

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – April 11th, 2023

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

Present: Gloria McMillan (Chair), Alan Silvius, Alison Murray, Connie Haigh, Reverend Doug Neufeld, Joy Bowman, Miranda Edwards, Murray McMillan and Donna Neufeld (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Barry Hill, Denise Weir, Darlyne Smith, and Todd Kruk

- 1.0 Gloria called the meeting to order @ 7:02 p.m.
- 2.0 Gloria and the Board members recited the Covenant of Leadership.
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda as amended. Item 8) F) M&P Report was added.

Motion 1: Alan Silvius approved the April 11th, 2023 agenda as amended. Donna Neufeld seconded the motion.

CARRIED

- 4.0 Approval of Minutes as amended.

Irene Thompson's name needs to be removed as an attendee in the minutes.

Motion 2: Joy Bowman approved the March 14th, 2023 minutes as amended. Miranda Edwards seconded the motion.

CARRIED

- 5.0 **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence to discuss.

6.0 Finance Report – (Gloria McMillan in Todd's absence) – Expenses have increased, and some larger ones have already through this year as is the custom at this time each year.

The YTD deficit at Trinity is -\$12,000 due to expenses and bills being paid.

It was requested that the Treasurer submit a brief summary of the Financial Report in his absence and approve the report via email.

Motion 3: Donna Neufeld moved that the Board receive the Financial Report as presented. Alan Silvius seconded the motion.

CARRIED

- 7.0 **Minister's report** – (Rev Doug)

- Reverend Doug stated the Easter/Lent season was positive and many were able to attend. There was a lot of discussion around how powerful the message was having a centurion hammer nails in the cross at the service.

- There were also positive comments about having the Senior Sunday School involved in the Easter Sunday service.
- There is a communion service scheduled for Valleyview Long Term Care on Wednesday, April 12. This would be the first service since the pandemic.

8.0 Committee Updates –

8) A) BA (Gloria McMillan in Barry Hill's absence)

- The leases were updated, and Eden will be sending them out.

8) B) Property (Murray McMillan)

- There were a few calls out for duct cleaning. The company needs to do a walkaround while someone is on the premises.
- Companies were approached about signage for the front lawn. Murray passed around samples of the materials, that the signs would be printed on, at the meeting.
- One quote came in for a 4' x 8' sign for around \$1,000.00 including installation. There are other companies that will be getting back to Trinity with their quotes.
- Murray will email the Board once he has received quotes for the outdoor sign.
- A question was raised on whether any of these companies would give the church a break on the cost since the Trinity is a non-profit.
- The cooler is running hot and needed to be repaired. The repair people came and were unable to find the leak. The cooler was recharged. A new compressor is required which costs \$400.00 plus half a day of installation for a total of around \$1,000.00.
- Food should be confined to downstairs.

8) C) Worship & FundScrip (Alan Silvius)

- Alan thanked Rev Doug for all his work on the Lenten series, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. He noted that the Good Friday service had a powerful effect on members of the congregation.
- Alan and Rev Doug discussed the planning of acknowledging the Transfer of Memberships to Trinity at a service in April. There are currently 18 new transferees since the last acknowledgement celebration service. An announcement will be made in advance to invite the new transfers. A tentative date of April 30th was discussed.
- Alan spoke about the upcoming needs for Pulpit supply. The following spots still need to be filled –July 23, July 30, August 6, 13 and 20.

FundScrip Gift Cards

- Thirty households participated in the March fundraiser and there was a total of \$13,870 worth of orders; Trinity earned \$420.05.
- For January and March sales combined Trinity earned \$795.52. The next fundraiser will be during the month of May.
- There are \$10 gift cards for groceries & gas for the benevolent fund as well as \$50 and \$100 Sobey's gift cards available for purchase.

8) D) Outreach (Connie Haigh)

- Connie thanked Faye McLoughlin for her keen interest and enthusiasm on the Outreach Committee.
- The M&S for 2023 goal had been increased to \$20,000. There was a generous donation for M&S in March 2023.
- The YWCA presented information at the March 26, 2023, worship service. The Special Easter giving's were sent to the YWCA.
- There are ongoing food drives for both Samaritan House and Helping Hands on alternate months.
- The Committee has started planning and organizing for the December 2023 Christmas Hampers.

8) E) Pastoral Care (Darlynnne Smith)

- Darlynnne was away but sent a Pastoral Care report in her absence.
- There were three transfers – Donalda Warren, Eileen McLarty and Lorraine Grill.

Motion 4: Alan Silvius moved that the Board accept the Pastoral Care report. Donna Neufeld seconded the motion.

CARRIED

8) F) M&P (Miranda Edwards)

- Miranda noted that Jim was unwell and would be away for at least a week. In the meantime, there will need to be upkeep of the church in his absence.
- For the duct cleaning, Property will organize and get quotes.

Motion 5: Joy Bowman moved that the Board accept the BA, Property, Worship, Outreach & M&P Reports. Connie Haigh seconded the motion.

CARRIED

9.0 Additions to Agenda

9) A) **Tiny Cats & Shared Work Drive** (Denise Weir)

- Tiny Cats is an online library that costs approximately US\$3.00 per month. Denise would input books monthly and would give everyone online access. UCW has been taking care of the library and are currently culling the books. This topic will be discussed further when Denise is available.
- Shared Work Drive is a Board access only drive where Board materials would be available. Each month's information would have a separate folder which would include all attachments and documents for that month. A link would be emailed to each Board member that would have Board meeting information.
- The Board discussed the shared work drive.

9) B) **Church Signage** (Donna Neufeld) – This topic was discussed earlier.

9) C) **Monthly Charity** (Donna Neufeld) – Donna spoke to the Board about an idea of helping an individual who has not been attending church since COVID return to church monthly. Gloria will speak to Darlyne as this would be under Pastoral Care.

9) D) **Board Secretary Position** (Donna Neufeld) – Donna noted that due to personal reasons she would need to step away from the Board Secretary Position for a while. Joy generously offered to step in and assist as Board Secretary while Donna was away.

9) E) **Church Supper** (Gloria McMillan) – the church supper is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th. Tentatively the menu will include roast beef, baked potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables and pies. There would be 2 seatings for a total of approximately 200 people.

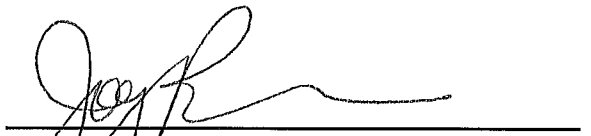
9) F) **CE discussion group update** – Gloria noted that Alison and Connie will get to her with a date to discuss CE.

The board discussed Todd's email on e-transfers. There is currently no limit on the daily dollar amount of e-transfers.

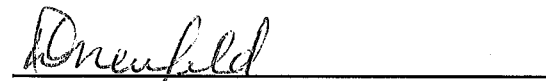
Motion 6: Joy Bowman moved that the Board put a limit of \$20 per day on e-transfers out of the Trinity Royal Bank account. Alison Murray seconded the motion.

CARRIED

10.0 Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer – The Board recited the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023.**



Chair of Trinity United Church Board



Secretary