

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH GRIMSBY

(OPENING MINDS, OPENING HEARTS, OPENING DOORS)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As a Worship Committee we strive to provide opportunities to experience the all-embracing love of God within a loving community to comfort, challenge and inspire.

Minutes of a meeting: Wednesday April 18, 2018

Present: Carolyn Westoby, Rev. Alan Minarcik, Geof Thompson, Marilyn O'Rourke, Marilyn Smith, Judy Herbet, Sheila Lake.

Opening: Carolyn opened with reflection.

Minutes: The Minutes from March were adopted as corrected by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Need for a Quiet Moment before the service
 - This issue has also been noted by the Music Organizing Committee and they are addressing it by starting to play music about 5 minutes ahead of the service.
 - A Power Point slide with a pleasant image to come after the welcome to Trinity slide saying something to the effect of "A TIME OF QUIET TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP" will be added to the PowerPoint deck and as "stage instructions" in the Bulletin

New Business

1. New meeting time will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am

2. **Easter Services**

- **Ash Wednesday** was lightly attended, but a meaningful service to those who attended.
- **Maundy Thursday** was held in Memory Hall as a joint service with Smithville United was well attendee and also meaningful.
- **Good Friday** was surprisingly poorly attended which was somewhat of a surprise, given the importance of the Day.

Possible reasons for this were:

- Time of day,
- We are in a Post Christian era
- Regular attendees away with family for Easter

Technical issues

- No Sound person,
- Scramble for Readers.

Note: a Check list for "Extra Service needs to be developed for the planning of extra services. Worship and Worship planning will develop this check list.

- **Easter Sunrise** was well attended by both Trinity and Smithville United, The Pumhouse worked well as a pre-service warming place, a wind block and a post service place for coffee and a muffin.
- **Geof** to book the Pump House for Easter 2019 within the next few days.
- **Easter in the Sanctuary** was well attended and general though to be beautiful.
- **Communion table** was beautiful and captured the season, however people word have like an explanation of the symbol on the table, they sensed that they were meaningful and wanted to know more

Minister's Report:

Alan meet with the Worship Planning team and all the special service between now and July have be fleshed out, See Worship planning team report

Sub Committee Reports:

Attached:

- 1) Welcoming team. Judy agreed to supply a copy of the notes about welcoming team experience to the next welcoming team.
- 2) Communion will continue with a Preside along with Alan.
- 3) A Presider is needed for May 6th
- 4) Worship will join with The Worship Committee every 2nd meeting to insure the communication between the two committees is good. However this will not start until the fall when it is hoped that Trinity Ministry vacancy will be filled

Worship Team

Sound: Marilyn O'Rourke

March 21st we held a meeting with John DeJager, Geof Thompson, Ken Pettigrew, Wayne Brown and Joyce Reid. This meeting was to discuss the quote sent to us from Niagara AV Systems.

Each member voiced their opinions and concerns as we went through the quote step by step. Our summary and conclusions are as follows:

1. Whether we do option 1 or 2 of the quote we will have a new working system.
2. We need a sound board that will provide the number of channels needed, as well as space for 2 people.
3. Keep voice and sound separate so as to keep things easier for new people coming in.
4. We liked that it included in the quote was training and programming.

The committee decided unanimously that we would go with option one that will give us an updated system but allow us to keep the 2 sound boards we have now. Ken Pettigrew informed us that the money we need will be available and that he would let the Board know at their next meeting. He will notify Mike to let him know our decision. We also decided to retain or have a new speaker in the Narthex and wire it for a potential TV in the future. We could advertise on this TV the Life and Work of the church etc.

Since our meeting Ken informed us that Mike is ordering the new equipment needed and will let us know when it is in and he can get started.

Welcoming Teams:

Judie Herbert Greeters and Ushers, Screens, Communion, Refreshments

March: Judy Meldrum Bev Houslander

This is what Barb Wright heard from the March team:

- They gave out a detailed instruction sheet for ushers/greeters
- Issued a chart for each team member's duties for each Sunday in March
- team leaders agreed to discontinue serving treats for their month
- usher/greeter duties were combined
- Bev arranged to meet with the ushers at 10 a.m. but it was too late as people were already arriving; 9:50 a.m. would be better
- requested two extra people for clean-up duties on March 25 (Carole Menzies and Barb Wright)
- needed one extra person for communion (Barb Wright) as Judy unavailable

They were down two team members before starting:

Katharine and Paul Fisher were away (they filled in a few Sundays in January).

Gwen Murdock feels she has done her share and Nancy Clark has her grandchildren in church.

Team members Wayne Brown and Bev were multi-tasking between bell choir and fulfilling their team duties.

It is possible to manage with five members but it all depends on who they are.

Need a 'spare list' of helpers to call on.

