

Trinity United Church, Brandon

Minutes Annual General Meeting - Sunday , February 25th 2024

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: Rev Doug Neufeld, Gloria McMillan, Miranda Edwards, Winnie Black, Edie Mowat, Barry Hill, Gloria Hill, Bev McCabe, Lloyd McCabe, Ken Knight, Kathy Knight, Dallas Green, Pat Bowslaugh, Faye McLoughlin, Helen Hicks, Linda Friesen, Alison Murray, Denise Weir, Carol McManes, Linda Kitz, June Pedlow, Joanne McMillan, Frances McKague, Leslie Preston, Darlynn Smith, Gloria McMillan, Eileen McLarty, June Smith, Faye Wilcox, Lorraine Grill, Donald Warren, Adam McClelland, Hazel Sage, Larry Sage, Ruth Sawyer, Glen Sawyer, Murray Hagyard, Randolph Smyth, Debbie Smyth, Carol Winstone, Janice Seddon, Beryl Everingham, Bea Allen, Ann Evans, Kathy Booth, Donna Neufeld, Patricia King Doctrove, Cheryl McClelland, Joshua Mushashu, Heather Moore, Pheme Andrew, Don McClelland, Darlene Silvius, Alan Silvius, Connie Haigh, Lois Riley, Sheila McCausland, Mary Wardle, Myrna Lane

1. Gloria McMillan (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was called to order @ 11.17am.
2. Rev. Doug Neufeld gave the opening prayer.
3. **Motion # 1: Ken Knight moved that all those present have voting privileges. (Only full members of TUC can vote on this motion.) Donna Neufeld seconded the motion. CARRIED**
4. **Motion #2: Darlynn Smith moved that the Agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Winnie Black. CARRIED**
5. **Motion # 3: Faye Mc Loughlin that the minutes of the Congregational meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded by Pat Bowslaugh. CARRIED**

- 6. Motion #4: Reg Atkinson moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Alan Silvius.**

CARRIED

7. All other committee reports were open for further comments or questions.
The minister was commended on his work with the wider church as well as Trinity.
BA -nothing to add.
CE- Lois Riley was thanked for her leadership with this committee acting as a stand in convenor. A reminder was stressed that this committee continues to require a Convenor. The Senior Sunday School was congratulated for their work at Trinity.
E and D- Denise thanked her committee for their continued efforts .
M and P- It was noted that Trinity has a wonderful congregation led by truly gifted and great staff.
Outreach- It was observed that the energy from new ideas has brought our community together.
Pastoral Care- Accolades were expressed to Darlyne and the committee for their work with membership. Rev. Doug commented that Trinity lost 13 members in death which had a great impact on the Church. He also noted that receiving 13 new members and adherents has been encouraging moving forward.
Property- Nothing to add.
Worship- Kudos were given to amazing Alan-the man with many hats.
Prairie to Pine` - Nothing to add
UCW- Gloria added that many new members have joined.
It was noted that UCW have financially contributed to **General Funds supporting TUC to a successful financial year.**
Board of Trustees-Nothing to add.

Motion # 5: Francis Mc Kague moved that all other reports in the Trinity United Church Annual Report booklet be accepted as presented. Seconded by Donna Neufeld.

CARRIED

- 8. Motion # 6: Moved by Miranda Edwards to accept Bob Patterson as a Trustee for 2024. Seconded by Lois Riley.**

CARRIED

9. Auditors Report- Nothing to add. Darlyne Smith thanked Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill for their work.

**Motion # 7: Pat Bowslaugh moved that Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill will be Auditors for Trinity United Church, Brandon for 2024. Seconded by Alan Silvius.
CARRIED**

10. Round Table

i) The Draft document (Appendix A) of Shared Ministry Agreement between Trinity UC, Brandon and Forrest UC was distributed. Rev. Doug spoke to the report. He gave an overview of this pending agreement followed by questions from the congregation. Clarification was given on the wording collaboration. TUC was reassured that the two churches would continue to be individual pastoral charges functioning independently with their own governing bodies. In addition, a joint committee from both churches called the Joint Coordinating Team will be created. Rev. Doug's call remains as a one-point ministry. Concern was expressed regarding Rev. Doug's well being by taking on this agreement. Rev. Doug reassured the congregation that M and P had cleared this concern before moving forward with discussions. He stated that he has been at Trinity close to eight years and looks forward to this new dimension and the relationships that are possible.

ii) The Elevator is so close to being fully functional. Once the work is completed then it will have to be commissioned. A question was asked as to how the fundraising came to close. Once the final outstanding balance is received the remaining monies will be paid by transferring said monies from the Memorial fund to the General account to pay the final bill.

11. A closing prayer was given by Rev. Doug Neufeld.

12. The meeting was adjourned @ 12:10pm.

Chairperson - Gloria McMillan

Recording Secretary - Miranda Edwards

