Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes March 14, 2017

**Mission: To Grow In Faith, Fellowship and Service in Christ Jesus**

**Present:** Miranda Edwards (Chair), Barb Jones (Secretary), Rev. Doug Neufeld, Ken Knight (Treasurer), Louise Hume, Ralph Heard, Darlynne Smith, Keith Privat, Larry Sage, Gloria McMillan, Lois Riley, Alan Silvius, Shirley McDonald

**Regrets:** Linda Friesen, Shirley Kernaghan

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Miranda welcomed all those present.

**Covenant of Leadership:**

**Agenda: Motion:** Alan Silvius/Louise Hume That the agenda be approved with the following addition: Fundraising. Carried

**Motion:**  Ken Knight/Darlynne Smith That the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried

**Correspondence:** The 2016 statistics for Trinity United were submitted to the Head Office of the United Church of Canada.

**Treasurer’s Report:** as circulated

**Motion:** Ken Knight/Gloria McMillan That the Treasurer’s report be accepted as circulated. Carried

**Motion:** Ken Knight/Louise Hume That the special Easter offering be designated for support of Brandon charitable organizations as selected by the Outreach Committee. Carried

**Minister’s Report:** Advent Bible study started and attendance was good. The suggestion box was installed today. We should consider being more intentional about communicating what committees are doing and not just rely on people looking at the binders.

**Committee Report Updates:**

**Outreach:** See report as circulated. The May date for the Expression coffee house may already have been spoken for therefore Outreach may look at hosting one in the fall. Interest was expressed by members of the board.

**M & P:** See report as circulated. No applications have been received for the Music Director position yet. Considering looking at the Music Director being a nine-month position. The committee plans to develop a policy for hiring practices.

**Property:** See report as circulated. Fire inspector was in today. There may be a few issues that need to be remediated. More information to come.

**Worship:** See report as circulated. Scheduled meeting was canceled due to weather. Next meeting will take place on March 20.

**Pastoral Care:** See report as circulated.

**Trustees:** Nest meeting will be in May

**C.E. Report:** Next meeting will be March 28. Donna Neufeld has joined the committee.

**B.A.** Meeting last week. There was a discussion of collection practices. No one on the committee wants to look after Stewardship. The committee would like a sub-committee to look after Stewardship.

**Visioning Project**: Report from Facilitators was circulated. April 25 second Visioning event. 6:00-8:30 Coffee and dainties.

**Ad Hoc Committee:** A review of the February 22, 2015 Congregation Meeting Minutes reveals that this group was never officially created as an Ad Hoc committee under the board. The interested group of people was tasked with gathering research regarding different governance models to be shared with the board and has been referred to as an Ad Hoc Committee since this time. In the recent visioning survey, governance did not come up as a priority. The board is following the visioning priorities that were taken from the congregation.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Pictorial Directory**: Gathering candid photos. Roster needs a few more edits. Should be submitted by the end of April.

**Communication improvement:** Miranda will sit down with Nikki to discuss the communication procedures and practices that have been recently implemented.

**Additions to Agenda:**

**Fundraising:** UCW has set all their events. No response to the request for people to participate on the Fundraising Co-Ordination Task Group. Property committee will plan to have a pancake lunch on April 23.

**Covenant of Leadership**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 11, 2017