

Check-in

Annette Taylor, Colleen MacBean, Brenda Gruetzner, Peggy Worrell, Charles Lotochinski, Dave Zacharias

Regrets Kimberly Bilanski

Moment of Inspiration - Peggy

Regarding Pope Francis

Opening Devotion – Colleen

Shared a blessing

Holy Manner #7 - Be open to new ideas

1. Volunteers

- Read Group Norms **Brenda**
- Monitor our responsibility as “Keepers of the Vision” **Annette**
- Report to congregation **Colleen**
- Keep record of tasks **Peggy**

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved by consensus as amended

3. Approval of the minutes of the March 27 Leadership Team meeting

Approved by consensus as amended

4. Business Arising:

a. April 5 Leadership Retreat actions

(1) Thank you to CMHA for use of their facility

(2) Emails to Affirming Ministry, Earthcare Partners, and Outreach Committee

(3) CMHA info: Question re. referrals and membership fees answered by Sarah

(4) Laybourne, Program Coordinator:

“All members of CMHA SC need to have a referral to take part in programs which include meal program, social recreational program, vocational program, and peer support program. Membership fees are \$15.00 a month. Referrals come from Mental Health & Addictions and doctors’ offices.”

(5) Swift Current’s Truth & Reconciliation group – Colleen

Suggested to meet with Bulah and present details. Red dress day coming up. Colleen meeting Bulah Tuesday for lunch. In regards to how our congregation might be involved.

(6) Documentary – Brenda

‘Sugar Cane’ Tribute to native people and their life. After discovery of residential school graves. Full length film.

Good to maybe screen it on Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Brenda will pass the suggestion to Worship and Music re: idea of screening.

Free on Disney+

(7) Inviting speakers

Discussed Jeremy Roberts. CMHA lunch coming up – info on bulletin board. May 8th at noon.

Pass the idea over to Worship and Music and Affirming Ministry about the speaking to Truth and Reconciliation.

b. 100th Anniversary June 8 service

- (1) Planning Committee - Annette, Jackie Orola-Ravino, Joan Foster, Peggy Worrell
- (2) Decorations Interest Group has been asked for assistance
- (3) Commemorative ornaments - Informing the congregation, selling the ornaments

Peggy showed us samples.

How will we market them?

200 ornaments were ordered.

Spread the word they are available.

Selling for \$10.00. Cost is \$8.00

Colleen will mention on her report to the congregation.

For sale around the anniversary and Christmas.

Have them on sale this Sunday, Dave and next Sunday, Peggy.

- (4) History brochures - Colleen, Charles, Peggy

We met and generated ideas. Still need to research date.

Asked for opinions on content. Peggy will email them out again.

Do we CC history or just focus on our church.

Who would this be for? Then we can work on the appropriate content.

Idea is to provide information on the history of the church, or also where we are today?

This could also be handed out to the public during the tables.

Keep in mind this is the 100th anniversary of the UCC not just our congregation.

Does the UCC have something similar for the larger church?

Consensus is not really worth going forward with at this time.

- (5) Respond to 100th Anniversary card from Spirit Hill Pastoral Charge, Tugaskie?

Peggy was at a sheep shearing and met some folks discussing the wonderful responses. Peggy is going to respond and thank them for the card.

Annette had no additional comments about the service except it is going to be special!

c. 100 Tables

- (1) "First United Church Cares" – Theme
- (2) April 29 Update from Peggy & Linda Stumpf (attached) Note "To do" items highlighted
- (3) Building & Property Committee informed
- (4) Motion to purchase display board for \$150

Peggy found a foam board for much less.

There are 100th anniversary banners etc. on the web site.

Groups could decorate as they see fit.

How do you anchor something like that? Kind of a problem with our winds.

Consult Wendell Anderson to make a frame for it? Peggy will contact him.

***Could also use our white board easels. Stick them right into the ground.
Would like to have this by June 4th.***

(5) Date(s) for Leadership Team to sign up

d) Communication plan for 100th Anniversary & 100 Tables

(1) Posters - Office Managers? Who will put them up?

Focus on the media splash – Booster interview, current events.

About the 100 tables and the anniversary.

Annette would be part of it but not the only face. Peggy will also participate.

