

Trinity United Church, Brandon
“To Grow in Faith, Fellowship, and Service through Christ Jesus.”

Official Board Meeting
Tuesday February 9th, 2021 @ 7:00pm

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome - Jason
- 2) Covenant of Leadership and Prayer - Jason
- 3) Approval of Agenda as presented (amended)
- 4) Approval of Minutes January 12th, 2021
- 5) Correspondence
- 6) Finance report – Reg
- 7) Budget 2021 - Reg
- 8) Ministers report – Doug
- 9) Committee updates:
 1. Pastoral Care
- 10) Additions to Agenda:
 1. Code Level and the Church
 2. Congregational Meeting
 1. Equity and Diversity
 3. Auditors for 2021
- 11) Covenant of Leadership and closing prayer - Jason

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday March 9th, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes February 9th, 2021

Mission: To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service with Christ Jesus

Present: Jason Splett (Chair), Rev. Doug Neufeld, Reg. Atkinson, Miranda Edwards, Darlynn Smith, Connie Haigh, Gloria and Murray McMillan, Al Friesen, Alan Silvius, Dave and Irene Thompson, Alison Murray, Lois Riley, and Shirley Kernaghan (Secretary).

01. Jason called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Jason thanked us for joining our ZOOM Meeting and welcomed us to our second meeting in 2021. He welcomed all those present.

02. Jason read the Covenant of Leadership and led us in prayer.

03. Motion 1. Gloria McMillan made the motion that we accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED

04. Approval of Minutes of January 12th, 2021 **Motion 2. Darlynn Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED**

05. Correspondence: Rev. Doug received a hard copy back from our Covenant with the Region. It was official back in September and during the Regional Meeting in October we received our signed copy back from the Regional Co-Chairs basically approving our Covenant with the Region. They also sent us a lovely certificate showing us that we are a part of the United Church and it is official with the new Government Structure.

06. Finance Report: Reg explained that we had a loss in revenue at the first of January. We did not qualify for the Wage Subsidy. December was a good month for Trinity. The Balance Sheet shows that we are in a good situation.

Motion 3. Reg Atkinson made the motion to approve and accept his Financial Report. Seconded by Gloria McMillan. CARRIED

07. Budget for 2021: Reg explained that we had Postdated Cheques that amounted to \$3570.00. This dropped our revenue a little. E-transfers will probably increase. Reg allowed \$7000.00 for Presbytery dues and we only used \$6437.00. We are good.

Reg suggested that we can save some money this year as we don't need to hire a Secretary right away.

We have a negative \$31,000.00 which might be the biggest loss, but we don't know. We need to monitor this closely and treat it as an educated guess.

Envelopes in 2020 amounted to \$12,000.00. Reg will use \$10,000.00 for 2021. The envelopes are sitting in the Office. Maybe people need to see the envelopes in the Sanctuary so they can give if they wish. Fund Raising will be done later in 2021.

Reg believes that we will receive some Wage Subsidy. We will make it as good as possible.

UCW may not be able to give \$2000.00 this year because we won't be having Fundraisers. Reg will take it off. Gloria suggested that within the M&P budget we have included a salary for 4 months for a music director position which may not be utilized unless health restrictions allow for choir to restart.

Reg informed us that Trinity United has \$12000.00 set aside (\$6000.00 for Property and Maintenance and \$6000.00 for Improvements).

AMMENDED MOTION-The motion made by Reg Atkinson and seconded by Dave Thompson was amended as follows: Reg that we accept the budget with an estimated loss of \$26447.00. Seconded by Dave. CARRIED

08. Minister's Report-Reverend Doug having Katie Trussler to help with music was a blessing. She will be with us for Easter and Lent. Rev. Doug will investigate Virtual AGM via ZOOM for our AGM. Rev. Doug reported that we have had a few illnesses with people who attend our church services. The Fellowship that we have at 11:00 each Sunday morning via ZOOM is being appreciated and very much enjoyed by our people. Rev. Doug would like to incorporate this when we are doing our AGM as well as incorporating families.

Lois wondered about doing ZOOM with children after AGM just like we did at Christmas. Using ZOOM for Easter and Lent would be great. Miranda wondered if Rev. Doug would be able to do a ZOOM Lenten Study for people during the day, so they get used to using ZOOM. This might happen in March.

09. Committee Updates-Pastoral Care report was sent out via Darlyne. Darlyne reported that we had three deaths in January 2021.

