Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes October 8th, 2019

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

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

**Regrets:** Murray McMillan

01. Miranda called the meeting to order at 7:00. She welcomed all those present. Miranda thanked everyone who helped with the Beef Supper and a special ”Thank you” to Darlynne for playing at church on Sunday when Holly was away.

02. The meeting was opened by reciting the Covenant of Leadership.

03. **Motion 1. Lois Riley/Jason Splett that the agenda be accepted as amended with the following additions: Wedding Policy, RCCG Contract and Applebee’s Initiative. CARRIED**

04. **Amendments to the minutes of September 10th, 2019**:

 **i**)**Linda Friesen will ask John Jackson to speak when available.**

**ii)Regional Representatives Report June 2019:** Reverend Doug reported that it was an awesome report but this was Reverend Doug’s comment.

**iii)Motion 6:M&P-**Gloria McMillan moved that the Board accept the hiring of Davis Placatka as Music Director for Trinity United Church. Seconded by Darlynne Smith.

 **iv)** Alan Silvius thanked people who prepared Church Services during the

 summer.

**Motion 2: Alan Silvius made the motion that the minutes be accepted as amended. Seconded by Gloria McMillan. CARRIED**

05. **Correspondence:** Miranda read a letter on the topic of funerals which was sent from Purple Shield. This correspondence has been directed to 55plus committee. Miranda asked us to check our mail boxes for more any outstanding mail.

06. **Finance Report**-Reg. Atkinson reported that we had a very good income in September. March was our best month followed by September as our second best.

Reg. brought information forward regarding investing monies as discussed in September.

**Motion 3: Reg Atkinson made the motion that Trinity United Church invest $40,000.00 for 12 months at 2% non-redeemable. Seconded by Jason Splett. CARRIED**

 Reg has successsfully explored an etransfer transaction for depositing a donation. This will now allow a further option for donators to deposit monies to the church. Information regarding this option will be shared with our members and additional donators. It was mentioned that we need to make sure we have envelopes in the pews for people who wish to donate.

**Motion 4: Reg Atkinson made the motion to accept the Financial Report.**

 **Seconded by Louise Hume. CARRIED**

07/ 08. **Ministers Report/Stewardship Campaign Update:**

Reverend Doug reported that the Stewardship Tool Kit is very useful. There will be more cables installed for use of microphones. Advent is coming soon.

Messy Church was fantastic but there was only one child that attended.

Miranda thanked the M&P Committee for looking after the office while Nikki is away on sick leave and/or vacation time. Miranda suggested we look into this situation so Rev. Doug has consistent office support.

We are very fortunate that we have Reg. Atkinson helping with the financial records. M&P Committee is doing reviews this month.

We will have a baptismal on Sunday October 13th.

1. **Committee Updates:**

**Equity and Diversity-**Al Friesen reported that two people have decided not to be on the committee due to moving away and/or being too busy. Therefore there are nine people on the Committee. There will be an Affirming Service at Knox United Church on October 19th, Julie Hutton will be at Trinity on November 17th and the Blanket Exercise will be done at Trinity on Saturday November 23 from 1:00-4:00. Miranda feels very strong that we should do this Reconciliation and Affirming Workshop. We want to get as many people as possible to come to this Blanket Exercise. Linda mentioned that 10 Thousand Villages may become involved as well. Linda asked if she could mention this to the people at 10 Thousand Villages.

Lois Riley informed us of the Angel Christmas Tree project. People can donate money to buy gifts for children if they wish. The information could be placed in the bulletin for all to see.

 Louise Hume announced that UCW will be cleaning the stair wells. This will be done in November.

Murray McMillan’s written report was shared prior to the meeting. No questions were asked.

1. **Apple Bees Pancake Fund Raiser**-Alan Silvius

Alan informed us that the Fund Raiser will be held on **Saturday February 1st, 2020.**

**Price:** Adults-$14.00 but $9.00 will go to Trinity United Church.

Children’s Price TBD

**Wedding Policy:** Alan suggested that we need to tidy up our Wedding Policy. We need to be in line with other churches. Alan suggested we do some work on this policy. Gloria and Alan will work on this Wedding Policy and bring it to our November meeting.

**RCCG Contract:** Alan Silvius spoke on this topic. RCCG are using Trinity’s kitchen quite often. We need to inform RCCG which bins to use when cleaning up after their projects. There seems to be very little supervision of children by adults. Pastor Shay checks that things are left the way they were when they arrived.

The contract is coming up in January and we would like to have them in our church. Murray McMillan will be asked to meet with Pastor Shay to discuss any concerns and to offer renewal of contract. It was noted that we presently do not have an address for Pastor Shay and will need this for the future.

**Rent for RCCG for 2020:** After discussion it was decided that no raise in rent would occur for RCCG for 2020.

Committee members were asked to provide Nikki with dates of any upcoming meeting or events, ensuring that they are in the Church calendar.

**A reminder was given regarding submission of committee Budgets-October 28th.**

1. The Covenant of Leadership was recited.

 Miranda declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50.

 N**ext Board Meeting-Tuesday November 12th 2019 @ 7pm.**

 Written reports are required.

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(Chair of Trinity United Church Board) (Secretary)