

Trinity United Church Congregational Meeting Minutes

December 17, 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: Linda Friesen, Al Friesen, Kathy Booth, Carol Winstone, Todd Kruk, Ken Winstone, Randolph Smyth, Debbie Smyth, Barry Hill, Gloria Hill, Donald Livesley, Gail Thickett, Ken Knight, Kathy Knight, Jen Atkison, Abby Atkison, Joanne McMillan, Pat Kempthorne, Ernie Kempthorne, Georgina Pidhorny, Marv Pidhorny, Irene Smith, Emma Atkison, Andy Depner, Michelle Depner, Lorraine Grill, Donalda Warren, Janice Seddon, Frances McKague, Sam Lennon, Myrna Lennon, Beryl Everingham, Donna Neufeld, Patricia King-Doctrove, Davis Placatka, Sheila McCausland, Lois Riley, Connie Haigh, Faye McLoughlin, Alan Silvius, Pat Bowslaugh, Barb Janzen, Gloria Dillabough, Helen Dyer, Faye Wilcox, Bea Allen, Helen Cochrane, Barrie Cochrane, Larry Sage, Hazel Sage, Shirley Kernaghan, Barb Roberds, Carol McManes, Alison Murray, Darlynn Smith, Winnie Black, June Pedlow, Murray Hagyard, Cheryl McClelland, Norie Rathwell, Kelly Reimer, Kay Gussie, Helen Mitchell, Ken Mitchell, Marlane Wilson, Reg Atkinson, Miranda Edwards, Rev. Doug Neufeld, Glenda Penner (Recording Secretary), Gloria McMillan (Chair)

- 1) Welcome - Gloria extended a Welcome to all in attendance at 11:50
- 2) Opening Prayer - Rev. Doug
- 3) **Motion 1:** Moved by Darlynn Smith, seconded by Marlane Wilson that all those present have voting privileges. Carried.
- 4) **Motion 2:** Moved by Ken Winstone, seconded by Donna Neufeld that the Agenda be adopted as presented.
- 5) Minutes of February 26, 2023 - Faye Wilcox noted under Present - Murray Hayward should be Murray Hagyard and on page 2 item 10 - Round Table - should read Faye "McLoughlin" not Wilcox.
Motion 3: Moved by Gloria Hill, seconded by Alan Silvius that the Minutes of February 26, 2023 be adopted as amended. Carried.

6) Governance Member approvals -

Miranda extended a thank you to the Board of 2023 for their work during a challenging year.

Board Nominations for 2024

Motion 4: Moved by Pat Bowslaugh, seconded by Helen Dyer to accept Gloria McMillan as Board Chair. Carried.

Motion 5: Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by Barb Janzen to accept Joy Bowman as Vice Chair. Carried.

Motion 6: Moved by Donna Neufeld, seconded by Darlyne Smith to accept Reg Atkinson as Treasurer. Carried.

Motion 7: Moved by Faye McLoughlin, seconded by Norie Rathwell to accept Glenda Penner as Secretary. Carried.

Motion 8: Moved by Barry Hill, seconded by Davis Placatka to accept Randolph Smyth as Business Administration Convenor. Carried.

Motion 9: Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by Donna Neufeld to accept Denise Weir as Equity and Diversity Convenor. Carried.

Motion 10: Moved by Kathy Knight, seconded by Sheila McCausland to accept Faye McLoughlin and Connie Haigh as Co Chairs of Outreach. Carried.

Motion 11: Moved by Pat Bowslaugh, seconded by Gail Thickett to accept Darlyne Smith as Pastoral Care Convenor. Carried.

Motion 12: Motion Barry Hill, seconded by Todd Kruk to accept Ken Winstone as Property Convenor. Carried.

Motion 13: Moved by Barb Janzen, seconded by Marlane Wilson to accept Miranda Edwards as Ministry and Personnel Convenor. Carried.

Motion 14: Motion Norie Rathwell, seconded by Davis Placatka to accept Alan Silvius as Worship Convenor. Carried.

Motion 15: Motion Irene Smith, seconded by Carol Winstone to accept Alison Murray and Darlyne Smith as Prairie to Pine Regional Representatives.

Miranda asked for a volunteer to let their name stand for the CE Committee Convenor. None presented. The floor was open for nominations. None received. Position remains open.

Lois Riley will continue as a member of the Christian Education committee.

Miranda noted additional members are needed on the BA Committee.

Motion 16: Moved by Marlane Wilson, seconded by Al Friesen to accept the Committee member roster. (See attached) Carried.

Gloria extended a Thank you to Barry Hill for his years as Chair with the BA committee as well as Todd Kruk for his work as Treasurer for the last 2 years.

7) Signing Officers -

Gloria presented that Darlynn Smith, Miranda Edwards and Reg Atkinson have signing authority for 2024.

Discussion was held that the Chairperson should have signing authority. Gloria clarified that she had removed herself as signing authority as she and Gloria Hill were Auditors.

Motion 17: Moved by Reg Atkinson, seconded by Pat Bowslaugh that the President, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer have signing authority.

Rev. Doug noted a point of order that "Chair" and "Past Chair" should replace "President" and "Past President".

Re-worded Motion 17 - that the Chair and Past Chair and Secretary and Treasurer have signing authority. (Reg Atkinson/Pat Bowslaugh)
Favor/Opposed too close so a recount was held asking people to stand.
Favor 24, Opposed 31. Motion Defeated.

Motion 18: Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by June Pedlow that we have 4 signing officers. Carried.

Gloria noted that Darlynn Smith as Pastoral Care Convenor, Miranda Edwards as Past Chair, and Reg Atkinson as Treasurer have the signing authority.

Motion 19: Moved by Barb Roberds, seconded by Pat Bowslaugh that Glenda Penner as Secretary have the fourth signing authority. Carried.

8) Draft Budget - Todd Kruk presented the Draft Budget for 2024. Discussion and review were held.

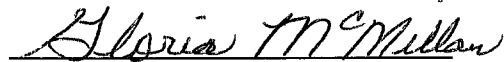
Motion 20: Moved by Todd Kruk, seconded by Al Friesen to approve the Budget of 2024. Carried.

9) Additional Business -

Faye McLoughlin asked whether she and Pat Bowslaugh should continue their personal monthly advertising of worship in the Brandon Sun. It was felt that Facebook and Social Media was a better use of funds.

Gloria noted that the Congregation needs everyones support to function and be successful. There is room for more helpers and everyone is welcome. We appreciate your support and look forward to good things in the coming year.

10) Rev. Doug closed the meeting with a Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:54



Chair, Gloria McMillan



Secretary, Glenda Penner