

## *Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – January 9, 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:** Joy Bowman, Connie Haigh, Alan Silvius, Ken Winstone, Alison Murray, Darlynn Smith, Reg Atkinson, Faye McLoughlin, Randolph Smyth, Miranda Edwards, Gloria McMillan (Chairperson), Glenda Penner (Recording Secretary) Rev. Doug Neufeld arrived at 7:54

**Regrets:** Denise Weir

1) Meeting called to Order at 7:01 by Gloria. Members introduced themselves and a welcome was extended to the new members of the Board.

2) All members recited the Covenant of Leadership and Prayer.

3) Approval of Agenda -

**Motion 1:** Darlynn moved, seconded by Joy to approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

4) Approval of Minutes - December 12, 2023

**Motion 2:** Miranda moved, seconded by Alan to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2023. Carried.

5) Correspondence - Gloria reviewed a note from Lois Riley asking whether "Our Daily Bread" publication needed to be renewed. Gloria will check with Lois as to who uses it. It was noted that it is available on-line for no cost.

6) Finance Report - Reg (Report attached)

**Motion 3:** Reg moved, Ken seconded that the December financial reports be accepted as presented. Carried

7) Ministers Report - tabled until Rev. Doug's arrival.

8) Committee Updates:

a) Property - Ken (Report submitted)

Ongoing issues being addressed are the South basement wall, eave troughs on the South East Side of the church, Carpet for the Stairs - quote for carpet was \$1800, will obtain further quotes and check if possible safe alternatives to carpeting are possible.

8) Committee Update - continued

Property - continued

Cross Lighting and Freezer Plug - Rick Church to do work as soon as possible.

Furnace - 1 furnace has been repaired and is working. No bill to date.

b) Pastoral Care - Darlyne - report submitted.

**Motion 4:** Moved by Darlyne, seconded by Ken to accept January report as submitted. Carried.

c) CE - Miranda

**Motion 5:** Miranda moved, Darlyne seconded that Nikki Jones be added as a member of the CE committee. Carried.

d) BA - Report submitted by Barry Hill. Randolph had nothing to add.

**Motion 6:** Moved by Joy, seconded by Connie to accept all Committee Reports. Carried.

9) Additions to Agenda:

a) Elevator Update - Gloria reported it was to be shipped today and expecting 7 -10 days for arrival.

b) Forrest United Church Update - tabled until Rev. Doug arrives.

c) Rev. Doug's Sabbatical 2024 - June - August, 2024 Concern that we not rely totally on congregants to cover the leave. Pulpit supply budget is \$1976. Suggestion to combine some services with Knox. Preference to have an in town minister cover to avoid mileage charges.

**Motion 7:** Moved by Darlyne, seconded by Joy to hire a Technology Manager at the cost of \$1200 for the three months of Rev. Doug's Sabbatical. Carried.

(Rev. Doug arrived)

Return to item 7) Ministers Report - Report submitted by Rev. Doug.

Return to item 9) Additions to Agenda

d) Date for Annual General Meeting - set for **February 25, 2024**.  
Notice will go out to the congregation Feb. 11.

9) Additions to Agenda - continued

- e) Committee reports to be submitted to Eden by January 31, 2024 for the Annual Report.

Return to 9) b) Forrest United Church update - Rev. Doug reported that representatives from both churches will continue to meet to work out terms for a possible collaborative ministry with Forrest United Church.

f) Rental Policy - B2 & B3

**Motion 8:** Moved by Miranda, seconded by Alan that the following changes be made to Policy B2

i) **General Rentals -**

Remove Use of Dishes & Dishwasher: \$50.00

Change to - Use of Dishwasher : \$60.00

Rationale - to have two (2) dishwasher operators at the cost of \$30 each to be consistent with the Audio-visual honorarium for weddings.

ii) **Weddings -** Honorariums: Minister \$250.00, Pianist \$125.00, and Audio-visual \$30.00/person

Remove - (or \$50.00 if two visits are required).

Change to - (or \$60.00 if two visits are required.)

iii) **Funerals -** Funeral Lunches: .....UCW menu is:

Remove - 3 breads; cinnamon, raisin, and fruit plus .....

Change to UCW menu is a selection of breads, plus pickles, and a dainties platter (Gluten free options are included in the dainties platter).

If food is served and the UCW is not providing it, normal hall rental rates will apply.

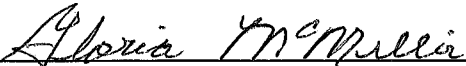
*Motion 8 changes approved. Carried.*

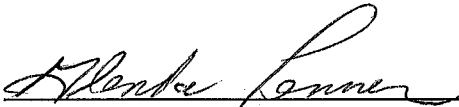
Review Policy B3 add to # 2 No smoking or vaping.....

**ACTION:** Gloria requested that all members review all the policies prior to the next meeting and make recommendations for changes.

- 9) Additions to Agenda - continued
  - g) Kindred Works - Tabled to February meeting
  - h) EcoFitt - Tabled to February meeting.

10 ) Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer - The Board recited and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58.

  
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Chairperson - Gloria McMillan

  
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Recording Secretary - Glenda Penner