

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

**Official Board Meeting**  
Tuesday August 10th, 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 June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- 5) Correspondence
- 6) Finance report – Reg
- 7) Ministers report – Doug
- 8) Committee updates:
- 9) Additions to Agenda:
  1. Affirming vote September 26
  2. Summer homework-fundraising ideas and are we moving forward with any that have been presented?
  3. Church Reopening plans
    - a. What needs to be done in promoting and logistics, and date of reopening?
    - b. Where are we at regarding hiring potential staff in preparation of re opening in Church service?
  4. Trustees and insurance
- 10) Covenant of Leadership and closing prayer - Jason

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

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

**01.** Jason called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Jason thanked us for joining our ZOOM Meeting and welcomed us to our seventh meeting in 2021. He welcomed all those present.

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

**03(a) Motion 1. Gloria McMillan made the motion that we accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Miranda Edwards. CARRIED**

**03(b) Motion 2. Gloria McMillan made the motion that Linda Friesen be given voting privileges. Seconded by Miranda Edwards. CARRIED**

**04. Motion 3. Lois Riley made the motion to approve the minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED**

**05. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence

**06. Finance Report:** Reg explained that we had regular donations in 2019 but in 2020 we had 3 months of regular giving and 4 months of Covid loss in revenue (donations of \$6320.25 came into Trinity through envelopes). One person passed away and two decided not to contribute. There was also \$1070.00 less in PAR. In 2021 we have had less giving's due to Covid. Alan Silvius would like to see some follow-up on why our congregation is not giving like they normally do. We need to have a General Letter go out to our congregation.

**Motion 4. Reg Atkinson made the motion to approve and accept his Financial Report. Seconded by Al Friesen. CARRIED**

**Fall Drive-** Al Friesen asked about having a Stewardship Drive to raise money for the church. It is usually done in November, but Al wondered if we could have it in October. Miranda wondered if Stewardship should be all year not just in the Fall. Darlynnne could send something when she sends out her News Letter. People may just need a reminder. Dave Thompson and Murray McMillan would be good helpers as well. Rev. Doug explained that we have not been able to fund raise with the closure of Church Services.

**07. Ministers Report-** Rev. Doug sent a letter to Mr. Helwer, our MLA Government Official, regarding the removal of the masks. The 4<sup>th</sup> wave of COVID is rising and we need to be careful. Rev. Doug would like to see people wear masks to help get rid of COVID. The Worship Committee and Al Silvius will help Rev. Doug with services once we can have services in Trinity United.

**08. Committee Updates-** Gloria McMillan reported that Jim Hurd, our caretaker, took a month off in July but he is back in Trinity as Caretaker. Gloria and Murray McMillan, Alan and Darlene Silvius and Barry and Gloria Hill did the cleaning in the church while Jim was on vacation.

#### **09. Additions to Agenda:**

1. **Affirming vote September 26<sup>th</sup>-** Al Friesen explained that we will go ahead and prepare to vote on Affirming. It should be finalized by the end of August. Barb Roberds, Darlene Silvius, Alyson Murray and Alan Silvius helped tie the ribbons on the trees at Trinity United in support of the Residential School situation.

2. **Summer Homework-** The following ideas are things we thought of doing to help Trinity United: Yard Sales, selling baking, donation of crafts, Fall Beef Supper, concert. We could look at a program called **Fund Script** where people would buy gift cards to use for everyday purchases. We all need to get gas, do shopping, eat at Tim Horton's, by cards from Canadian Tire etc. and it could be done on a monthly basis. **Can we re-load on the fun Script Gift Cards?** We would have a coach to help us if we had questions. Alan Silvius would like to have a meeting with the coach. If we are using gift cards we have to do it in advance. Darlynnne would like to be involved and help wherever. We have good ideas, but we must be careful how we do this. Darlynnne and Shirley suggested having a Bake Sale involving the congregation and she would put it in the Newsletter. This could be done outside in September. Jason commented that the ideas we have are good, but we can't do some of them right now.

3. **Church Re-opening Plans-** All Trinity United Church activities will require a mask. We will have to rope-off some areas in the church and show the people where they need to be sitting. Alan Silvius asked what needs to be done in the church before we have services? Can we sing, do we need to have space between pews, etc? This will be decided as we get closer to re-entering our church. We will review our ideas on

September 14<sup>th</sup>. The church will need a good cleaning/sanitizing before people arrive for church services.

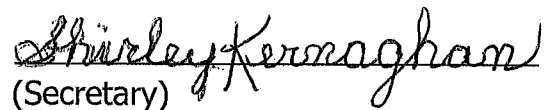
Rev. Doug suggested we do this using "baby steps." We don't have to re-open everything. We don't need to use the basement at the start. We have decisions that we need to have discussed and in place before we open and let people know what they are so they follow the rules. Rev. Doug is in favour of whatever the Trinity Board suggests. There should be 2 meters for social distancing. Children under 12 years of age that are not vaccinated may carry Covid into the church. If they come, they may need to go downstairs.

Rev. Doug suggested that we should have a person in the Office before we open Trinity United Church. This could happen in October. Jason suggested to try and get someone in the Office as soon as possible. We can post for some people to have an interview and see what happens. We will continue with ZOOM services until October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion 5. Alan Silvius made the motion that M&P start the process to hire a Business Administrator to be in the Office. Seconded by Miranda Edwards. CARRIED**

**10.** Jason adjourned our meeting at 9:15pm. Jason informed us that we solved a lot of things tonight. He closed with the Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer.

  
(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)

  
(Secretary)