

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – March 14th, 2023

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

Present: Gloria McMillan (Chair), Alan Silvius, Alison Murray, Barry Hill, Denise Weir, Darlynn Smith, Reverend Doug Neufeld, Irene Thompson, Joy Bowman, Miranda Edwards, Murray McMillan and Donna Neufeld (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Connie Haigh and Todd Kruk

1.0 Gloria called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Gloria and the Board members recited the Covenant of Leadership.

3.0 Approval of Agenda as amended. Item 8) D) Note from Outreach, E) Pastoral Care, F) U.C.W., and 9) A) Rental requests – Weight Watchers, 9) H) Messy Church were added.

Motion 1: Alan Silvius approved the March 14th, 2023 agenda as amended. Joy Bowman seconded the motion.

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of Minutes as amended.

Barry Hill's name was not included as an attendee in the minutes.

Motion 2: Joy Bowman approved the February 7th, 2023 minutes as amended. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

CARRIED

5.0 Correspondence – Rev Doug noted that the 44th General Council sent a Category 3 Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization, to all Pastoral charges to be voted on by March 31st, 2024. This Remit will give the National Indigenous Organization autonomy to govern and structure a process that fits their needs.

Does the regional council/pastoral charge agree to amend the Basis of Union to reflect:

- a. That The United Church of Canada will be organized as follows:
 - (1) a three-council structure, consisting of communities of faith, regional councils and a Denominational Council*; and
 - (2) an autonomous National Indigenous Organization; and
- b. That once the new autonomous National Indigenous Organization

is established within The United Church of Canada, it will have its own mechanisms to make any future changes to its structure and processes, and, therefore will not be subject to the remit process under section 7.4.1 of the Basis of Union**; and

c. The changes required for the establishment of the autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

Motion 3: Alan Silvius moved the Board approve the National Indigenous Organization be given autonomy to govern itself. Darlyne Smith seconded the motion.

CARRIED

6.0 Finance Report – (Gloria McMillan in Todd's absence) – Trinity is -\$10,345 in the red YTD at this time due to expenses and bills being paid.

This report will not be approved in Todd's absence but will be voted on the next meeting.

7.0 Minister's report – (Rev Doug)

- Reverend Doug stated that there will be 2 stewardship programs this year.
- There are over 100 YouTube online views each week.
- The Good Friday Service will be hosted by Trinity this year, Knox United is invited to attend, so there will be a joint choir.
- Rev Doug spoke about the necessity of updating the sound system. He found a new wireless system with 4 mics that only uses 1 channel on the mixing board.
- During the Board meeting a donation of \$450.00 was made towards the purchase of the Samson Wireless System.

Motion 4: Darlyne Smith moved that the Board approve the purchase from the Memorial Fund of the new Samson Stage 412 Frequency-Agile, Quad-Channel Handheld VHF Wireless System. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

CARRIED

- The last Bible Study will be held the week following this Board meeting. There will be a break over Easter and a new Bible Study will begin.
- The next Messy Church will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023. Rev Doug thanked everyone who have been involved especially the Senior Sunday School participants.

8.0 Committee Updates –

8) A) BA (Barry Hill)

- Weight Watchers has asked for extra usage of the church on Saturday mornings.
- Stewardship envelopes will be printed in the office.
- Fundraisers are required to assist raising funds for the church.

8) B) Property (Murray McMillan)

- The pilot light on water heater went out one Sunday, it was relit and is now functioning properly.
- The cooler was running warm, Murray did some work on it, and it is now working properly.
- Storage needs to be addressed.

8) C) Worship & FundScrip (Alan Silvius)

- The palm fronds have been ordered for Palm Sunday service, Sunday, April 2nd.
- A 'Welcome To Trinity' service will be held in the spring for those who have transferred their memberships to Trinity.
- The two pianos have been tuned by Mark Cramer. Miranda thanked Alan Silvius for ensuring the humidifiers are kept on on both pianos.
- There are pulpit supply needs for 2023 – May 7, May 21, June 4, July 23, July 30, August 6, 13 and 20.
- FundScrip Gift Cards
- The Easter gift cards fundraiser is going until March 31st.
- There are currently 5 orders that total \$3,200. There will be a \$1,000 worth of Super Store and Sobey's gift cards ordered and kept at Trinity.
- The petty cash that was kept in the office in case someone showed up and needed money is no longer there. There was a discussion about purchasing \$10 gift cards from Super Store and Petro Canada to be given out at the Minister's discretion.

