

Trinity Clifton United Church

Virtual Council Meeting Council Minutes November 5, 2020

Present: Graeme Linkletter, Judy Irwin, Rev Doreen Bird-Daley, Linda Dunning, David White, Anne Love, Miriam Lank, Sylvia Gunn, Heather Cameron, and Philip Floyd (acting secretary)

Regrets: Bruce Fitchett and Alma Mutch.

1. Acting Chair David called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
2. Agenda: Additions to the agenda, 11 a) Pickle Ball. Miriam Lank moved and Linda Dunning seconded to accept the agenda with the one change. **APPROVED.**
3. Approval of minutes October 1, 2020: moved by Philip Floyd and seconded by Graeme Linkletter to accept the minutes as presented with a few minor changes and then to have grammar and spelling corrected by Judy Irwin. **APPROVED.**
4. Old Business:
 - a) Opening of the Church for Services: Linda gave an update that everything appears to be going well. Our fall student is taking the bookings and so far, the turnout has been small approximately 24, where we can take 45 at the present time. Discussion was held around obtaining approval for a second cohort of 50 people so we would be in position to handle more people for the Christmas season. Linda and Graeme will meet and proceed to get approval from the Public Health Office.
 - b) Fall Fair and Christmas Fair: Linda wanted to thank all the people who assisted in helping to make the Fall Fair a success. There were 235 people who went through the Fair with Social Distancing being adhered, the number of people at a time was restricted to 50 and we received good comments for at least holding some type of a Fair this fall. Linda said a big thank you should go to Ellen for selling some \$3,500.00 of jams and pickles out of the office which helped make the fair a success. She also wanted to thank all the people who made jams and pickles in the kitchen for the fair and the plan to make more. Linda and Miriam (co-chairs) proposed to have a mini Christmas Fair on Saturday November 21st, using the same procedure as the fall fair. It was discussed and Council agreed to go ahead with the Christmas Fair on Nov 21st, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 - c) Linda mentioned that there was an email going out to advise people of the Christmas take out dinner set for December 5th. Chef Emily Wells will be cooking for the dinner and tickets will be going on sale. The email will contain all the information for the dinner.
5. Business arising: None.
6. New Business:
 - a) Noreen Matheson Estate donation: Phil advised Council that we received a donation of \$35,000.00 from Noreen Matheson Estate and there were no conditions placed on these funds. David mentioned that he did not want the funds to go for expenses totally since, in this year of Covid19, and based on September's financial results, we are not doing as well as last year. His suggestion was to split the funds with 50% to go to general expenses and 50%

go to the Restoration fund. Philip Floyd moved, and Graeme Linkletter seconded to split the funds 50/50 between general expenses and the Restoration Fund. **APPROVED.**

7. Committee reports:

- a) M&P: Miriam Lank stated that Lorraine has emptied her closet and turned in her key for the time being. She has not resigned to date so we will wait to see what transpires in the future on whether she returns or not.
- b) Property Committee: Graeme mentioned that a new NO TRESPASSING sign has been put up by the alcove, to alert people not to spend the night. Trinity's snow removal contract was renewed with the same company as last year starting on Nov. 1st. Graeme mentioned that the condition of the Manse is not good and John Kamphuis and he spent a week and fixing the kitchen, back entry, new closet shelves, new ceiling tiles in the kitchen, as well as new front doors on the kitchen cupboards. They also have a new toilet installed just off the kitchen along with a new stove and fridge as they were not working very well. Graeme suggested we strike a committee to help assist the family living in the Manse to find a new residence since they are not having much success and it would be the best for them to have somewhere to move when the lease is up June 30, 2020. Graeme also mentioned that Emily Bryant is applying to the New Horizons Grants for funds to be used for the ventilation system in the Church basement. The application has been submitted and we will not hear until March of 2021. Graeme also mentioned that the committee is now down to only 4 members, as some people resigned, so they need more members as the committee does a lot of work. Graeme mentioned that the landscaping on the north side is now going to take place at a cost of \$6,675.00 HST included. Graeme indicated that there were actually two broken storm windows and repairs are to be made before winter.
- c) Worship Committee: Linda states that Catherine Dewar will be the guest speaker for our Remembrance Day service, and she will be speaking about two Nurses who were members of the Trinity Congregation. Thanks to Catherine for her work on these Remembrance Day services and her work on the Archives for Trinity. Linda also mentioned that Rev. Arthur Davies will be our special speaker on Nov 22nd, for our anniversary service.
- d) Finance Committee: David said he circulated the September financials and will send out October's as soon as they are ready.
- e) Pastoral Care: No report. Rev. Doreen mentioned she has a request for a Baptism for Nov. 29th. The child is Celia Reith Sanderson, with parents Kenneth and Krysta Sanderson. Ann Love moved and Miriam Lank seconded the motion to have this Baptism. **APPROVED.**
- f) Christian Development Committee: No report.
- g) Outreach Committee: Sylvia reported that she has spoken to Mary Cowper-Smith in relation to the request about the young refugee who came to PEI in 2019. Trinity donated \$500.00 towards his mother's operation and all the other churches did as well so he raised the sufficient funds for the operation. His mother had her operation, it was a success and is now home recovering. A good news story for sure. Sylvia also mentioned we received thank you cards from UPEI food bank, Fitzroy Centre as well as the Prince Street School for our support of their breakfast program.
- h) Stewardship Committee: No report.

- i) Trustees: No report as they have not meet. Rev. Doreen mentioned that she has received a request from Phillip Jenkins to donated 2 burial plots in the Peoples cemetery. The value of this donation is \$1,500.00. Phil to contact Ken MacDonald on what the process might be to accept this donation.
 - j) Nomination Committee: Philip Floyd moved and Roma Downe MacQuarrie to have Clara MacLeod join the M&P committee for a 1-year term. **APPROVED.**
8. Other Representatives to Council:
- a) UCW: Judy states that the ladies who worked the Fall Fair were happy to get out and meet other UCW women. Judy to reach out again to see if anyone would like to meet as a group.
 - b) Clifton: No report.
 - c) Men's Club: No Report.
9. Correspondence: Doreen mentioned we received a Thank You from Pride 2020 for our Church Service.
10. Other Business:
- a) Pickle Ball: Judy asked if there was any indication that there could be pickle ball played in the gym. Heather Cameron mentioned there is a group playing now in the gym and Judy will contact the office to see who this group is and if another group could come into the gym and plan.
 - b) Philip gave an update to the email that Rev. Doreen sent out stating she had been advised that a new minister would be coming to Trinity. Phil advise that David and he has spoken to Kendall Harrison about setting up a transition team to meet with candidates that may come to Trinity. The team will be made up of David White, Phil Floyd, Linda Dunning, Judy Irwin, and Emily Bryant. Phil explained that we are now waiting on Regional to provide names so we can have meetings to see who is willing to come to Trinity.
11. Words from the Clergy: Doreen stated that even though she does not know when she will be done, she had to go ahead and plan Advent and Christmas services. White Gift Sunday will be Dec. 6th, and discussion was held about if we would need the Public Health Office approval. Sylvia said that the gifts are given to the Salvation Army and they distribute them. She will reach out to them to see what they are doing this year and will report back at our Dec. Council meeting. Dec. 13th will be out Memorial Carol Sing Sunday and Dec. 20th, will be out Sacrament of Holly Communion with people bring their own bread and juice. Discussion was also held around whether we would have two services on Christmas eve, and it was decided to wait and see how many people we get in the Sunday's leading up to Christmas eve.
12. Closing: Meeting as adjourned at 7:58PM

Recording Secretary

Acting Co-Chair Council

Philip Floyd.

David White