Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes March 13, 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, Keith Privat, Linda Friesen, Larry Sage, Gloria McMillan, Shirley Kernaghan, Lois Riley

**Regrets:** Alan Silvius

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Miranda welcomed all those present. Thanks to the Property committee for holding the Pancake Brunch prior to the AGM. It went well.

**Covenant of Leadership:**

**Motion: Louise Hume**/Keith PrivatThat the agenda be approved as submitted. Carried

**Motion:**  Gloria McMillan/Darlynne Smith That the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried

**Correspondence:**

Great Plains singing Group. Info presented as a fundraising idea. Darlynne will investigate this and report back.

Trinity’s annual statistics were submitted to the United Church of Canada.

**Treasurer’s Report:** January and February’s Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss sheets were circulated.

Discussion regarding when cheques are issued and the need to get them signed in a timely manner. Discussion about all those with signing authority having a key to the office. Discussion regarding the possibility of having one day a week with later office hours.

**Motion:** Lenny Lamirande/Louise Hume That the Treasurer’s report be accepted as circulated. Carried

**Minister’s reflections:** Report as circulated. Elected to Represent Presbytery at General Council followed directly by vacation therefore will be away for 6 Sunday’s in the summer. The church laptop for Worship/Bible study is no longer viable to run video.

**Motion:** Barb Jones/Lois Riley That a budget of up to $1000 be approved for the purchase of a new laptop and the money be taken from the Memorial Fund. Carried

**United Churches Conversation at Central:** 12 members from Trinity attended the meeting. Minutes of the meeting were circulated. Invitation for all those who attended from Trinity to meet with the board in April to share their thoughts. Strong push from Central to look at amalgamation. Discussion about sharing more services and looking at how committees could work together.

**Affirming Ministry:** Need to form a committee to help drive this initiative. Let Doug know if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

**Committee Reports:**

**C.E. Report:** Sunday school is running smoothly. The study of the Book of Ruth has completed. Book of Esther will be next following the Advent Bible study. Observer subscriptions are well under way. Take Back the Street which is meant to help those with addictions by providing more beds for detox was discussed.

**B.A.** as circulated. Marv Pidhorny may be joining as a new committee member in May.

**M & P:** as circulated. Holly has received her Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry checks back. Implementing the acquisition of sick days has been done for previous Administrative Assistants and the M & P committee is recommending to the Board to allot one sick day a month up to 12 days for the position after one year of service. **Motion:** Gloria McMillan/Darlynne Smith To approve the recommendations re sick leave. Carried

**Worship:** as circulated

**Pastoral Care:** as circulated **Motion**: Darlynne Smith/Linda Friesen. To accept the report as circulated. Carried

**Outreach:** as circulated **Motion:** Linda Friesen/Louise Hume That the Easter offering be designated to the YWCA. Carried

**Presbytery:** Remit 6 was defeated. Re-finalized the region boundaries. Our Region will be the same as our current conference.

**Property:** The doors were not locked up after Sunday service last week. Reminder to lock the doors if you are the last one leaving and to turn off lights and check taps in washrooms. Consider a doorbell for the church door so the door can be kept locked when people are meeting where those entering the building can not be observed. Needed to get the lot plowed after the storm as the snow was too heavy for our little tractor. Plan for rental rates to be reviewed.

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**Adjournment:** 9:01 p.m. **NEXT MEETING:** April 10, 2018