Motion 5: Alan Silvius moved that the Board approve the purchase 6 - \$10 gift cards (\$60) from Super Store and 4 - \$10 gift cards (\$40) from Petro Canada for a total \$100 from the Benevolent Fund with gift cards to be used at the Minister's discretion. Miranda Edwards seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 6: Alan Silvius moved that the Board approve all Board reports from BA to Worship. Denise Weir seconded the motion.

CARRIED

8) D) Outreach (Gloria McMillan)

- Gloria noted that Faye McLoughlin has joined the Outreach Committee.

Motion 7: Miranda Edwards moved that the Board accept Faye McLoughlin as a new member of the Outreach Committee. Darlynn Smith seconded the motion.

CARRIED

8) E) Pastoral Care (Darlynn Smith)

- Darlynn reviewed the Pastoral Care report. There was one new membership and we lost one membership. The historic role was updated and is in the library.

Motion 8: Darlynn Smith moved that the Board accept the Pastoral Care report. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

CARRIED

8) F) U.C.W. (Darlynn Smith)

- There was a change to the report as the UCW will supply the service on June 4th, not June 5th.

Motion 9: Darlynn Smith moved that the Board accept the UCW report. Joy Bowman seconded the motion.

CARRIED

9.0 Additions to Agenda

9) A) Rental request – Scott Woods Band & Weight Watchers (Alan Silvius)

- a) The Scott Woods Band offers a 2-hour show for \$45 per ticket with a portion of the proceeds going to the church. Knox has already booked this band for December 2nd. Eden will reach out to the band for bookings for next year.
- b) Weight Watchers is asking to book Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. as well. Eden, with the assistance from the Property Committee, contacts the renters to let them know in advance when there are any changes to their lease. The Board was in agreement that Weight Watchers have use of the church on Saturday mornings as well.

9) B) Strathclair Singers (Gloria McMillan) – Marlane Wilson has reached out to Strathclair Singers for a performance at Trinity on Saturday, November 18th. The singers are not doing as many concerts as in the past and will let Trinity know if they can accommodate the request.

9) C) Policy Manual (Gloria McMillan) – Gloria noted there were some minor changes to the manual that needed to be updated. Gloria will let Eden know the changes and Eden will update the manual.

Murray, Barry and Rev Doug will work out a storage agreement and bring it to the Board for review and approval. All tenants will be given a maximum amount of storage space. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

9) D) M&P (Miranda Edwards) –

i) Continuing Education (ConEd) and vacation times have been submitted by Rev Doug and sent to Worship for their information.

ii) Technology Manager consideration – Due to change in the United Church's Cost of Living change from a 3 to a 4 for the Brandon area and M&P will be over budget, and next year, the Minister's salary category changes from a C to a D so there will be another increase. M&P has discussed these changes and feels there is currently not enough money to hire for this position. There could be a congregation member who may have the experience we need for this tech position.

Joy Bowman left the meeting at 8:57 p.m. She noted that the Home School Association will allow Trinity to advertise Messy Church once a year.

Motion 10: Donna Neufeld moved that the Board extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m. Barry Hill seconded the motion.

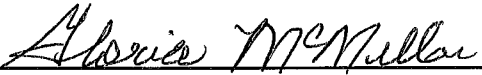
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Rev Doug noted that there are 4 people needed in the back to run the production of the church services. Gloria suggested that M&P, BA and Rev Doug co-ordinate to see if they could come up with some ideas for tech assistance.

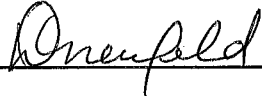
iii) Trinity's Deep Clean – Miranda reviewed the list of items in the church that needs to be cleaned - duct cleaning, windows inside and out, the lights, pews need to be polished, washrooms scrubbed including the walls and ceilings, and possibly painted, area behind the cross, and all carpets need

to be vacuumed and cleaned. Miranda will look for quotes. Miranda will also follow-up with Jim on weekly cleaning of the church.

- 9) E) **Board Room – Choir & area behind sliding doors** – was discussed earlier.
 - 9) F) **CE discussion group update** – Gloria noted that Alison and Connie will get to her with a date to discuss CE.
 - 9) G) **Fundraising Supper** (Gloria McMillan) – possibly a roast beef supper in May. All Board members were in favour of this supper.
 - 9) H) **Messy Church** (Gloria McMillan) – Gloria reiterated Joy’s comments that Trinity will advertise once a year with the Home School Association.
- 10.0 Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer** – The Board recited the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th, 2023.**



Chair of Trinity United Church Board



Secretary