Trinity United Church Annual General Congregational Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order by Miranda Edwards at 11:39 am. Miranda welcomed all those present.

**Opening Prayer:** led by Rev. Doug Neufeld

**Motion:** Alan Silvius/Gail Thicket That all those present have voting privileges. Carried

**Motion:** June Pedlow/Darlynne Smith That the agenda be adopted with the following additions: Trustee appointment; Sanctuary carpet Carried

**Motion:**  Louise Hume/Carolyn Heard That the minutes of the February 25, 2018 congregational meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

**Equity and Diversity Committee:** Al Friesen presented information on what it means to become an Affirming Ministry. There are over 130 Affirming Ministries in Canada and another 80 that are in the process. The United Church started this process in the year 2000. 19 MB congregations have Affirming Ministry status. Becoming affirming is more explicit that just being welcoming. It implies that we include all those who are often excluded, and it makes the declaration public and clear to all. Al presented information on the purpose and role of the proposed Equity and Diversity Committee. It will act as the steering committee to provide guidance in exploring becoming an Affirming Ministry. The committee will provide educational opportunities for the congregation and allow opportunities for people to reflect on what it means to become an Affirming Ministry.

**Motion:** Linda Friesen/Gloria McMillan That the congregation approve the Trinity Board’s recommendation that Trinity United Church form an Equity and Diversity Committee as part of the Official Board. The role of the committee will be to provide guidance in exploring becoming an Affirming Ministry. Al Friesen has agreed to chair the committee. 56 agree, 7 against and 4 abstained Carried

June Pedlow and Shirley Kernaghan distributed, gathered and counted the ballots along with Rec Doug Neufeld.

Motion: Lois Riley/Alan Silvius That the ballots are destroyed. Carried

**Church Updates:**

The board binder is in the narthex and is available for all to see. Email and the church website are used to distribute information. Advised that the binder has not been updated. Barb Jones to follow up on this.

Thanks to the person who has been paying for the adds in the Brandon Sun.

Plans to purchase two new microphones so that we can video tape our services and extend our ministry outside our four walls are underway.

**2019 Budget:** Lenny Lamirande expressed his thanks to Ken Knight for guidance in moving through the budget process, presented the proposed budget for 2019 and responded to questions.

**Motion:** Lenny Lamirande/Pat Bowslaugh That the 2019 Budget Proposal be approved as printed. Carried

**Serving our Church in 2019**

M&P – full committee currently

Property – Keith Privat has resigned as a convenor. May be looking for a new member and will need a new convenor

Outreach – Looking for more members

Worship – Always looking for suggestions for worship services. Welcome new members

CE – Welcome new members

Pastoral Care – full committee currently

B.A. – full committee currently, would welcome a convenor

Equity and Diversity – Welcome new members

**Additions to the Agenda:**

**Sanctuary Carpet:** Opportunity from Home Hardware to have carpet installed in our sanctuary at 1/3 of the price. Initial payment required is only for the installation. Total cost is $8288.75. UCW have committed $3000 towards this. At the last board meeting, approval was given to move forward with fundraising for this project. Opportunity will be provided for people to purchase a square of carpet for $25 per square. Ask that all donations be dated for January 1, 2019.

**Trustee appointment:** Recommending that Elaine Nairne be appointed as a trustee due to the resignation of Lois Riley from the board of trustees.

**Motion:** Ken Knight/Ruth Bilowus Move the Elaine Nairne be appointed to the Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2019. Carried

**Annual General Meeting:** Sunday February 24, 2019

Miranda thanked everyone for coming today.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm