

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – April 12th, 2022

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

Present: Jason Splett (Chair), Alan Silvius, Alison Murray, Darlynn Smith, Dave Thompson, Reverend Doug Neufeld, Gloria McMillan, Irene Thompson, Miranda Edwards, Murray McMillan, & Donna Neufeld (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Al Friesen, Barry Hill, Connie Haigh, Murray McMillan, & Todd Kruk

1.0 Jason welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order @ 7:08 p.m.

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

3.0 Alan added agenda item 9.6 – Purchase of More Voices hymn books

Motion 1: Alan Silvius approved the April 12th, 2022 agenda as amended. Darlynn Smith seconded the motion. CARRIED

4.0 Approval of Minutes – February 8th, 2022

Motion 2: Gloria McMillan approved the March 8th, 2022 minutes. Dave Thompson seconded the motion.

CARRIED

5.0 Correspondence – There was no correspondence this month.

6.0 Finance Report – Eden sent out the year-end Finance Reports via email.

Motion 3: Moved by Irene Thompson that the Board approve the Finance Report as presented. Gloria McMillan seconded the motion.

CARRIED

7.0 Minister's report –

- **Worship** – Reverend Doug noted that in-person worship has been a very positive experience. They were approximately 50 – 60 congregants in attendance. The tech rotation has been working well. Choir has been recording hymns for regular Sunday services, funerals and Easter services.
- **Re-opening** - Re-opening has increased foot traffic and the busyness in the church. Weight Watchers has a lot of attendees and plan on booking an additional separate time slot with the church. TOPS is no longer a tenant with the church.
- **Baptisms** – There are two baptisms – Rhett Michael Ross on Sunday, April 17th, and Bennett Depner, Sunday, May 15th.

Motion 4: Moved by Donna Neufeld that the Board approve the baptism of Rhett Michael Ross. Darlynn Smith seconded the motion.

CARRIED

- Equity & Diversity – Central will be presenting Trinity with their rainbow flags at their closing service on April 24th. The sign on the front lawn of the church does not display anything confirming that Trinity is an affirming church.
- There is a new Trinity logo that has received positive response. There was a suggestion that this logo be put on a T-shirt for fundraising. The E&D Committee is getting quotes and research is in the preliminary stages and will be discussed at their next meeting.
- Central Disbanding – Central's last service is Sunday, April 24th. There will be a joint choir. The Board agreed that Reverend Doug will send an encouragement letter to Central after their final service and ask Central to distribute to their congregation's email distribution list.

8.0 Committee Updates –

- 8.1 M&P Motion** (Miranda Edwards) – Miranda approached Dallas and discussed the proposal. Dallas has been on the M&P Committee previously.

Motion 5: Moved by Miranda Edwards that the Board approve Dallas Green be added as a member of the M and P Committee. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

CARRIED

- Miranda noted some of Jim's concerns around renter's usage of the church's time and space.

- 8.2 BA Committee** (Barry Hill) – Barry was unable to attend. Dave spoke to the report Barry submitted.

- The Board discussed Barry's document in detail. Dave said he will suggest to Barry that the BA Committee have a meeting shortly. BA is prepared to work with Todd to get financial information to Darlynn for the newsletter.

9.0 Additions to Agenda:

- 9.1 Expectations for individuals attending worship and for ushers** (Jason Splett) –The Board discussed the current expectations in detail and it was decided that masks stay in place, and reviewed again at the May Board meeting. It was recommended that there is no hugging or hand shaking; and the hymn books will be returned to the choir pews.

- 9.2 Policy Binder update** (Jason Splett) – Eden has been working on the most current Policy Binder. The policies will be proofed, and any suggested changes sent to Jason by April 25th. These suggestions will be discussed at the May meeting prior to finalizing.

9.3 Organization Structure update (Jason Splett) – Jason has been working on changes to the Organizational Structure. Reverend Doug suggested that the organizational structure should be updated first; and the Policy Binder as the church's policies need to align with the organizational structure. Jason will email current copies of the organizational structure & policy binder to the Board.

- The insurance coverage information in the church's policy suggests all renters should have their own liability insurance. This information should be included in all Trinity rental agreements.

9.4 Church Directory (Reverend Doug) – Rev. Doug spoke about a conversation he had with IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. who produced our last church directory about 5 years ago. They have approached Trinity about producing another directory possibly in the fall; and are looking for a commitment by the end of June. It was agreed that late September to early October would be a good time to start working on the new directory.

9.5 60th Anniversary (Darlynn Smith) – Barry Hill has reviewed all the annual reports for the last book that was done for the 50th Anniversary. Barry is prepared to update the book for the 60th Anniversary.

- Reverend Doug spoke about the upcoming outdoor picnic service for the Canada Day weekend in July to possibly incorporate the church's 60th Anniversary. T-shirts and pens could be ordered; and invitations sent out.
- Both Darlynn and Gloria volunteered to be part of the 60th Anniversary committee.

9.6 Purchase of More Voices Hymn Books (Alan Silvius) – More Voices hymn books are required. Each book costs \$16.95 plus taxes & shipping. Alan suggested the Board approve the purchase of 10 More Voices hymn books. The total cost would be approximately \$207.

Motion 5: Moved by Alan Silvius that the Board approve the purchase of 10 more More Voices Hymn books with funds from the Memorial Fund. Gloria McMillan seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 6: Moved by Gloria McMillan that Board approve extending the Board meeting past 9:00 p.m. for 20 minutes. Darlynn Smith seconded the motion.

CARRIED

- **FundScrip Update** (Alan Silvius) – The Easter gift card fundraiser had 28 households that participated for a total of \$10,030 in orders. The church earned \$303.85. The next fundraiser is scheduled for the month of May.

10.0 Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer – Jason recited our closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022.**



Chair of Trinity United Church Board



Secretary