Communion:

Marilyn O'Rourke

Palm Sunday went well having the candles on another table in front of the communion table.

Having a co-presider with Allan seemed to give him some comfort

Reminding people that there is gluten free bread with all servers

People should take their bread and cup and walk back to their seat. Remind them that the baskets on the window sills are there to put the empty cups in. This way people won't drink the juice and put the empty cup back on the serving tray.

Please remind servers to say "Bread of Life" and "Cup of Blessing"

When everyone has been served the minister will serve the servers and the Rover can serve the minister

Very important to walk servers through the service at 9:45 that communion Sunday. People need to know when to start up the aisle behind the offering ushers and where to sit when they have reached the communion table.

The other 2 ushers should be behind the servers going up to the communion table and sit in the front pews so that they can direct the congregation when to get up.

Next Communion date will be May 6th. A change. I have left a phone message with Lynn Grosvenor as she and David are Team leaders that month

As I will be away in May we will need to find a co-presider. I will be happy to go over everything with them before I leave.

I also notified Diane Colpitts that the communion date has been changed and she will tell Margaret Harrison. It is Very Important that both these ladies know when communion will be served as they supply the elements

Music Planning Team Report:

Lolly Pettigrew

The Music Planning Committee has not been meeting regularly since we finalized our Job Description for finding and hiring a Music Co-ordinator. We have distributed our posting through the Observer, the United Church website, the Hamilton and Niagara Presbyteries, all the area colleges and universities (Mohawk, Brock, Laurier, Guelph, McMaster, etc.) as well as individuals we thought might have colleagues who might be interested. We set a deadline of April 13 as the final date to apply. Thus far, we only have had one application, but we're hopeful that more will apply as the date comes closer.

Meanwhile, we continue with our determination to fill each Sunday with a variety of musical personnel, with much volunteering by folks within our own congregation, as well as a few people we hire to complement our ranks. Don Miller, Joyce Reid, Liz Probert, and I are keeping this going although we are less energetic than when we began last summer! We live in hope that there will be someone wonderful to help us co-ordinate and contribute to our music program.

We're trying to keep the choir singing at least once a month, and we had 15 for Easter Sunday - a good strong number of enthusiastic singers. The congregation is always vocally appreciative every time the choir puts in an appearance. This is encouraging for the future!

We're now working on filling in our Sunday charts for 'who's on first' for May, trying our best not to weary of the process.

Worship Planning Team:

Summer services	Talking with Smithville United Church. Tentative agreement, subject to their congregation's agreement. Trinity would likely have July services. An 'in committee only' point of discussion' right now.
Alan's absences	April 22 Ken P. 'on' April 29 Rev. Javier Arias, priest from St. Alban's in Beamsville, trading pulpits with Alan. Social Action service May 13 Mother's Day June 24
Joining of Worship Planning/Worship Committee?	Discussion about pro's and con's. Change this now or in September? Joining the two committees might help communication about how services run. Decided that we'd carry on with current system till the fall, or until new minister comes on board.
Co-presiders	Alan assisted by a lay person. Chris MacNaughton is 'on' for April. Carolyn to ask Liz Goddard for May. (List of other people possible is at bottom of the minutes.) This worship leader/planner would co-ordinate all the pieces of the service and possibly lead parts of the worship.

Sunday Themes coming up:

- April 22** Earth Day ~ Ken Pettigrew is preaching ~ Sophia group for music
Congregational Meeting about JNAC (Alan will attend the JNAC meeting, but not the service.)
- May 13** Mother's Day/Family Sunday ~ Handbells doing the music.
Following last year's idea, but this time, having men talk about their mothers.
Carolyn and Eleanor to ask participants and to co-ordinate the service.
- May 20** Pentecost ~ Looking for ideas: red balloons, everyone invited to wear red.
- June 3 Alan's 50th Anniversary of Ordination
- June 10 Outdoor Service and church picnic + blessing of the animals
- June 17 Father's Day/Family Service ~ Inviting women to talk about their dads.
- June 24 Alan away

Geof to look into booking Pumphouse for next Easter Sunday.

Sanctuary Decorating Team Report:

Janine Miranda

Probably our busiest decorating season has come to an end. We will have to take down our Easter decorations before Pentecost on May 20th, but we accomplished Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday without a hitch thanks to our committee and the extras that helped make it a success. I was pleased with the many comments on how nice the Sanctuary looked. We also had a good response for the Memorial Flowers. Once Easter comes down, we will keep a spring/summer scene up. I haven't seen a list of expenses yet, but think we are well within our year to date budget.

Prayers of the People:

Carolyn Westoby

Several folks have, or have agreed they will, lead the prayers of the people but prefer to do it on occasion, not on a regular basis. This is wonderful for sharing the role further.