

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes – September 9, 2025

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: Miranda Edwards, Pat Bowslaugh, Denise Weir, Darlynn Smith, Faye McLoughlin, Alan Silvius, Mary Wardle, Randolph Smyth, Donna Neufeld, Rev. Doug Neufeld, Gloria McMillan (Chairperson), Glenda Penner (Recording Secretary)

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

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

3) Approval of Agenda

MOTION 1: Moved by Alan, seconded by Donna to adopt the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

4) Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2025 -

MOTION 2: Moved by Alan, seconded by Mary to accept the Minutes as circulated. Carried.

5) Correspondence - None

6) Financial Report - Reports on OneDrive.

MOTION 3: Moved by Mary, seconded by Randolph to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.

7) Ministers Report - Rev. Doug, on OneDrive.

8) Committee Reports -

The following Committees submitted reports in advance for review on the OneDrive; E & D, M & P, Outreach, Property, Worship, UCW, P to P . Nothing to Report from BA as per Randolph. CE - no report.

Outreach - Faye requested that Choir Gowns be moved out of the cupboard so that Christmas Cheer items can be stored.

Miranda will discuss further with Choir and report back to Outreach.

Worship - will decorate for the fall prior to the UCW event on September 27.

UCW - Faye reported 96 chairs have been sold plus 3 promises to purchase. Looking at ordering 128 chairs (come in boxes of 4).

Total Cash received is \$9882. Cost with taxes and shipping is \$10 440.29.

MOTION 4: Moved by Faye, seconded by Pat that the Board pay the outstanding balance of up to \$558.29 in order to finish purchasing chairs. Carried.

Discussion regarding removing the old chair trolley as it was thought it wouldn't be needed nor work with new chairs. Decision to hold off removing and determine at a later date.

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Pastoral Care - report received at the meeting.

MOTION 5: Moved by Darlyne, seconded by Alan to accept the P.Care report as circulated. Carried.

P to P - report on OneDrive GC45

MOTION 6: Moved by Donna, seconded by Faye to accept Committee Reports. Carried.

9) Additions to the Agenda

A) Ratify email Motion re tankless water heaters of August 13, 2025

MOTION 7: by Mary, seconded by Pat to accept the bid from Brandon Heating and Plumbing of \$15, 171.74 for two new tankless water heaters complete with all piping, venting, installation and labor, as well as the removal of the old tankless water heaters, the domestic water heater, and the addition of a tempering valve so the system can serve the whole building. Carried.

B) E & D Joint Affirming event Funding - report and request on OneDrive.
Request for funding of \$3000 from each of Trinity and Knox and \$1000 from Forrest for an upcoming Joint Affirming event being hosted at Knox in May, 2026. The funding is being requested in order to secure the booking of two high profile speakers. The committee is planning to secure funds from other available sources. Next committee planning meeting is September 17.

MOTION 8: Moved by Denise, seconded by Alan that \$3000 from the CE fund be used to pay for the LGBTQ Joint event with Knox and Forrest planned for May 26, 2026
7 Favour, 2 Against, 1 Abstain. Carried.
Funds to be taken from the CE Fund Account Number 1037.

C) GIC Investment Renewal -

MOTION 9: Moved by Miranda, seconded by Darlyne to reinvest \$20, 000 of the GIC maturing September 24, 2025 for 90 days at an anticipated rate of 2.8 per cent and hold \$30,000 for upcoming bills. Carried.

D) Property Issues - see report on OneDrive.

Johnny has been asked to clear the Furnace Room to make room for installation of Tankless water system.

The freezer is to be removed from the building with the plan to sell it and thought of purchasing an upright freezer for placement in the kitchen.

The floor polisher used in the kitchen and washrooms is not working. Ongoing concern whether it is repairable vs purchasing a new vs cost to have floors professionally polished a few times a year.

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F) Personnel matter - Letter from Rev. Doug received stating he has accepted a call to another church effective Dec. 31,2025.

Discussion regarding Communication to Congregation. Decision to announce following Sunday service (5 favour) vs email circulation (3 favour) (2 abstained).

A committee will be formed to commence the progress of Searching for a minister. Gloria mentioned Miranda from M & P, Alan from Worship and Glenda will sit on committee and other members will be approached to join. Meetings will be held with representatives from Forrest. Contact will be made with Prairie to Pine to start the process.

Reminder to Board members to let Miranda know their intentions asap for next year's Board.

10) Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer -all

Next meeting October 14, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Additional Note - Denise and Faye will be away for the October meeting.


Chairperson - Gloria McMillan


Recording Secretary - Glenda Penner