(2) Send posters to College, CMHA, Interagency, Family Resource Centre

(3) Morning radio interview - Who?

e) Conversations with St. Olaf's Lutheran Church

(1) Proposed joint Ration Meal, possibly a fundraiser for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Outreach is in discussions. Targeting September/October timeframe.

5. Reports

a) Minister's Report

Yikes! It's beginning of May and only six more services to prepare.

b) Committee Reports

- Search Team: No new minister by July 1.

Not looking good for even September. Some by little interest.

- Fundraising Interest Group recommendations: That the Tailgate Sale in the parking lot planned for June 21 be postponed until Sept. 6 Decision made via email April 9.

c) Business arising from reports

- Worship & Music Committee is arranging pulpit supply for the month of July.

Question of pulpit supply. Worship and Music is responsible.

Worship and Music has started but the list is short.

Could we include the Worship Circle. Peggy has the list and she sent it to Judy Kilaby.

Peggy will communicate with Diane Sarson as Judy is in Edmonton.

Worship and Music also responsible for finding someone for funerals.

- Fundraising Interest Group: Invite St. Olaf's Lutheran Church to partner with us for the Sept. 6 Tailgate Sale?

Consensus is it is a good idea.

d) Search Team

Responsible to report to the congregation.

e) Fundraising Group

\$100 for 100 years campaign.

Office will me a poster.

Consensus is that it is a good idea and should proceed according the committees plans.

Dave suggested making a calendar.

f) Approval of reports

Colleen moved approval of the reports and Brenda seconded. Approved.

6. Correspondence

Girl Guides presented us a bird house and a thank-you note.

7. Annette's retirement

- Recommendation from Worship & Music Committee to have no Sunday morning service on June 22 and to have Annette's De-covenanting service at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon, followed by a supper. Decision made via email April 9.
- Other planning?

This will be a pot-luck supper.

8. Policy & Procedures Manual revisions

We should be ready to finalize at our next meeting.

Review for any revisions and approve.

Rhonda and Peggy have reviewed and highlighted.

9. Expanding use of our building and rental revenue

- a) Room Rentals document - update - Charles

10. VISIONING

- a) Areas worthy of pursuit: Arts, Anchor Tenant, Fitness
- a) Inviting Dave Fletcher (Camp Shagabec Director) to meet virtually with Leadership Team
- b) Follow up from Nov. 20 meeting with Jordan Cantwell, United Church of Canada Growth Animator
 - Approach the City of Swift Current - Proposal? Questions? Pitch?
 - Have conversations with organizations with whom we already have partnerships (e.g. CMHA, SK Abilities, Scouts, Guides, SW Pride, Salvation Army (sponsor a meal?), SW Crisis Services, Family Resource Centre, AA) about ways in which we might consider new ideas that could generate revenue. How to proceed?
 - Might service clubs want to partner with us so we can continue to provide space to groups such as Girl Guides free of charge? How to proceed?
 - Analysis of the Refugee Sponsorship Project as a case example of how to involve people from outside of our church in an outreach project in progress. (See attached)
 - Explore relationships with new partners. (e.g. Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls, Truth & Reconciliation Committee of Swift Current & District, Islamic Centre, Swift Current Housing Authority, Lii Bufloo Metis Local, Chinook Library, service clubs and lodges, City of Swift Current, Islamic Centre) How to proceed?
- c) Option #1 - Status quo. Note 10-year projections: Stewardship and Building & Property

Option #2 – Stay in our building and make significant changes. Increase revenue, including leasing parts of the building. Decrease expenses, including staff.

Option #3 - Sell our building and move - Rent or build

11) Broadview Special 100 anniversary Issue

Motion to reimburse Rhonda for 11 copies for \$44 for Broadview.

Dave/Brenda Passed.

Money to be collected from the people who requested the copies.

Budget line same as the one created for the ornaments.

Closing Prayer - Colleen

Next meeting

May 29 7:00 - 9:00 pm (hybrid)

Opening Devotion & Closing Prayer - Colleen

Please let Peggy know if you expect to be absent - to ensure we have a quorum

Attachments

- 100 Tables April 29 update

Parking lot - Ideas to be discussed in future

- Communications person

/P. Worrell