

Worship Team Meeting
Wednesday, August 30th 2017 – 7:15 PM
Meeting Notes

Present: Jean Lypka Lana Ross Jennifer Laux
 Leila Currie Gloria Hutton

Absent: Sandra Wade Jillian Orum

1. Prayer – Leila opened with a prayer.
2. Review of June 7th, 2017 meeting notes.
3. Jennifer is note taker tonight.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**

(a) Report to Church Council

- Thank you to Lana for agreeing to report to church council on Sept 20th 2017. Also Oct 11th.

(b) Ecumenical Service & SunDrops Concert (Hanna Ministerial Association)

- Received great feedback from people concerning the July 2nd Sunday ecumenical service, with lunch following and then the SunDrops concert – it was well attended, with over 200 people being served lunch. The SunDrops concert was exceptional! They are SO talented – everyone really enjoyed it.

(c) Summer Services

- Thank you to Betty, Ben, and Mervyn Penfound for taking the services over the summer months while Rev. Leila was away.
- Church attendance was very low over the summer, with 3 Sundays having under 10 people in attendance. Not sure why attendance is so low – could be a combination of aging church population, and people away on vacation.
- Discussion about having members of our committee take a look during the summer months (doesn't have to be on Sunday – could be any day of the week!), to ensure that the following are looked after:
 - Batteries are charged up for the (2) microphones – microphones are in the wooden electronics cabinet at the front of the sanctuary.
 - Ensure fresh candles are in the peace box – these tea lights are kept under the pulpit on the floor usually.
 - Ensure that the tall pillar sanctuary white candles are good – new candles are in the church office cupboards somewhere – church secretary knows where they are.
 - Ensure coloring table is supplied and tidy.
 - Ensure that the church ceiling fans are running (controls for these are at the pulpit – one is labeled “front” and one is labeled “back”). There is also a switch around the corner from the pulpit that sometimes accidentally gets turned off, so if the fans don't come on with the remote control, check the switch.
 - Align church hymn books – they look so nice when this is done ☺

- Gloria will try to align the hymn books when she is in the Thrift Stores on her Friday shift (thanks Gloria! ☺).
- Lana will purchase (4) NEW rechargeable AA batteries (for the mics) as well as a big box of AA 'normal' batteries. Thanks Lana!

(d) Coffee House

- September is such a busy month, we decided to have the first Coffee House on Wednesday October 4th @ 7 PM (Fall Theme).
- Jen will do up posters & send out emails to advertise this event. Tell your friends!
- Lana will be our MC ☺
- Lana and Gloria will bring snacks.
- We can decorate with our fall theme decorations on the tables.

(e) Lodge & Nursing Home Services

- For Sunday September 3rd, 2017
- Denise Wiens will be playing for the service.

5. **MISSION & SERVICE**

- Jillian has decided to not be our M&S enthusiast at this time. She is willing to stay on the worship committee and continue to help out where needed. She will still try to help out with the pyrogy supper if we decide to have that.

(a) Go Project

- Leila is still looking into bringing this project awareness to our youth, and will work on this. We need to give our youth a reason to come, so Rev. Leila will personally invite the youth to come to this service (when it is arranged).

(b) M&S Awareness Sunday – Sunday October 22nd

- Having an M&S Awareness Sunday would be a good idea to showcase the things that the United Church of Canada does, and what M&S projects are currently underway.
- We could call this particular Sunday the “M&S Soup and Song” Sunday – sing your favorite songs in church and have lunch afterwards of homemade soup (Leila & Lana will bring soup ...Jean will bring buns). The intention was to have a Soup and Song Sunday as well as a service dedicated to M&S.
- Be sure to announce it in the church bulletin ahead of time, so people can think about what favorite hymns they would like to sing.

(c) Pyrogy Supper – Feb 2018??

- We can discuss this at our next upcoming meetings.
- It could be incorporated with “Pink Shirt Day” to promote the awareness of peace.
- The logo for Mission & Service is a rainbow coming out of the manger.
- Our church makes a commitment every year to send a certain \$\$\$ figure to Mission & Service.

(d) Ornaments – made by youth?

