Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes February 6, 2018

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

**Present:** Miranda Edwards (Chair), Barb Jones (Secretary), Rev. Doug Neufeld, Lenny Lamirande (Treasurer), Louise Hume, Darlynne Smith, Larry Sage, Gloria McMillan, Alan Silvius, Alison Murray

**Guests:** Ken Knight

**Regrets:** Keith Privat, Linda Friesen, Shirley Kernaghan, Lois Riley

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

**Covenant of Leadership:**

**Agenda: Motion:** Louise Hume/Darlynne Smith That the agenda be approved with the following additions: College Sunday Carried

**Motion:**  Louise Hume/Lenny Lamirande That the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried

**Updates from business arising from January meeting:**

Miranda and Louise met with Wade Lombard from Brockie Donovan and has paid the church $500 (half of the amount owing) as both parties shared responsibility for the oversight in billing/making payment. Nikki has been directed to provide invoices and keep funeral homes apprised of our current fees.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Central United Church written January 23, 2018 – Sent to several churches. Asking for a gathering of churches to meet on March 8, 2018 at 6:30 to “dialogue together for the purpose of discovering what we can do together to be more effective in ministry.” A group from Trinity will attend.

**Minister’s Reflections:** Saturday,May 12, 2018 there will be an Iridesce workshop at Knox. We have been invited to attend. This would help move forward on the Affirming Ministry journey. The Knox committee has also offered their willingness to meet with a group from Trinity to discuss how they became an Affirming Church.

Messy Church date, February 23 lands during Doug’s study week. We need someone to take over the leadership for February. Food is looked after as is music. All the information is in the package.

UCW will take the May 27 service while Doug is at conference.

**Financial Report:** as circulated and presented by Ken Knight. We have ended up with a balanced budget for 2017. We reached our M & S goal for the year. The number of donors to our church continues to decline. One third of donors fall in the $101-$500 range. Another third fall in the $1001-3000 range but primarily in the $1000-2000 range of this category. Our income is fairly stable right now with PAR donations however, if donor numbers continue to decline the financial stability of the church will become an issue. The books have been audited and approved.

**Alexander Agreement –** An agreement has been reached but needs to be signed.

**Membership request:** A request was made for a membership be transferred to Trinity from Central. Darlynne discovered that the membership had been deactivated. **Motion:** Darlynne Smith/Gloria McMillan Pending his Affirmation of Faith that Jim Bund be accepted for membership at Trinity United Church. Carried

**M & P – Employee exemption request:** Pianist replacement is requesting exemption from having to get the criminal record check and child abuse registry check for her three-month term employment. **Motion:** Darlynne Smith/Barb Jones That the criminal record check and child abuse registry check be completed and Trinity will reimburse the costs of these checks. Defeated

**Motion**: Larry Sage/Darlynne Smith – That there be an exemption of Holly not having to get the criminal record and child abuse registry checks done. Defeated

Holly will be requested to get both checks done at her own expense as per Trinity policy,

**M & P – Employee elimination of additional duty -**Jim would like to be relieved of the duty of running video and sound at funerals. **Motion:** Gloria McMillan/Louise Hume On behalf of the M & P Committee, I move that Jim be relieved of the responsibility of managing sound and video at funerals and weddings and that he continue to receive the $50.00 honorarium for his caretaker services. Carried

Information is being requested from Knox and Central regarding rental policies. A small committee will get together to revise the rental policy and will present their findigs in April.

**College Sunday** – Lorne Calvert will be speaking on February 25 for College Sunday. He will be leading the service and therefore save us the cost of pulpit supply.

**Motion:** Alan Silvius/Darlynne Smith That in lieu of the cost of pulpit supply fees that $250 be donated to St. Andrew’s College for the Feb 25, 2018 service. Carried

**Reflection:** Poem read by Miranda Edwards

**Covenant of Leadership**

**Adjournment:** At 9:00p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 13, 2018