

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – June 14th, 2022

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

Present: Jason Splett (Chair), Al Friesen (late), Alan Silvius, Barry Hill, Darlynnne Smith, Dave Thompson, Reverend Doug Neufeld, Gloria McMillan, Irene Thompson, Miranda Edwards, Murray McMillan, Todd Kruk & Donna Neufeld (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Alison Murray & Connie Haigh

- 1.0 Jason welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2.0 Jason read the Covenant of Leadership and led us in prayer.
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda as amended- Agenda item 9.9 – Another meeting in summer, and 9.10 Shirts & Pens were added under Additions to Agenda.

Motion 1: Alan Silvius approved the June 14th, 2022 agenda as amended. Donna Neufeld seconded the motion.

CARRIED

4.0 (a) Approval of Minutes – May 10th, 2022

Under Minister's Report, the second bullet the service mentioned was on May 8th, not April 30th.

Motion 2: Gloria McMillan approved the May 10th, 2022 minutes as amended. Irene Thompson seconded the motion.

CARRIED

4.0 (b) Ratify Motions from May 11th and 18th, 2022 via email

Motion 3: Moved by Alan Silvius that the Trustees of Trinity United Church recommend the renewal of the insurance policy with Marsh Canada Limited for the 2022-2023 year in the amount of \$8,837.00. Barry Hill seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 4: Moved by Murray McMillan that the Property Committee requests permission from the Board, to investigate and if deemed advantageous, go into contract with Western Wholesale Energy for our natural gas pricing. Donna Neufeld seconded the motion.

CARRIED

5.0 Correspondence – St. Paul's United Church in Virden. Rev Doug noted that St. Paul's is losing their current minister and decided to send out letters to churches in the area requesting a conversation which could hopefully lead to a partnership. Rev Doug followed up with an email to St. Paul's that Trinity may be looking for a new partner with the closing of Alexander United Church and encouraged a conversation between Trinity and St. Paul's.

- There was discussion and it was decided that Jason, Barry, Doug & M&P will have a Zoom meeting with St. Paul's to discuss their needs for a Minister.

6.0 Finance Report – Eden sent out the year-end Finance Reports via email. Todd reviewed the Finance Reports. Rev Doug stated that expenses are paid at the beginning of the year which makes the expense side of the balance sheet appears skewed. Stewardship and donations are usually made up towards the end of the year.

- Jason suggested that Eden run a Rolling 12 report that would show month to month financial situation for the last 12 months.
- Todd requested a confirmed list of last year's Board members.

7.0 Minister's report – Reverend Doug spoke to his report, noting that Alexander had a Board meeting and officially voted to start the process of closing the church.

- Al Friesen and Rev Doug reviewed the signage on the front lawn and noted it is rotting away.
- Alan will send a thank you letter to Central for their choir development gift.

Motion 5: Moved by Darlyne Smith that the Board approve \$500 for A/V equipment upgrades from Memorial Fund. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

CARRIED

8.0 Committee Updates –

8.1 Outreach Report (Connie Haigh) – the Outreach Report was included for review.

8.2 Worship Committee (Alan Silvius) – Alan noted that Pulpit Supply needs are still required for a couple of dates. It was agreed that Trinity would use one of Doug's previous services if the dates are not filled.

8.3 Pastoral Care (Darlyne Smith) – this report was also included for review.

Motion 6: Moved by Darlyne Smith that the Board approve the Pastoral Care Report. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

CARRIED

8.4 Trustees' – The Board had no questions for this report.

8.5 Prairie to Pine – Report included for review.

9.0 Additions to Agenda:

9.1 Expectations for individuals attending worship and for ushers (Jason Splett) –The Board agreed that masks are recommended not required.

Motion 7: Moved by Barry Hill that the Board approve that masks are recommended not required and social distancing is optional for all Trinity United Church’s sponsored events. DarylInne Smith seconded the motion.

CARRIED

9.2 Policy & Organizational Structure update (Jason Splett) – Jason has received feedback from the Committees on the policy binder. Eden will send out a final draft for Board review for approval at a Board meeting. Once approved by the Board, it will be presented at the next congregational meeting.

9.3 FundScrip update (Alan Silvius) – twenty-three (23) households participated in the last fundraiser for a total of \$9,255. \$289.78 was earned. To date, Trinity has earned \$2,713.13.

9.4 Canada Day/Trinity 60th Anniversary Service & Picnic (Alan Silvius) – Event is scheduled for Sunday, July 3rd. A cold plate will be served following the service. Funds are being donated as well as a celebratory cake will be baked.

- Open collection at the picnic usually goes to designated charity chosen by the Outreach Committee.

Motion 8: Moved by Alan Silvius that the General Revenue Account will be used to backstop 60th Anniversary celebrations up to the amount of \$1,000.00 reduced by any fund raising. Barry Hill seconded the motion.

CARRIED

9.5 Trinity Fundraising Supper late September (Alan Silvius) – There was discussion on whether Trinity was ready to start their fundraising suppers. Ideas were for a celebration/dedication event to welcome back regular members, welcome to new members and for the gifts received from Central.

- The date for the Welcome back celebration event was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

9.6 External church signage (Al Friesen) – Al discussed the main church sign on the front lawn, which is old, rotting, very weathered and is not very noticeable. It is recommended that the church (Board or Property) consider new weather

resistant signage with the Affirming and new Trinity logos. It was suggested that west wall facing 6th Street be used as a place for Affirming art.

Motion 9: Moved by Al Friesen that Board supports and agrees in principle to pursue new external signage for Trinity United Church. Murray McMillan seconded the motion.

CARRIED

9.7 Central Gift (Rev Doug) – Rev Doug suggested that the choir be informed of the \$3,500 received from Central United for choir development. Alan will be sending a thank-you letter. Central was very thankful that Trinity took the majority of their music library. A separate account will be set up a choir account for this donation.

Motion 10: Moved by Donna Neufeld that Board donation of \$3,500 from Central United be transferred to a balance sheet account from income in the name of the Trinity Choir. Barry Hill seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 11: Moved by Gloria McMillan that Board extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m. Darlyne Smith seconded the motion.

CARRIED

9.8 Seminar “Ducks in a Row” (Darlyne Smith) – Joy Bowman, Funeral Pre-Planning Specialist for Purple Shield would like to book a seminar with the Trinity congregation. \$20 would be donated to the church for each person who attends. The UCW would provide any refreshments. Alan agreed to work with Joy on arranging this event.

Motion 12: Moved by Gloria McMillan that Board responds to Joy Bowman’s request and set up a suitable date for both parties for this seminar. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

**1 - Abstained
CARRIED**

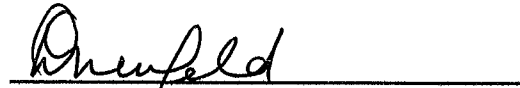
9.9 Adding another meeting in the Summer (Donna Neufeld) – to start planning events for September. There was an in-depth discussion, and it was decided that the Board would meet in September as scheduled.

9.10 T-Shirts & Pens (Darlyne Smith) – Darlyne ordered 300 pens and will be sold for \$2 each. The T-shirts order is a little complex and Rev Doug offered to help Darlyne with ordering of the T-shirt. Darlyne will send info to the Board via email.

10.0 Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer – Jason recited our closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022.**



Chair of Trinity United Church Board



Secretary