- As we get closer to Christmas, our children/youth could make ornaments that relate to the gifts from the Mission & Service gift-giving catalogue, and hang them on a special Mission & Service tree in the church foyer, or give to family/friends.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Services / Programs for Fall

- Are there any ideas on how we might bring the message of Jesus to our people in the way of service, programs, etc?
- Discussion about continuing the Fall Supper, and the importance that this has for our community as well as our church family.
 - Leila said this will be discussed at church council. Unless someone is willing to convene it.
- There's lots of things that could be done, but would we get the interest? Example would be a bible study. We've offered these in the past, but not much interest for this or any other mid-week events.
- If you can think of any ideas, please bring them forward to Rev. Leila.

(b) Decorating for Creation Time

- Bring your photos to the church office or send them electronically to the church secretary, so they can be included in the Seasons of Creation "God's Wonderland" slide show presentation!

(c) Thanksgiving

- There is a new United Church resource called 'We Sing Thanksgiving', from the resource centre of the United Church of Canada, which is a stewardship giving resource, with a 5-week program.
- We continue to get the resource called "Seasons of the Spirit" as well as "The Gathering Magazine". These are curriculum related resources from the United Church of Canada that follow the Common Lectionary.
- For decorating, we should take down all the summer stuff (Lana & Jen will do this Wed Sept 6th @ 7:30 PM), and then we can gradually put up "Fall" things, and build upon this each Sunday until Thanksgiving, where we will have an entire display spread out across the sanctuary (a thankful bountiful harvest, etc) 😊 😊
 - There is some burlap downstairs that could be used for decorating purposes.
- For Thanksgiving Sunday, let's have a very upbeat happy happy joy joy Thanksgiving service (focused on gratitude and abundance), as we do truly have so much to be thankful for.
- It was suggested that we use the song "400" VU – "Lord, Listen To Your Children praying" more often as preparation for prayer. There is also another "Oh Lord Hear our prayer" that we can also use for this.

(d) New Church Library

- Located in the upper church lounge – people can browse through the books and borrow them at their leisure – it is an honor based system. Filled with inspirational reading materials!
- Need to put this in the church bulletin so people know that it is there now.

(e) Sunday School

- Concern over the fact that we don't have many children for a Sunday School. We need to ensure that kids are taught something, and not just 'color' – it has to be something more than a babysitting service. Since we never know when children will be in church, we need someone that can do something productive and learning with them, at a moment's notice!

- Rev. Leila is very good at thinking on her feet and incorporating something into the service for the children, if she sees that we have children show up in church.
- It was suggested that Hanna could have an ecumenical Sunday School, as every church seems to have low Sunday School numbers or none at all. Just not sure how this would work, or what 'curriculum' would be used.
- It was also discussed that you could have one Sunday per month dedicated to being Sunday School Sunday, but you never know when you'll have children show up – they are all so involved these days with extra-curricular activities that happen on Sundays it seems.
- It was suggested that we ask one of our regular attendees have something prepared that would be educational for children if they show up, as it is frustrating to have spent much time and energy preparing and then no children show up...it must be disheartening for them to put so much energy into their children's program, and no one shows up.
- Leila will speak with Doreen concerning the future of Christian Education.

(f) **Podium out front, or Pulpit? and other things**

- Discussion about having the service done from the pulpit only or from down on the floor with the podium.
 - Older folks may like the traditional sermon from the pulpit.
 - Other people may like the closeness to the people of having the sermon from down on the floor with the podium.
 - It's a personal preference....as long as people are coming on Sundays, they receive a message.
- We had a lengthy discussion regarding the need to bring the scriptures to life in the midst of social media and the focus on doom and gloom. Some do not appreciate the United Church's involvement in the politics of the world. So, how do we live the gospel message? What is the Bible saying to us?

(g) **Support for Leila**

- Concern over low attendance in church and how this may be impacting our minister, as it must be disheartening to her. Over the past 7 years since Rev. Leila has been here, there are so many in our congregation that have either passed away or are now at the long term care facilities. This accounts for a great number of people that are no longer coming to our church. Other people have chosen to leave our church for their own personal reasons, and Rev. Leila always has been in touch with these individuals to discuss their reasoning for leaving.
- Rev. Leila feeds the people that come to our church spiritually.
- We want to ensure that Rev. Leila is looked after and supported.

(h) **Church Sign**

- What should we put on there now??

7. **COMMUNION (September 3rd)**

- Lana will set up for communion.

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 19th @ 7 PM

- We really appreciate getting the email reminders about the meetings – please continue to do this – thanks!

Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM