

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

**Present:** Jason Splett (Chair), Al Friesen, Alan Silvius, Alison Murray, Barry Hill, Darlynn Smith, Reverend Doug Neufeld, Gloria McMillan, Miranda Edwards, Murray McMillan, & Donna Neufeld (Recording Secretary).

**Regrets:** Connie Haigh, Irene Thompson, and Todd Kruk

**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 items 5 were changed to 5 (a) Ratify Motions and 5 (b) Correspondence, 8.0 – Committee Updates was added 2. Pastoral Care & 3. CE Report, 9.0 Additions to Agenda 9.11 Murray's update was added.

**Motion 1: Alan Silvius approved the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 agenda as amended. Miranda Edwards seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**4.0** Approval of Minutes – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Motion 2: Darlynn Smith approved the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes as amended. Al Friesen seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**5.0 (a) Ratify Motions** - 3 motions were ratified via email June 19, July 17 and August 19.

June 19, 2022

**Motion 3: Moved by Alan Silvius that the open offering received on the collection plate at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> outdoor service will be donated to the Samaritan House as per recommendation of the Outreach committee. Miranda Edwards seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

July 17, 2022

**Motion 4: Moved by Alan Silvius that Trinity United Church purchase 20 x \$100 Sobey's gift cards in July 2022 gift card campaign to be sold through the church office. Miranda Edwards seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

August 19, 2022

**Motion 5: Moved by Miranda Edwards moved that the Diabetes clothing donation bin be removed immediately. Darlynn Smith seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**5.0 (b) Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.

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

- There was an in-depth discussion on the Finance Reports. Trinity's current deficit once Central's financial gifts are removed year-to-date is \$19,038. It was noted that bills been paid at the beginning of the year had contributed to this deficit.
- Trinity will need to pay taxes on the financial gift from Central in 2024 once the denominational assessment is completed.
- It was suggested that Trinity contact the United Church to see if the donation from Central can qualify as 'Special Circumstance'. Jason will send a note to Todd to ask him to follow up on the donation with someone at UCC.
- It was decided that CE should have a separate account set up the financial donation from Central.
- The financial information should be included in the Stewardship letters to congregation. It should probably be shown as (excluding financial gift from Central) year to date, total income minus total expense equals net position.

**7.0 Minister's report** –

- Reverend Doug congratulated Alan and everyone to assisted with pulpit supply during his vacation. There was only one service that did not stream simultaneously with the service but was later added to YouTube.
- The choir is back to singing live at church services and this was well received by the congregation.
- September is busy with lots of committee meetings. Bible Study starts September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- He is working with Knox United for Messy Church starting Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A question was posed from a new member from Worship Committee, should the congregation sing '**God Save The King**' at our next church service. The Trinity Board agreed that God Save the King would be sung at the next church service with Reverend Doug give a prologue prior to singing the hymn.

**8.0 Committee Updates** –

**8.1 Worship Committee Board Report (Alan Silvius)** – Alan noted the July 3<sup>rd</sup> outdoor service & picnic were a success. \$625 was received and donated to Samaritan House Ministries.

- There is a service on September 25<sup>th</sup> which will be a welcome to newcomers and a welcome back to all Trinity members. As part of the service will be a thank-you to Central for physical gifts they donated to our church (i.e. hymn books, alter cloths, their entire music library, etc.) Cake and ice cream will be served.
- The church will be decorated for Thanksgiving which has not been done since before the pandemic.

**Motion 6: Moved by Alan Silvius that the Board approve Randolph Smyth as a member of the Worship Committee. Miranda Edwards seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 7: Moved by Alan Silvius that the Board approve the Worship Committee Report. Alison Murray seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Pastoral Care (Darlynn Smith) –** There were 6 new members transfer-in and 2 marriages this summer.

**Motion 8: Moved by Darlynn Smith that the Board approve the Pastoral Care Report as amended. Gloria McMillan seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**8.3 CE Report (Jason Splett) –** spoke to the report sent from Lois Riley. There are a few new members. There was discussion on the possibility of hiring a part-time person or a paid Sunday School Coordinator to assist with developing youth programming. The pandemic seems to have affected youth attendance in churches. This requires further detailed discussion and will brought back at the October meeting for discussion. It was agreed that CE requires a Convenor as soon as possible.

