

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

Official Board Meeting
Tuesday September 14th, 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 August 10th, 2021
- 5) Correspondence
- 6) Finance report – Reg
- 7) Ministers report – Doug
- 8) Committee updates:
 - A) M & P Committee Update
 - B) Equity & Diversity Committee Update
- 9) Additions to Agenda:
 - A) Gift Card Fundraiser Update
 - B) Re-opening of Trinity for in-person worship
- 10) Covenant of Leadership and closing prayer - Jason

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday October 12th, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes September 14th, 2021

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

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

01. Jason called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Jason thanked us for joining our ZOOM Meeting.

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

03. Motion 1. Darlynn Smith made the motion that we accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Irene Thompson. CARRIED

04. Motion 2. Alan Silvius made the motion to approve the minutes of August 10th, 2021. Seconded by Al Friesen. CARRIED

05. There was no Correspondence.

06. Finance Report- Reg explained that regular income and expenses are below budget. Other income has saved us such as our oil wells. Detailed Financial information was distributed in advance of our meeting.

Motion 3. Reg moved his report. Seconded by Lois Riley. CARRIED.

7. Minister's Report- Rev. Doug thanked the Church for buying the two components that was needed to keep our church services up and running. We now have things back to normal. Doug has done a couple of funerals and spent time at the hospital visiting with people. Doug was asked to go to the Deloraine, Melita, Tilston Charge to do the service for Reverend Christopher Davis who is now accepted in the United Church of Canada and will be doing church services for the Charge.

Rev. Doug informed us that Trinity United Church has a new renter. We are in relationship with Church of Pentecost (COP). They hope to begin using Trinity United on Sunday September 19th, 2021 in the sanctuary for 1- 1 ½ hours.

Reverend Doug has sent messages to Gordon Fraser through Prairie Mountain Health, but Rev. Doug is not on Gordon's list. They have I-pads to use in the hospital, but they are not great to use. The WI-FI is not great either.

08. Committee Updates:

A) M & P Committee Update-Gloria McMillan

There were a lot of people that seemed to be interested in what was happening at Trinity United. There were very few applications but lots of hits. Gloria stated that there was a person coming for an interview on Wednesday. The person has worked with accounting but not too much experience in Quick Books or work in an Office. Gloria will try to speak with Margaret Whetter to see how they are making out filling their position. Gloria would like to see someone in the Office during the day. Reg can teach Quick Books to someone that is interested. The person must have some knowledge of Power Point, have some Accounting knowledge and Office 360 skills. We will see how the interview goes tomorrow. They must have good office skills.

B) Equity and Diversity-Al Friesen

Trinity United has met all requirements. Three documents have been approved. Affirming United wants to know the Action Plan and it will come into effect if accepted. Affirm United recommends 75% approval rate on becoming Affirming. Jason Splett, Miranda Edwards, Barb Jansen will be scrutineers.

The vote will be done by a regular procedure as usual and as a stand-alone as it is a very important vote. The copy of the motion should be on a separate sheet and sent in advance of the vote. A different color would be good to send out to everyone. We must have a quorum. The results of the vote should go out immediately after the vote has been calculated. Darlyne and Tina will deliver the results.

C)BA Committee- Dave Thompson

Dave called a meeting on August 24th. The discussion that they had was about renting Trinity United Church to the Pentecost Church.

Reg Atkinson made the motion that the Pentecost Church will pay \$75.00 a Sunday evening for 12 weeks plus damage deposit. Larry Sage seconded the motion. CARRIED

Dave suggested that Stewardship should be done in October. Marv. Pidhorny looked after the collections. The Remote Inspection Report was forwarded on to Ken Knight by Gloria.

Gloria asked if the new renter had to sanitize between RCCG and COP! It was suggested that the RCCG needs to do the sanitizing for the next group using the church. Each group must leave the church clean for the next group.

09. A) Gift Card Fund Raiser: Alan Silvius reported that we have 8 orders amounting to \$4370.00. We will probably meet our goal of \$5000.00. If we meet our goal, Trinity will receive \$136.25. A question was asked: **Would Trinity United Church consider meeting the goal, so we don't have to pay for shipping on the orders?**

Our cards will be in envelopes with our names on it when what we ordered will arrive.

We will not do this ordering every month. Maybe we could do one in November and December for our Christmas giving.

Reg Atkinson suggested that the church should have a pre-paid card to save money for shipping. Rev. Doug will get stamps if needed using a card to buy them.

B) Re-opening of Trinity: Murray McMillan reported that the sewer pump does not work in the church. Therefore, we do not have water or bathroom facilities. We need to get someone that will come and take the sewer pump out to get it fixed. We can't re-open until we have bathroom facilities to use.

Do people have to show their card for re-opening? Will people need to be fully vaccinated to attend?

UCW can meet and be masked. Distancing must be followed. Irene suggested that we hold off until things are better. We would have to sanitize.

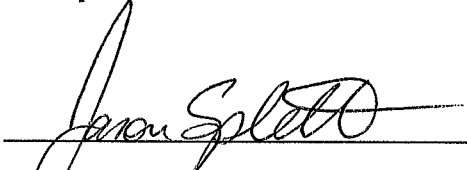
Linda Friesen asked if we could gather as a choir if we hummed. Rev. Doug suggested that we could sing if we are indoors and wearing a mask. If we sing outside our mask can come off if we are distanced away from each other. Miranda suggested to gather as a group and participate in different ways to see if we can hum or sing with or without a mask.

Lois feels we need to let people know what we can and cannot do to stay safe. Jason feels that we need to think about when we re-open it will be different and a process we must work through. Knox United Church is thinking about re-opening soon. Maybe they would give us some ideas.

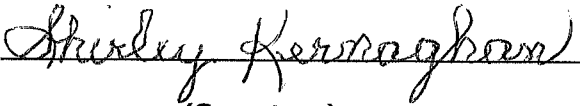
Lois Riley expressed concern that we may lose people to other churches. Some churches may re-open, but we may not be able to do so. Will we lose people to other churches?

Reg suggested that we have to be careful we don't lose people. Al Friesen suggested that Trinity check other churches to see what we can do to get back to having church.

10). Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer. Jason adjourned our meeting at 9:00pm. **Next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 12th, 2021 @ 7:00pm via ZOOM.** Jason recited our closing prayer.



(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)



(Secretary)