

Trinity United Church Committee of Stewards

Tuesday, January 09, 2018

Members Present: Andy Adamson, Ruth Barker, Bonnie Brown, Linda Brown, Don Coleman, Ann McDougall, Marni Pedersen, **Regrets:** Jean Clair, Ian Mackay. We have a quorum.

Minister: Catherine Oxenford-Grant **Chairperson:** Linda Brown **Secretary:** Ann McDougall **Treasurer:** Don Coleman

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 and followed with the opening prayer.
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 – (with corrections) Linda Brown/Ann McDougall Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes from December 05, 2017– Ann McDougall/ Bonnie Brown Carried.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes:
 - i) Accessibility – N/A
 - ii) Winter breakfasts - Don reported that 46 people attended the first breakfast on Jan. 6th and everything went smoothly. Donations brought in \$375.00. We are grateful for donations of meat from Findlay Foods and eggs from Braeburn totalling about \$700.00. We have lots of helpers for the remaining breakfasts.
 - iii) Christmas hampers - Linda Brown asked members of Stewards to help with thank you notes and reported that Sheila Anthony and Gayle Robertson will take over the job of organizing the hampers for 2018.
 - iv) Playgroup update – Don Coleman reported that we will not hear anything until April or May regarding Kingston taking over the aegis of the Playgroup at Trinity.
6. Treasurer's Report: Don took us through a review of the Trinity finances for 2017 and commented that we have had a very good year. He also presented an excellent thank you letter to go out to all Trinity supporters.
Motion to adopt the report: Don Coleman/ Andy Adamson Carried.
7. Counters for January:
 - i) January 14 – Linda Brown
 - ii) January 21 – Ann McDougall

- iii) January 28 – Andy Adamson
- iv) February 04 – Ruth Barker

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Reports for Information:

Monday, January 29th – Official Board meeting - 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 11th – Annual General Meeting following the church service.

10. New Business:

- i) The Kingston Area Bereavement Group has requested space for Wed. evenings in the Memorial Room 6:30 – 8:30, beginning January 10th.
- ii) Linda Brown asked what new duties we might have without a full-time minister. We decided to ask this question at our joint meeting with Session.
- iii) We had a number of suggestions in answer to the question of how to connect more with area churches: a) meet at a restaurant for coffee and chat b) youth groups c) have a group visit the Napanee Piano Museum d) have a music night
- iv) Ruth Barker suggested a drop-in-centre after school for children which could include tutoring, games, snacks, etc.
- v) We discussed what to do for the family who were burned out just before Christmas. Ann will get an update to find out what they need. It was suggested we take up a collection at church service to donate to them.
- vi) Marni Pedersen reported that the M and P Committee met with Rev. Patsy for an exit interview, discussing a raise for both Joyce Casement and Natalie Wotherspoon and the need to start a JNAC and then a search committee.

11. Plans for Winter 2018

- i) Winter Wake-up Breakfasts – January 13, 20 and 27

12. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 06, 2018.

13. 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