

Doers Sept 16, 2024 Meeting (in church Library and Narthex)

Ice cream cones or Sundaes with fruit and wafers, tea and coffee while chatting and getting back into a “Doers” mode.

Land Acknowledgement: Peggy Horvath

Opening Prayer: Rev. David Cathcart

Governance update: Judy Johnson **Intro the Governance Team:**

Betty, Joy, Judy, Robert, Pat Bradley, Wendy; Rev C

Treasurer:

- Financials to end of August was presented; Note the \$60K donation in July
- Switched RBC Signing Authorizations
- Requesting our Trustees to meet regarding initiating a proper review of our bookkeeping practices. This is NOT an audit – which would cost \$8K-\$10K. A “review of our accounts” is just prudent housekeeping on our part.

Minister:

- Rev Cathcart is on Executive of Tri-City Housing & Homelessness Task Group.

Wooden Cross Korean Church

- Began worshipping at TUC on September 1; They are pleased with things
- Our arrangement is presently “on a handshake”; DRAFT Contract is ready this week to present to WCKC; minor changes may still be forthcoming
- A Liaison Team is required (2-3 people from each organization); Would you like to join the Liaison Team?
- The job requires friendly people, interested in meeting new folk, and willing to listen; responding to questions about procedures and situations that may come up as we “settle into our housemate relationship”.
- If you are interested in connecting with WCKC to build and sustain our relationship, please speak with Rev D, JG or Pat B.

Parking Lot Spaces for Polygon: October

- Polygon Home Requested 25 spaces for contractors; M-F, 7am-6pm
- Possible source of revenue for 18-24 months; to be finalized

Progressive Housing Society: Outreach agency based in Bby; their outreach workers need a “home base” office as they go out into the community.

- TUC has agreed to allow Progressive to use office space here, beginning in October; This is a revenue source for TUC; Contract pending
- Office space to be used is the largest room on 2nd floor – currently used for Sunday School & Explore.
- Explore will take place in preschool rooms.

Winter Shelter: Operated by Progressive Housing Society; they hire and train outreach workers who stay each night to manage the Shelter

- Details for all Shelters in the Tri-Cities are still being hammered out, so the current plan may change; We DO know there will be fewer shelter beds available for this coming winter.
- Presently TUC has committed to providing Fellowship Hall as Shelter space for up to 20 clients, in Dec and Jan only; Other churches have signed on for Feb & Mar; At this moment, NO shelter is available for October or November.

Legacy Project: JJ provided a Generic Description of how it UCC Foundation works

- UCC Foundation provides opportunity for individual churches to invest money
- Returns from those investments will come back to the investing church, and can be used as that church chooses
- You have heard about Trinity's "Legacy Project". This is what is being proposed.
- TUC plans to fill out an application, and send monies gathered set up such a Legacy Fund with the UCC Foundation.
- Where will the money come from? From anyone wishing to leave a financial legacy for TUC!
- An example: the \$60K donation received in July – some of that could be set aside to initiate our Legacy Fund at the UCC Foundation.

Other

- The Dahms are moving to Vancouver Island; This means Jo-Ann Dahms has to give up her many jobs... Here's a list, and the status of each:
- Tasks Jo-Ann has been doing, just because she can...
 - o Choir member
 - o UCW member of Deborahs; organizer of Socials/Events
 - ~~o Nel & Harvie Forrest Fund Trustee [already replaced]~~
- Tasks Jo-Ann was also handling
 - ~~o Signing officer & Co-Chair of Gov Team [Already changed]~~
 - ~~o Pulpit Supply Coordinator [Zoë Sandborn]~~
 - ~~o Christmas Market Co-Chair [Pat Bradley & Joy Galea]~~
 - ~~o KKP Contract Contact person [Judy Johnson]~~
 - o Envelope Secretary & Counting Co-ord [to be appointed by Gov Team]
 - o Nominating Team Member [to be appointed by Gov Team]
- Tasks for Doers to figure out: If one of them seems to tickle your fancy, please speak up & please speak up soon.
 - o Worship and Music – a couple of people needed, plus Chairperson
 - o Tech Team Member – sit in balcony; know the inside scoop on Worship
 - o Grant application writer – one or two people needed
 - o Co-Ord of Summer Volunteers in Office – one person needed
 - o Creating Worship Slides when Zoë & David away [Do we need them?]
 - o Trinity Times Co-Editor [Pat Bradley asks, "Do we want it?"]

