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Business Items:

1. Minutes of the March Meeting
   Rob Crabtree moved and Janet Hardy seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2019 minutes. CARRIED

   Trustees – no report
   Property – no report
   M&P – no report
   Shining Waters – On behalf of the Region Al Morson asked for volunteers willing to help at the Regional Level.

Rev. Paul Hutchison closed the meeting with prayer.

Committee reports available on pages 2-5.

Next meeting May 14.

Susan Moore - Chair

Marilyn Blair - Secretary

M@L Children and Youth
April 4/19

Children's Ministry
There was not an April meeting.

Easter Sunday
We are having Children's Sunday School on Easter Sunday. There will be different stations set up in the gym. We are looking for a good experience and hoping this will attract more children.

Pasta Dinner
Kate will not be doing anything extra for the children.

Youth Ministry
Discussion about monthly social events. Possibly a Blue Jay's game (a family outing??) bowling and board games

Lake Scugog cleanup is May 11th.

Confirmation has started led by Sarah. We have two ESG members and two from Fairlawn United.

We have three applicants for the Men's Jameson Fund. The trustees have allocated $5000.00 and this gives us the means to support all three applicants. Bonnie and Sarah will finalize the details re – the three recipients attending an upcoming service.

There will be six to eight grade seven and eight students and also six to eight high school children in our 1919-1920 programs. It was agreed there should be two programs. It was suggested every fourth Sunday would be a joint Sunday possibly centring around breakfast. Sarah to put forth a budget proposal to include the minimal cost of the second program.

Caren Cate

Worship and Sacraments Committee Report for April 16th, 2019

Meetings

- Worship Committee met on March 28th and again on April 9th, 2019. Goal was to better define role of committee and discuss ways its mandate can continue to provide value to support the needs of the current ministerial leadership and the many new initiatives underway at the church.

- Next full committee meeting is scheduled for April 28th, 2019.

Service and Music Update

- Services in the round for Lenten season services continue the focus on restoration of damaged relationships and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

- The Choir held a successful Triumph of the Spirit concert on April 14th.

- Ministry team has Worship schedule for the next year largely planned out and has been incorporating feedback and input from committee.

Upcoming Services and Other Items

- Important upcoming services include the Maundy Thursday Service to be led by Don Parsons, the Good Friday Service with Communion on April 19th, and the Easter Sunday Service with music provided by a brass

ensemble on April 21st. Other high-profile services in the near future include the Affirming Service on May 5th to be led by Sarah Chapman and a Youth-led service on June 9th for Pentecost.

- The 2019 church picnic will follow the service on June 2nd.

- Plans for summer 2019 include Paul and Sarah leading services in July and Don Parsons leading services in August with assistance from Doug Reid of WSC.

- Worship Chair Christine Lawson is participating ESG budget discussions this year.

Outreach Committee Report: April 16, 2019.

Compassionate Justice

nothing new to report this month.

Peace with Justice

nothing new to report this month. Next Amnesty International Letter Signing is scheduled for May 5th. Petitions will highlight LGBTQ cases in various countries to align with the Affirming Service.

Thursday Drop in Program

The program continues to support those who need a little extra to get by each month. The cupboards are well-stocked, thanks to donations from the congregation and shopping by Dana Clemens and team. There were a total of 53 guests served in March, an average of about 14 per week. We have scheduled a "Community Outreach" ask for the Palm Sunday service.

Out of the Cold

The final OOTC dinner for this season was on March 23rd and it was very successful, thanks to the participation of the New Perspectives Group. Dates for next year have been allocated, with ESG once again doing a turkey dinner in December on Dec 21st.

Many thanks to Arlena Hebert for her leadership of this effort! Arlena has been asked to join the Out of the Cold Board as ESG's representative, as Marjorie Hiley is stepping down after many years of service. We are delighted to have Arlena as our rep for the wider OOTC program.

Good Food Box Program

Next Good Food Box date is Thursday April 18th (a week early due to rummage sale set up). Our small team continues to work well and 4-6 boxes of food are donated to people in need every month.

Outreach Planning

The Outreach Committee is meeting on May 6th to discuss future plans, how to select agencies for donations, and possible connections with Project Flourish.

Region Level Discussions

On April 9, Donna and Maggie attended a meeting of representatives from Shining Waters to discuss Social Justice and Environmental issues and how the region might work to support work in the region. Connections within the cluster are beginning and we hope these prove helpful.

Financial Update

With thanks to Charlie Roden who has spent many hours addressing our book keeping function, our December YTD results are finally tabulated. These results represent the first six months of our fiscal year, although from a revenue point of view, December typically represents about 23% of our donation revenues.

Our donation revenues are higher than budget and last year. Our expenses are trending as per budget, although we have had some unbudgeted expenses in the furnaces, organ and burst pipes. We expect to receive January/February results shortly and then we will have a forecast of yearend.

Jennifer Thompson