

Trinity United Church Brandon

Congregational Meeting Minutes – November 23 , 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:

Kay Gussie, Linda Gilchrist, Lloyd Gilchrist, Kathy Booth, Miranda Edwards, Barrie Cochrane, Helen Cochrane, Marlane Wilson, Faye Wilcox, June Pedlow, Joanne McMillan, Marvin Pidhorny, Georgina Pidhorny, Irene Thompson, Marshall Teetaert, Hazel Sage, Larry Sage, Carol McManes, Marion Speers, Gloria Hill, Barry Hill, Pat Kempthorne, Ernie Kempthorne, Heather Moore, Myrna Lennon, Sam Lennon, Naomi Mahoney, Donald Livesley, Gail Thickett, Mary Wardle, Donna Neufeld, Reg Atkinson, Vivian Privat, Pat Bowslaugh, Margaret Cullen, Lorraine Grill, Eileen McLarty, Donald Warren, Linda Friesen, Al Friesen , Randolph Smyth, Debbie Smyth, Lois Riley, Darlene Silvius, Alan Silvius, Dallas Green, Denise Weir, Winnie Black, Barb Roberds, Frances McKague, Bea Allen, Janice Seddon, Helen Dyer, Brent Munroe, Helen Hicks, Davis Placatka, Zara Clark-Jones, Nicki Jones, Darlynn Smith, Glenda Penner, Gloria McMillan, Rev. Doug Neufeld.

- 1) Welcome by Gloria McMillan at 11:08
- 2) Opening Prayer by Rev. Doug Neufeld.
- 3) **MOTION 1:** Moved by Marlane Wilson, seconded by Darlynn Smith that all present have voting privileges. Carried.
- 4) **MOTION 2:** Moved by Donna Neufeld, seconded by Irene Thompson to adopt the Agenda as presented. Carried.
- 5) **MOTION 3:** Moved by Donald Livesley, seconded by Faye Wilcox to approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 23, 2025 as circulated. Carried.
- 6) Miranda Edwards of the Nominating Committee presented the Nomination Roster for 2026. The following additions were made
 - i) Trustees - Reg Atkinson to be added as missed (approved in Feb/2025)
 - ii) Prairie to Pine Rep - Faye Wilcox to be added.
 - iii) M & P - Brenda Empey to be added.
 - iv) Darlynn Smith noted that Ruth McGregor to be added to Pastoral Care.

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v) Randolph Smyth noted that Helen Hicks has stepped away from the BA Committee. No replacement required unless someone is interested in joining. No names came forward.

All names were read by Miranda Edwards for the Board and Committees for 2026.

MOTION 4: Moved by Gloria Hill, seconded by Donald Livesley to accept the Nominations as circulated and amended. Carried.

Gloria extended a thank you to Miranda for her dedicated work in filling the roster.

8) Approval of Signing Officers - Gloria presented the following names with signing authority. **Glenda Penner, Miranda Edwards, Darlyne Smith, Mary Wardle.**

MOTION 5: Moved by Hilary Baker, seconded by Gail Thickett to approve the four names as presented as signing officers for 2026. Carried.

9) Draft Budget - presented by Reg Atkinson. Draft Budget had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the Minister Salary and the Pulpit Supply were budgeted as if we had a fulltime minister however it is anticipated that we will not have a fulltime minister before the end of June, 2026. Gloria highlighted the search process and referenced a flow chart that was on display. It was noted that Forrest will not be responsible for Minister Salary until such time as a fulltime minister is hired. Pulpit supply costs will be the responsibility of each congregation in the interim. Costs for pulpit supply will come from the Minister Salary line. It is anticipated there will be a reduction in the anticipated deficit of (-\$37,330) due to the savings in the minister's salary costs.

The anticipated deficit for 2025 is due to major property repairs that were necessary.

MOTION 6: Moved by Barry Cochrane, seconded by Reg Atkinson to approve the Draft Budget as circulated. Carried.

10) Additional Business -

Pat Bowslaugh presented the idea of having a session with Joy Bowman re "You and Your Executor" as a possible fundraiser. Some in attendance showed interest.

Gloria extended a thank you for the support of the many hands, whether ushering, fellowship, committees is very much appreciated. She noted the Board is open to feedback.

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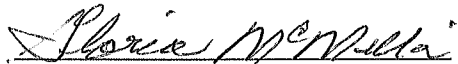
Applause of thanks was extended to Gloria for her dedication to the Board over the years.


A note of thanks was extended by Gloria to Rev. Doug and Donna for their support and knowledge and openness and commitment to Trinity over the years.

Doug extended his thanks.

11) Closing Prayer by Rev. Doug Neufeld.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm


Chairperson - Gloria McMillan


Recording Secretary - Glenda Penner

