

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – February 13, 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, Alan Silvius, Denise Weir, Ken Winstone, Darlyne Smith, Faye McLoughlin, Randolph Smyth, Miranda Edwards, Gloria McMillan (Chairperson), Glenda Penner (Recording Secretary) Rev. Doug Neufeld

Regrets: Alison Murray, Reg Atkinson

1) Meeting called to Order at 7:17 by Gloria.

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

3) Approval of Agenda -

Motion 1: Alan moved, seconded by Miranda to approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

4) Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2024 - Gloria noted that the word “cheese” had been omitted from Item 9) f) iii) Funerals - UCW menu is a selection of breads, plus **cheese**, pickles, and a dainties platter

Motion 2: Joy moved, Alan seconded that the minutes be adopted as corrected. Carried.

5) Correspondence - Outreach Letter (submitted) Board gave approval.

6) Treasurer Report - Report submitted.

Motion 3: Darlyne moved, Randolph seconded to accept the Financial Report as submitted. Carried.

7) Minister’s Report - Rev. Doug. (report submitted)

Motion 4: Joy moved, Denise seconded that Rev. Doug be given approval to utilize his Con-Ed budget toward his travel costs for his pilgrimage during his Sabbatical. Carried.

8) Committee Reports:

a) CE - report submitted by Lois Riley. Gloria noted they are in the process of looking for a new curriculum for Sunday School and discussions will continue regarding Confirmation Classes.

- b) E & D - report submitted. It was noted that Trinity is too small to host PIE Day due to the high numbers of people attending.
- c) Property - Ken reported
Carpet for stairs: for stairs to the basement and landing. Ken had received quotes for both carpeting and a non slip surface.

Motion 5: Miranda moved, Alan seconded that we go with Home Hardware quote for a 26 oz carpet installed at \$1800. Carried.

Eaves - Ken has received a quote from DT Roofing for eavestrough replacement on the Southeast side of church at the cost of \$2250 They suggested a need for a snow guard. He is awaiting quotes from Able and Rainbow.

Furnace - Ken noted that First Call along with MB Hydro will be coming to check the furnace.

Basement Wall South Side - seeping issues continue. Work is ongoing.

Motion 6: Miranda moved, Alan seconded that the Board regretfully accept the resignation of Ken Winstone as the Property Committee Convenor effective immediately. Carried.

The Property Committee consists of Barry Hill, Keith Privat and Rick Church. Congregation will be informed that a Convenor is needed for the committee.

- d) Worship - report submitted. Alan noted there will be Communion on Feb. 18, first Sunday of Lent.

9) Additions to Agenda:

- A) Elevator Update - The elevator arrived on February 6 and work to install the elevator began February 7 and is progressing well. Once installation is completed an Inspection will need to take place prior to any usage.
- B) Forrest United Church - Work is ongoing. A meeting will be held on Saturday to work out more details.
- C) Rev. Doug's Sabbatical 2024/ Technology Manager Position - discussions have been held with Davis Placatka who has agreed to the position. M & P will finalize a Position Description and agreement. Board gave approval to continue.

D) Annual General Meeting - Reports & Review

Annual Reports were reviewed by the Board and some editing was done to the reports prior to finalizing for release.

E) National Centennial Celebration - United Church 100th June 2025

Denise asked that members consider items such as banners, merchandise, items available digitally for use, etc. that they would like to see and use to celebrate the 100th. Next meeting is in April. Board members to consider and bring ideas for further discussion at the March Board meeting.

F) Policy Review - Trinity United Church Policy Book 2024 was reviewed and revisions and edits were made.

Policy E-1 Purchasing/Tendering - Some major revisions to the dollar amounts were made.

Motion 7: Moved by Joy, seconded by Denise that Policy E-1 re Purchasing/Tendering dollar value for purchases handled by the Committee be changed from current "up to \$200", be revised to be "up to \$500". Carried.

Motion 8: Moved by Joy and seconded by Denise that the dollar values for the remainder of the Policy E-1 be revised as follows:

i) Value \$201 - \$500 be changed to \$501 - \$2000 Committee to obtain 2 or more quotes.....

ii) Value \$501 - \$2000 be changed to \$2001 - \$10,000 Committee to request at least 3 quotes

iii) Value over \$2000 be changed to value over \$10,000

Motion Carried. Changes will be made to the current Policy.

G) Kindred Works - tabled.

H) EcoFitt - Efficiency Manitoba Lighting upgrade information reviewed by Board. Rev. Doug noted that EcoFitt works with a local subcontractor who will complete the installations and upgrades once the project is approved. Trinity will pay 30% of the costs of the upgrades estimated at \$2520.70

Motion 9: moved by Darlynnne, seconded by Denise that we proceed with the EcoFitt Lighting upgrade. Carried.

10) Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer - Recited by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.


Chairperson - Gloria McMillan


Recording Secretary - Glenda Penner