

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

Official Board Meeting
Tuesday June 8th, 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 May 11th, 2021
- 5) Correspondence
- 6) Finance report – Reg
- 7) Ministers report – Doug
- 8) Committee updates:
 1. Prairie to Pine Report
 2. Sunday School -We will do a drive by for Natasha Jones, our only Sunday School graduate, on Wednesday, June 16th at 5 pm.
- 9) Additions to Agenda:
 1. RCCG rental amount discussion
 2. Trustee Report Discussion
 3. Financial and forward-thinking discussion
- 10) Covenant of Leadership and closing prayer - Jason

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday September 14th, 2021 @ 7:00pm

ZOOM MEETING TRINITY UNITED CHURCH TUESDAY JUNE 8th, 2021

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

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

01. Chairperson Jason Splett welcomed us to our June meeting on Tuesday June 8th, 2021. He called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

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. Motion#2 Al Friesen approved the Minutes of May 11th, 2021. Seconded by Irene Thompson. CARRIED

05. There was no correspondence.

06. **Finance Report:** Alan Silvius asked Reg about the Profit and Loss of \$4110.00. Alan thought it was excellent and very encouraging. Reg sent out a report and will discuss more later in our meeting.

Motion #3 Reg Atkinson made the motion to accept the finance report as presented. Seconded by Darlynn Smith. CARRIED

07. **Ministers Report:** Rev. Doug informed us that the Pride Sunday Service was well received, and we had lots of positive feedback from the people who heard it. Equity and Diversity and Worship helped Doug immensely. The rainbow colors brightened up the space and made the sanctuary very colorful. Linda Ross and Al Friesen provided some good stories to the service. Darlynn commented that the material that was wrapped around the candles made it very special. Alan and Darlene helped with the decorations.

Vacation time for Rev. Doug will be from July 9th through to August 8th. There will be no church services from July 9th-through August 8th. Doug will have one week left of holidays but will take it later after Christmas.

08. Committee Updates

08. 1. **Prairie to Pine Report:** Alison reported that the Prairie to Pine Service was very much appreciated and well received. Alan Silvius asked if we could distribute that service on Sunday June 20th when Rev. Doug is off on Con-Ed. Doug thought that it would be a great idea.

Motion#4 Alison moved her report. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED

08. 2. **Sunday School** Lois Riley explained that we will do a drive by for Natasha Jones, our only Sunday School graduate on Wednesday June 16th at 5 pm. Anyone wanting to join us will meet on the East end of 61 Elmdale Blvd. Lois will send the message to Jason and he will send it out. We have 12 graduates from our congregation, and it will be in our next newsletter.

09. 1. **RCCG rental-** Reg informed us that RCCG has paid their first six months to Trinity \$800.00 X 6= \$4800. \$7200 is the budget amount for the year. Reg wondered if we could give them a break in July and August. Dave suggested that RCCG should keep paying \$800.00 in July and August.

Motion #5 Reg Atkinson made the motion to reduce the rent that RCCG needs to pay for use of Trinity United Church to \$400.00 for the month of July. Darlyne Smith seconded the motion. CARRIED

RCCG will pay \$800.00 in August. RCCG comes in more frequently to prepare for their services. Caretaker hours have been reduced for Jim. Jim has taken a week off without pay as well.

2. **Trustees Report-** The Board approval is required due to the amount of the bill. Western financial Group in Brandon are our Brokers, but the policy is with Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Motion #6 The Trustees recommend to the Official Board that the Insurance Policy for Trinity be renewed for 2021-2022 at a cost of \$7180.00. Alan Silvius and Dave Thompson seconded the motion. CARRIED

The Trustees recommend to the Official Board that the Terms of the Trust for the Trinity Trust Fund be changed to allow the use of both the Principal and Interest to respond to identified needs of Trinity and that the Fund be administered by the Treasurer of Trinity United Church.

Motion #7 Alan Silvius made the motion The Trustees recommend to the Official Board that the Terms of the Trust for the Trinity Trust Fund be changed to allow the use of both the Principal and Interest to respond to identified needs of Trinity and that the Fund be administered by the Treasurer of Trinity United Church. Darlyne Smith seconded the motion. CARRIED

That the Treasurer has been given authority to pay the church taxes by June 30th when they are due. Reg has paid these already.

The Trustees have been notified that the city plans to rezone the church Property from Residential Medium Density Zone to Educational/Institutional Zone this summer. There are no problems with the change according to the City as long as Trinity does not

need/want to sell part or all of the property. The Trustees are investigating further. We need to look at our Policy to make sure it is clear and understood. We can let the city know we want to stay as we are and not be rezoned.

Motion #8 Miranda Edwards made the motion for Trinity United to stay in the zone they are already in (Residential Medium Density) seconded by Dave Thompson. CARRIED

We need to use more outside space. Maybe we can get gatherings outside and do something different. We are going to have to make changes when we can. People are missing coming to church. We are in prime land where we are.

3. Financial and Forward Thinking-Reg discussed the budget and following areas are areas that we should be looking into.

4 areas of consideration are.

1. Loss of contributors
2. Paid office Staff vs Volunteers
3. Fundraising – We need to increase
4. Rental income – We need to increase

Miranda will answer calls on her cell phone to help people that call in to the church. When Rev. Doug is away on holidays.

Motion of Confidence-Our Minister, Reg and Trustees are very much appreciated.

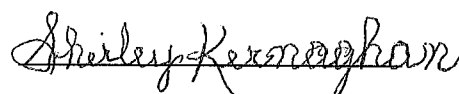
Motion of Confidence - Gloria McMillan made the motion that the Board of Trinity United has full confidence in the accounting and ability of Reg Atkinson in his position as Treasurer. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED, unanimously.

It was suggested that a Stewardship Box be placed where people can drop in their ideas. We need to get together in the Fall to plan for some Fund raising and other activities that we can do.

10. Jason recited the Covenant of Leadership and led us in the closing prayer at 8:55pm.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday August 10th, 2021 at 7:00PM.


(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)


(Secretary)