

## *Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – October 10, 2023*

At Trinity United Church our Vision is to Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service Through Christ Jesus. We believe that all people are children of God, and we embrace the fullness of our diversity in ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social economic status, or any other human division as we unite in worship and full participation in all aspects of our ministry. As a congregation we are all committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.

**Present:** Gloria McMillan (Chair), Connie Haigh, Joy Bowman, Alan Silvius, Barry Hill, Ken Winstone, Alison Murray, Miranda Edwards, Darlynn Smith, Rev. Doug Neufeld, Glenda Penner (Recording Secretary)

**Virtual:** Denise Weir and Todd Kruk (joined at 8:23)

1) Meeting called to Order at 7:02 by Gloria.

2) All members recited the Covenant of Leadership.

3) Approval of Agenda -

**Motion 1:** Alan moved, seconded by Joy that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

4) Approval of Minutes Sept- Darlynn noted that Item 8 a) should be Smyth not Smythe.

**Motion 2:** Alan moved, seconded by Ken that the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting be accepted as revised. Carried.

5) Correspondence - Rev. Doug noted the Brandon School Division Trustee Candidate election leaflets that had been placed on vehicles on Sunday Oct 8 during worship. Doug offered to address this next Sunday noting it was not authorized by Trinity and to caution the congregation as to who they are voting for and their agenda.

6) Financial Report - tabled until Todd joins virtually.

7) Minister's Report - Rev. Doug noted he had been doing Care Home visits. Messy Church may happen in November. Rev. Doug noted that Alexander Church has been sold to a Pentecostal Congregation.

8) Committee Updates -

- A) BA Stewardship - Barry reported Stewardship letters will be prepared Oct 20 and made available for distribution Sunday Oct. 22. It was noted that Larry Sage will be retiring from the committee after 40 years.
- B) CE Costume Parade - Gloria reported for Lois the committee's request to have a Costume Parade on Sunday October 29 with the Sunday School. The Board gave general consensus.
- C) Equity & Diversity - Denise reported they are working on a Gratitude project for November.
- D) M&P - Miranda reported she has not received a response from her email of Sept 24 regarding Rev. Doug's One Point Charge. Miranda will follow up. Caretaker Jim Hurd has rescinded his resignation after hearing RCCG would be ending their rental agreement. Committee had worked on advertisement and interview questions in preparation of him resigning. Plan was to increase Caretaker hours from 13 hours to 15 hours per week with one hour being Sunday morning. It was felt that discussions should be held with Jim regarding expectations, hour increase and that our hopes are to have new renters.

**Motion 3** - Miranda moved, seconded by Barry that we accept Jim's rescinding of his resignation. Carried.

Todd joined meeting at 8:23 pm

- E) Outreach - Connie reported (submitted) they would not be doing Christmas Hampers this year due to the fact there was no elevator. Donations will be collected and given to Christmas Cheer this year. Decision was made to have White Gift Sunday on November 26 due to the Cheer Board deadline of December 8 and the first Sunday of Advent being December 3. The "Sock it to Me" campaign has been very successful.
- F) Pastoral Care - Darlyne's report submitted.

**Motion 4** - Darlyne moved, seconded by Alison the report be accepted as submitted. Carried.

- G) Prairie to Pine - Discussion on item 9) F Self Assessment request by P to P Regional Council. Self-Assessment is an opportunity to look at strengths, concerns, or new issues that may help in planning for the future of the congregation. It was suggested 5 - 6 people be involved to get a range of people to complete the Assessment. Alison and Darlyne will arrange a committee meeting. Connie will speak to the Youth Sunday School class to get feedback. Assessment is due December 15.

H) Property - Ken reported.

Lock Main Door - has been serviced but still has issues. Ken will follow up.

Snow Clearing - Allen & Bolack Excavation has quoted automatic clearing after 3 inches at a cost of \$136.50 per hour. Salting and hauling would be extra. Ken will continue to gather quotes.

Furnace - Efficiency warranty, follow up check

Graffiti - has been cleaned

Carpet - ripples foyer, office and stairs. Home Hardware has checked. Ken will follow up with them.

Water Pump - working

Return to Item **6) Financial Report** - Previously noted Bank Charges Jan - Aug 2022 were \$307 and in the same period 2023 were \$694 - Gloria noted this was due to a NSF cheque last month which has been dealt with.

GIC - matured Sept and was renewed to March 2024 \$40,000 at 4.55 per cent.

GIC worth \$140,000 will mature in November.

**Motion 5:** Todd moved, seconded by Miranda to reinvest in a GIC \$100,000 in November for 1 year and keep \$40,000 plus interest in the account. Carried.

**Motion 6:** Todd moved, seconded by Joy to accept the Financial Reports of July, August and September, 2023. Carried.

Committee Budget estimates are due by October 31, 2023 in preparation for the November Board Meeting.

Todd Kruk left the meeting at 8:45 pm

## 8) Committee Updates -continued

- I) Worship & FundScript - Alan report submitted. This year Advent 4 falls on December 24th. Issue is will we have an Advent 4 service with communion at 10:00 and a Christmas Eve service that evening at 7:00 or do we plan for one service? Board consensus was to have Communion on the third Sunday Dec 17, and to have one service Christmas Eve at 7 pm.

FundScript - five sales this year have earned \$1964, next orders will be November.

- J) UCW - Darlyne reported that Louise Hume has been received as a Life Member.
- K) Nominating - Miranda reported Joy would continue as Vice Chair, Alan would continue as Worship Chair. The following positions were Vacant - Board Chair, Treasurer and BA Convenor. The BA Committee has 3 members returning out of 6. Awaiting response from Secretary, Pastoral Care, Equity & Diversity and CE has no Convenor.

**Motion 7** - Moved by Connie, seconded by Barry to accept all Committee Reports.

## 9) Additions to Agenda

A) Elevator Update - Rev. Doug reported BA had issued a fundraising plea in the stewardship letters. Joy will lead the Campaign for the Elevator Fundraising. Eden is working on graphics to show the progress of the fund. Darlyne mentioned possible grants through United Church CDI and CROPO. Rev. Doug felt these were the same ones that had been looked at earlier and we didn't qualify for.

**Motion 8** - Darlyne moved, seconded by Alan to carry on the meeting. All in favor. Carried.

B) Pickerel Supper - Alan reported approximately 115/ 200 tickets have been sold. Workers are still needed.

C) Caretaker - discussed earlier with M & P

D) Rental Agreements RCCG - no discussion

E) Budget Numbers/ 2024 - discussed with Financial reports

F) Self- Assessment Request - discussed with Prairie to Pine report

G) Name-Tags

Motion 9: Alan moved, Connie seconded that magnetic name tags be offered for purchase to those who are interested at the cost of \$10.00. Carried.

Marlane Wilson will follow up.

H) Death & Taxes - Joy offered to do a Seminar as a fundraiser limited to 50 people raising \$20 per person. Joy recommended to hold in January/February.

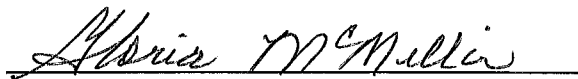
**Motion 10** - Darlyne moved, seconded by Alan to make a date with Joy to come and do a Seminar on Death & Taxes. Carried.

I) Kindred Works - tabled

Reminders to all - re Committee Budget Estimates due October 31.

Next Meeting will be November 14, 2023.

10) Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer - The Board recited the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



Chairperson Board, Gloria McMillan



Recording Secretary, Glenda Penner