Stewardship: Joy

- 2024 Donations offered to Stewardship from Trinity totals over \$7,500 so far this year
- We have some celebrations to share with gratitude and thanks:
 - when we lost St. Catherine's as our church roommate: Who would come? How would we cope? And Wooden Cross Korean Presbyterian Church has come – a new room – mate and monies to our coffers.
 - When we looked to meet budget short falls – How to do this, who comes to mind? **And** we have a new building user – Progressive Housing Society – another roommate and monies in our coffers. We have a potential for rental of 25 parking lot stalls to crew from polygon Homes across the street to 7am – 6pm Monday to Friday and monies in our coffers.
- Each of these is new and will take adjustment for us. Our part in the life and work of Trinity has not been lessened. We are still called to do our part. **“Stewardship Ifs”** Philanthropy Sept. 2012.
- Hospitality Coffee Money to be given to Jennifer Marshal or Pat McCann

Housekeeping: Peggy and Syd

- Paper Green waste bags 80-liter brown paper...lowest price at Walmart. Thankyou for picking these up when you see them!
- A few Trinity storage rooms need a spring clean – hot water tank closet, room off the church hall, freezer room and utility closet. A date in the future will be set for the dig and clean
- Door sweeps need to be a priority - lets start with the preschool doors.
- Washing the green bins after pick up....anyone?
- Roof leaked on kitchen and preschool when the skies opened extra heavy. Wayne Sawyer, Bud Lissimore, Judy Johnson, a roofer and a plumber have got the problem solved for now (we think). It is suggested that we have a scheduled eves, downspout and roof clean in early September.

Camp Spirit was a successful week at Trinity with 28 campers, 6 leaders in training, 3 leaders and 6 camp crew, Holly and Elyse, the Camp Co-ordinators and Peggy and I as Co-Site co-ordinators. The building is perfect for this size of group. A cook co-ordinated the food purchasing and prepping. We had a handful of volunteers make yummy cookies for snacks. Peggy and I opened the building each day between 7:30 and 8 then closed between 4 and 5:30. Long days but so worthwhile when you see and hear the camper's enthusiasm. The off-site day (Wednesday Food bank day) was at Lions Park this year. Syd booked the covered area. The leaders, parents and kids liked this off-site

day.... Lions Park might be a “go to” again. **Rev. David has reminded us that we need to consider next year.... are we wanting to have a camp at Trinity in 2025?**

Next “Doers” mtg on Nov. 4, 2024.

Interest Groups: **Pastoral Care, Worship and Music, Property, and UCW** broke into their groupings.

Reporting back:

1. Worship and Music: 6 attendees

Thanksgiving decorating Ot 12 @ 10:00 am

Thursday night hymn Sing 7-8 pm

Advent Event – dropped for this year

Very grateful to pulpit supply and special music musicians over the summer

2. UCW: Elaine Stead, Pat McCann, Peggy Horvath, Joy Galea, Lorena Rogers, Joan Leston, Maureen Adams, Pat Taylor

Pat McCann will make a list of previous year end donations from UCW.

Needs help for the Memorial Services (catering) and Thrift workers at sales times.

Maybe some of the catering could be supplied by the families at the memorial services to lessen the high labour time by our ladies.

United Church calendars celebrating 100 years a church! Need salespeople to sell calendars.

UCW celebrates the success of the Thrift Store!

UCW celebrates the muffin sales once a month!

Property: Sherie Bohorquez, Judy Johnson, Syd Sawyer

Judy and Sherie will shop for “Door Sweeps”. (concentrate on the preschool doors to start).

Syd will ask Zoe to contact an electrician to assess the lights that aren't working. Including 2 kitchen, 1 church hall, 1 ministers office, 1 bathroom and hallway upstairs.

Work party needed to paint car stops, clean up organics on the pavements, trim shrubs, a couple hazelnuts and a couple hedges. Tentative date: **Sept 28 2024 10am.**

3. Pastoral Care Linda Lund, Mary Karyula, Wendy Squires, Betty McLean
New Prayer roster to be completed by Nov 10

Greeting Card Roster updated and ongoing

Questioning New Membership date in November, hoping maybe spring?

Needs:

- Group requests the congregation advise them of newcomers at church
- Mary Karyula could use some extra help at memorial services in future.

Celebrating the feedback - saying cards are appreciated by those who receive them.

Closing Prayer: Rev. David

Peggy thanked all for attending and participating in the life of Trinity United Church!