

Present: Rod MacInnis, Donny Loewen, Carol Cherry, Art Pfeiffer (council rep)

Regrets: Perry Schulmeister, Pastor Calvin Skriver, Yvonne Myrehaug

1. Devotions: Art – Matthew 25-vs. 35-39 - also read Papa Panov's Special Christmas – discussed seeing Jesus in people and helping people --- when have we seen Jesus hungry , when have we seen Jesus in prison. Discussed how sometimes it is hard to help people when the same person keeps asking i.e the same pan handler asking for money every day, how many times do we help – discussed sometimes we feel used. Honest discussion about struggling sometimes to give and help.

2. Check-In - Each member present shared a little about what has been happening in their lives

3. Review Agenda- Agenda accepted as presented. Moved by Donny seconded by Carol

4. Review Minutes from Sept 25^h meeting- Minutes accepted with no corrections- Moved by Carol seconded by Donny. Carried

5. Old Business:

a) In from the cold program/ Community Centre Idea-

Reviewed the discussion held at last meeting with the Open Door. Having some kind of a standalone facility was discussed and the belief is this may be a better option than using Messiah space as it may alleviate some liability issues and issues around what space to use. Yvonne sent regrets this evening, so we do not have any feedback on whether the service committee and refugee committee could potentially work together to facilitate sharing a single space to meet multiple needs. Refugee centre, community centre, small space for homeless needs, all just ideas being discussed at present. Rod reported he discussed the idea with Pastor Calvin. Donny going to explore some options around spaces that may be available. Need feedback from council on whether this is a direction the committee should pursue.

6. New Business:

a) Church Council Minutes – Reviewed – Art drew attention to the issues surrounding broadcasting Messiah Services and steps being taken to solve issues as information only.

Discussed Vulnerable Person's Policy as it was noted some issues were brought forward in Council around child care. Service Committee supports Vulnerable Person's Policy be followed.

B) Adult Education is being hosted by the Service Committee in February 2018 - The service committee has a tentative schedule of --- Feb.4th – Canadian Mental Health , Feb. 11th- Camrose Police Service, Feb.18th – no adult education as Family Week end, Feb. 25- Family Violence Action Society. This is a tentative schedule. Rod to contact Canadian Mental Health, Donny to contact Camrose Police and Carol top contact Family Violence Action Society.

c) Next Meeting/Devotions: Next Meeting: Jan. 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m. - Devotions: Donny

e) Closing prayer- Carol led a prayer for the families of the three men whose bodies were found in Sturgeon County - Closed with the Lord's Prayer