Insurance plan and the one we have at present. He will get an official quote from the United Church for our next meeting, and we can make a decision.

iii) Ruth Barker volunteered to be the Steward's representative on the Nominating Committee for January, 2018.

6. Treasurer's Report: Don made a detailed report of the January finances. As usual our local expenses are high because of electrical costs during the winter months. The property committee is researching ways to decrease these costs with propane. A new furnace for the Sanctuary could be part of this package.

Don Coleman brought to our attention the Rental Breakdown for 2016 including formal rentals and donations. He felt the church was in good shape financially. Don Coleman moved the Treasurer's report be adopted. Seconded by Ian Mackay. Carried.

7. Counters for February:

- i) February 19 – Ian Mackay
- ii) February 26 - Marni Pedersen
- iii) March 05 – Ruth Barker

8) Correspondence: We received a lovely thank you note from the Verona Christmas for Kids thanking us for our donation from the Craft and Bake sale. Don Coleman mentioned they had a \$12,000.00 nest egg for next year!

9) Reports for information:

i) Possible twinning with a New Brunswick congregation. Linda Brown will discuss this further at the next Steward's meeting.

ii) Ian Mackay will lead a study group called “Edge of Adventure” on Thursday afternoons from 2 – 3:30 pm during March ( 9, 16, 23, and 30). There will be a sign-up sheet for names and phone #'s of people interested. All are welcome.

iii) A new Sustainability Committee has been set up with the following members: Don Coleman, Mary Ann McNutt, Gayle Robertson, Glenda Turner and Claus Drews.

10) New Business:

i) The Pentecostal Church asked to use our church hall and kitchen on March 5<sup>th</sup> for a reception for their minister who is leaving. **Ian moved that we waive the usual fee but suggest that a donation would be acceptable. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. Carried.**

ii) The Kingston Health Unit recommends that we have someone take a water management course. Linda Brown will discuss this at our next meeting.

11) Plans for the Year Ahead:

i) Mother's Day Bake Sale: Saturday, May 13, 2017. Muriel York will help out, and perhaps some young people. Information on pricing is found in the Blue Book.

ii) There was discussion about an old fashioned church picnic in conjunction with Trinity's Anniversary on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Marni Petersen will gather a committee.

iii) Linda Brown will organize a tour of the Napanee Piano Museum on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

iv) Ruth Barker said she would like to see something organized by the church to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in addition to the Ecumenical Service at the Lion's Hall on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lots of discussion followed.

10. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 07, 2017.

11. 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