Miranda asked about the request for a Baptism from a family and Rev. Doug has replied to the family and they are fine with the wait time. **Motion 5. Darlyne Smith moved her Pastoral Care Report. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED.**

10. 1 Code Level and the Church:

Some restrictions are changing as follows: 200 people upstairs in the Sanctuary and 150 people downstairs maximum occupancy. 10% total of 35 people in the Church.

Irene Thompson asked if the UCW would be able to have a meeting in March in the church. Miranda suggested maybe not at this time as there is a new variety of Covid here and we need to be careful. Alan suggested we need to move cautiously in opening

and planning for our church. There will be no changes until we meet on March 9th, 2021 which is our next Board Meeting. We will decide at this time.

Gloria asked if RCCG could have 20 people in the Sanctuary for their services. Addiction group may have 18 people, but they are exempt, and they are downstairs. Jim, our caretaker will have to do a thorough deep clean of all areas before we open our church to more people. We need to follow Manitoba Health Restrictions.

Everyone is in favour of having RCCG in our church building if they are following the new provincial guidelines.

Rent for RCCG-Reg suggested that RCCG pay \$800.00 a month for using our church. We gave RCCG a decrease last year. Murray suggested to leave it at \$800.00 a month until RCCG and Trinity have a meeting. Reg and Murray will decide and bring this to the Board when and if they have a meeting. The Board will vote on changes to the RCCG rent when and if this happens.

Reg doesn't think we should think of a decrease or not offer this until RCCG suggests it. If there is no request for a decrease by RCCG then leave it the way, it is which would be \$800.00 a month.

RCCG has paid \$800.00 for January and February. We should look at the amount every three months.

Reg informed us that it costs \$500.00 a month to heat and insure Trinity United Church. **Lois suggested that we leave this decision in the hands of Murray and Reg.**

Al Friesen explained that if groups are following the regulations and new guidelines this should be accepted. If Jim needs to do more cleaning because of this, we may need to discuss this again.

We will re visit Code Level and the Church in our March Meeting.

10. 2 Congregational Meeting-Al Friesen-Equity and Diversity:

Al informed us that Affirming United is not requiring a vote on the Action Plan. The Action Plan will come effective once a vote for Becoming Affirming has been successfully approved. We will vote on the two documents at the AGM on Sunday February 21, 2021:

Mission Statement and Marriage Policy:

If both are approved, it does not mean that Trinity has become an Affirming Congregation according to Affirming United. Action Plan will become involved later. There is no requirement to participate if you don't wish to do so.

AT THE AGM:

Jason will introduce the items of business and explain again that we are voting on the two documents: **Mission Statement and Marriage Policy**. This does not make Trinity an Affirming Congregation. Jason will introduce the documents and call on a person from the committee. A person from **Equity and Diversity** will introduce the document- **Mission Statement/Marriage Policy and make a motion and get a seconder from the committee as well. Jason will open the floor for discussions.** There are no requirements that everyone needs to participate.

Becoming Affirming will be voted on at another date.

We will be voting at the AGM on Sunday February 21, 2021. We will discuss at the AGM how people are to vote either by Zoom or phone.

Miranda suggested that we listen carefully to people when they call in to vote.

Al Friesen suggested that we should do a Trial Run for the AGM on Sunday February 14th at 11:00 to make sure people can call in and vote. This would be a good test for voting on Sunday February 21st. We could also have a practise to sign in as a mock vote on February 16th, 17th, or 18th.

AGM Packages will be emailed and delivered as soon as possible before February 21st. Darlynnne, Alan Silvius, Al Friesen and Lois will help deliver the packages if Darlynnne needs help.

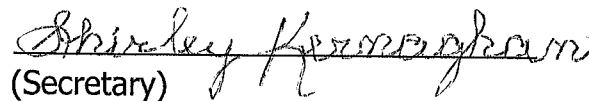
We need to let people know their voice is very important and we need to have their ideas at the AGM.

Barry Hill and Larry Sage did the audit for 2020 with help from Reg.

10.3 Dave Thompson suggested that Larry Sage and Barry Hill be brought forward at our AGM on Sunday February 21st so everyone will know who our auditors for Trinity United Church will be. A motion will be made to accept Larry and Barry as auditors.

11. Jason adjourned our meeting at 8:56pm. Jason informed us that we solved a lot of things tonight. Jason recited our closing prayer.


(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)


(Secretary)