**Motion 9: Moved by Alan Silvius that the Board approve the Christian Education Report. Al Friesen seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

## **9.0 Additions to Agenda:**

**9.1 Policy Binder & Organizational Structure update (Jason Splett) –** Eden put the organizational structure binder together and sent it to Jason for review. Jason will send to the Board for their review and feedback prior to the next Board meeting.

**9.2 Trinity Fundraising Supper late September update (Jason Splett) –** Jason asked for feedback. There was very little response to this idea so it will be tabled for another time.

### **9.3 Central United Funds (Jason Splett)**

**a. The board should consider that it is often customary to tith a generous gift (Jason)** – Tithing was discussed. It was decided that the donation be invested and the interest be used annually, and these ideas be revisited in the future.

**b. Solar Idea (Jason on behalf of Todd)** – this will require some in-depth consulting and research in regards to the return on investment. Trinity could speak to some people who locally have solar panels installed. Geothermal energy and investing donation in short-term deposit were also discussed.

**Motion 10: Moved by Gloria McMillan that Todd Kruk investigate investment opportunities for \$125 - 150,000 and report back to the Board. Darlyne Smith seconded the motion.**

**9.4 Front Sign (Murray McMillan & Al Friesen)** – Al found a church sign in Manitou in southern MB and one in Thunder Bay, ON. Al forwarded the information he received on the Manitou sign to Murray. Property Committee will explore size, cost and lights for the new sign.

- RCCG is requesting to put signage on front lawn away from the Trinity sign. The Board will discuss in more detail at their next Board meeting.

**9.5 Fall Stewardship (Barry Hill)** – Rev Doug will be working with BA on Stewardship letters that will be mailed out in October.

**9.6 Trinity Fundraising Projects Board Report (Alan Silvius)** – There is currently \$1,056.26 in the FundScrip account. This fundraising effort is still going well.

- Ducks in a Row funeral pre-planning educational seminar is scheduled with Joy Bowman for Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at Trinity. This seminar will have helpful information for anyone who is an executor. This will be also announced at church services. Anyone who is planning to attend must register with the church office ahead of time; however, Trinity will receive \$20 for everyone who is in attendance on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**9.7 Diabetes bin removal update (Jason Splett)** – Rev Doug confirmed that Eden has contacted the Diabetes Foundation and they will be coming to remove the bin.

**9.8 Plans regarding surplus 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts (Darlyne Smith)** – The T-shirts will be available for sale on Sundays. There are more than half the t-shirts left.

**9.9 Approval of the new transferred memberships** – this item was discussed in the Pastoral Care report previously.

**Motion 11: Moved by Donna Neufeld that the Board meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m. Darlynnne Smith seconded the motion.**

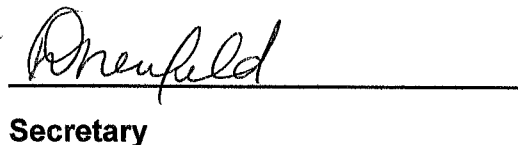
**9.10 Virden discussion** (Jason) – Correspondence was received from St. Paul's United in Virden. They are still interested in a shared ministry with Trinity. Twenty-five percent (25%) cost was discussed with Virden which would include two (2) services and one (1) office day per month, live-streaming Trinity's services, as well as critical pastoral care, wedding, funerals, etc.

- Discussions will continue with Virden probably prior to the next Board meeting. The Virden shared ministry will be brought up at the next congregational meeting in November 2022.

**9.11 Murray's update** (Murray McMillan) – Murray noted that there are a few items that require attention. The church driveway needs to be repaired, the downstairs of the church needs to be freshened up, the garage needs to be repainted, the stucco on the front of the church is coming off. BA will look into the cost of repairs.

**10.0 Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer** – Jason recited our closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

  
Chair of Trinity United Church Board

  
Secretary