Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes May 21st, 2019

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

**Present:** Miranda Edwards(Chair), Rev. Doug Neufeld, Jason Splett, Louise Hume, Darlynne Smith, Linda Friesen, Al Friesen, Alison Murray, Lois Riley, Larry Sage, Murray McMillan and Shirley Kernaghan(Secretary).

**Regrets:** Alan Silvius, Keith Privat

1. Miranda called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed all those present. Miranda thanked everyone for the work they did on the Organizational Structure.

Miranda thanked Gloria McMillan and presented her with a Gift Card of $100.00 for all the hours she worked to get the church Financial Records up to date. Murray was thanked as well for looking after the grand children while Gloria worked on the Financial Report.

1. The meeting was opened by reciting the Covenant of Leadership.
2. **Motion 1.**  That the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Louise Hume

Seconded: Jason Splett

CARRIED

1. **Motion 2.**  That the minutes of April 9th be approved as presented.

Moved: Darlynne Smith

Seconded: Lois Riley

CARRIED

1. **Correspondence :** There was no correspondence.
2. **Finance Report:**

2019 Financial Reports are good. Gloria reported that some funds were moved to the Memorial Fund. One funeral receipt was recorded twice. Trinity United Church is now $4000.00 in the black. This is great news. The new renters The Redeemed Christian Church of God under the direction of Pastor Shay, the Concert that brought in $430.00 and the pickerel supper helped us tremendously. The pickerel supper was a sell out and the food was well received by all in attendance.

**Motion #4:** That the financial report be accepted as presented.

Moved: Louise Hume

Seconded: Larry Sage

CARRIED

1. **Minister’s Report:** Rev. Doug reported that the Easter Communion Care Home services went very well. Recording of services have gone very well. Announcements will be done before the service starts each Sunday-approximately at 9:50. Pulpit Coverage while Doug is away is almost filled with only 2 spots left. Messy Church will resume in September and Bible Study will resume in the fall. Rev. Doug is looking forward to Synod School in July. Inaugural Regional meeting in Brandon will impact Rev. Doug’s schedule but remove the need to travel.
2. **Registration Prairie To Pine AGM-**

The board discussed the registration for Darlynne Smith and Alison Murray, our representatives to Prairie and Pine.

**Motion #5:** That the email vote be ratified re registration fees of $175 each be paid by Trinity United Church for Darlynne Smith and Alison Murray to be Trinity’s representatives to the Prairie to Pine Meetings.

Moved: Linda Friesen

Seconded: Lois Riley

CARRIED

(Darlynne and Alison abstained from voting.)

Alison and Darlynne thanked the Board for allowing them to be representatives for Trinity United Church at the Region 5 Prairie to Pine meetings.

1. Treasurer information-Reg. Atkinson is willing to become the Treasurer of Trinity United Church. He is presently treasurer of the Kiwanis Club and has a lot of financial knowledge especially in Quick Books.

**Motion #6:** That Reg. Atkinson be accepted as Treasurer of Trinity United Church.

Moved: Darlynne Smith

Seconded: Linda Friesen

CARRIED

Gloria McMillan agreed to spend time with Nikki Gislason and Reg. Atkinson. They must pay attention to detail and in a certain order to have accurate information. Reg. will also be a member of the Business Administration Committee.

Alan Silvius sent a message to Miranda that the open offering on June 1 will go to Samaritan House.

**Motion #7:** That the open offering from June 1 be sent to Samaritan House.

Moved by Jason Splett

Seconded by Linda Friesen

CARRIED

1. **Committee Work**

Alan Silvius is looking for help for the outdoor service that will be held on Sunday June 30th.

Announcements will be heard starting at 9:50 each Sunday. This will help keep the service shorter. Some direction is needed in deciding what should be on the Power Point for announcements.

**Trustees**

Land Titles are in charge of Trustees. We need to make sure that we maintain active trustees at all times. Trustees are not named on the titles but do need to be active.

**Equity and Diversity and Reconciliation Committee**-Al Friesen

This committee is planning a Blanket Exercise for Fall. Al will check with the Blanket Exercise Group to find out what the cost is to have them do this exercise for Trinity. He will have this information for our June meeting. We need to have 25 people to do this exercise and hopefully we will have more. The Sharing Circle is part of the Blanket Exercise and it is very effective. The group will do a smudge as well and Al will check to see if we need to by the tobacco or will the elders provide it. Weather permitting, we will consider to carry out the smudge outside.

**Property Committee**-Murray McMillan reported that there is $3779.21 owing to Home Hardware for the remainder of the carpet. The money has been raised and there is only $600.00 left to collect. There was no interest charged by Home Hardware.

**Motion # 8:** That the rest of the money be paid to Home Hardware for the carpet.

Moved by Gloria McMillan

Seconded by Louise Hume

CARRIED

Murray asked if we could have a Pancake Breakfast on June 2. Everyone was in favour of this happening.

**UCW/Pastoral Care:** Laura Cliffe will celebrate her 100 Birthday with the UCW.

1. **Organizational Structure:**

This work is ongoing. Miranda and Louise will review the Organizational Structure. We will discuss changes to the structure at our next meeting. It is hoped that the complete document is ready for Board discussion by September to be ready for our Congregational meeting in November.

Committees: Do we want a set number of people for each committee or go with the wording “a minimum of”? We need a healthy balance. We need to do more work on the changes we want to have in the Organizational Structure. We have to be cautious but we need to be consistent. We must give more autonomy to the structure but some flexibility.

**Pastoral Relations Committee**-to have 6 people on this group was suggested.

**Property Committee**- Keith and Murray have met. Rev. Doug has been the liaison between Trinity United Church and Pastor Shay.

**If you have not submitted the Organizational Structure changes for your committee to Miranda, please do so by July 1st. Time is needed for a careful review so we are prepared to discuss the changes at our meeting in September.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

It will be announced on May 27th and also on June 2 that we will have a short meeting on **June 9th**@ **9:50am** immediately prior to Worship to accept Reg. Atkinson as Treasurer.

There will be no regular Worship @ Trinity on Sunday June 16th. We will have our Church Service at the Prairie to Pine Regional meeting @ 10:00am in the Keystone Centre.

1. **Addition to the Agenda:**

**Computer for Reverend Doug:**

We discussed that Reverend Doug should have a computer that is strictly for him. It should not be given out to a group by anyone. There should be a computer that could be used by another group such as a Del Computer. There is a problem with this idea as the Del Computer seems to be missing. It has been missing for three weeks. It is usually kept in the Library. The paper cutter is missing also.

We need to ask the congregation if anyone knows where the Del Computer is and also the paper cutter.

1. The Covenant of Leadership was recited. Miranda declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

**Next Board Meeting-June 11th, 2019 at 7pm.**

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(Chair of Trinity United Church Board) (Secretary)