

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

Present: Miranda Edwards(Chair), Rev. Doug Neufeld, Reg. Atkinson, Darlynn Smith, Linda Friesen, Al Friesen, Alan Silvius, Alison Murray, Lois Riley, Dave Thompson, Jason Splett, Gloria McMillan, Murray McMillan, Shirley Kernaghan(Secretary)

Regrets: Louise Hume,

01. Miranda called the meeting to order at 7:02. She welcomed all those present. A special welcome to Dave Thompson who is back on our Trinity Board as a member of the Business Administration Committee.

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

03. **Motion 1. Jason Splett/Lois Riley that the agenda be accepted as amended with the following additions: Enhancing Communication within the Church. CARRIED**

04. **Motion 2. Alan Silvius/Jason Splett that the minutes of December 10th, 2019 be approved. CARRIED. Dave Thompson abstained as he was not at the December 10th meeting.**

05. **Correspondence:** A message came to Reg. Atkinson our treasurer and also to the Secretary from the United Church of Canada regarding our annual Denominational Assessment which will be \$6,696.00 for 2020 down approximately \$400 from 2019.

Quarterly payments will be due **February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.**

Twila McNaire sent a message re:Regional ZEEBU retreat registration to be held in Winnipeg for Grade 7-12 students from February 15th to 17th. Trinity has not recently had anyone attend. The registration is \$80.00 per student and must be paid by February 3rd. Maybe the Trinity Board could help send some of our young people to the ZEEBU retreat. Lois will discuss this with the three students to see if they are interested in going. Reverend Doug will announce this on Sunday January 19th.

06. **Finance Report-**Reg. Atkinson reported that we had a very good income in December. The income from Alexander Church is all recorded and correct. The RCCG church rental is helping us. They are saving money to build their own church. We may not have them forever. \$1600.00 came into the White Gift account and \$1200.00 went out. The Benevolent Account has \$901.00. This money is used if someone needs food etc.

Reg. has gone through Trinity's books carefully. Mistakes have been adjusted and Reg. is confident that the books are accurate.

Motion 3: Reg Atkinson/Darlynne Smith to accept the Financial Report.

CARRIED

07. Ministers Report:

Reverend Doug reported that the advent services went well. Doug visited six Personal Care Homes in December. Attendance at the care homes was down 26% from last year. The Christmas Eve service was lovely and well attended.

Reverend Doug took a break after Christmas which was very helpful and needed.

Worship and Outreach were busy during Christmas. Linda Friesen asked for a picture of Davis with the choir as the picture that was taken did not have Davis in it.

Miranda thanked Reverend Doug for all he did in 2019. He thanked us for accepting him.

The RCCG church held their One Year Celebration at Trinity United Church January 4th, 5th, and 6th. Check February 11th, 2020 minutes for correction re "One Year Celebration of RCCG Church."

08. Committee Updates:

Darlynne reported that Kane Luka Stelter born April 11th, 2019 was baptised January 12th, 2020. Kane is the son of Tyson Stelter and Michelle Bernard.

Motion 4:Darlynne Smith that we accept the baptismal of Kane. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED

Darlynne reported that we had four new family members coming to Trinity United.

Out Reach Committee-Linda Friesen reported that the Out Reach Committee increased their givings to 25 people at Christmas.

Mission and Service were very close to their 2019 goal. There was a 6.9% increase from 2018. The choir fund raiser and coffee break helped. Linda Friesen reported that on Wednesday January 22 Mission and Service will get together to pack flour, sugar and rice at 10:00 to prepare for families that need it.

Equity and Diversity- Al Friesen reported that the committee will be meeting soon. If we hear people talking about what Equity and Diversity does please let Al know.

Worship- Alan Silvius reported that a service to Bless the Pets will be considered for the future. Trinity will have a fund raiser at Applebees on Saturday February 1st. This will be our last fundraiser with Applebees as they are not going to offer this fund raiser any more.

Prairie to Pine Regional Meeting-Alison Murray reported that they had a meeting in June and went to Rivers in October. There may be a covenant service later on. Reverend Doug is looking after this.

Christian Education- Lois thanked Reverend Doug for his input in Bible Study and Christian Education. It is very much appreciated.

Business Administration Committee-Dave Thompson is a new member on this committee. No report.

M&P Committee-Gloria McMillan-no report.

Property Committee-Murray McMillan reported that the mats by the front entrance of the church are getting worn. We could have a company change the mats every two weeks @\$20.00 or every four weeks @\$26.50. Jim our caretaker keeps the mats as well as possible but we could go with a lease which would help Jim out with all his other duties that he has to do. If we do this, Al Silvius asked that the old mats will be saved and used to cover extension cords during our outside service on July 1st. This will be discussed at another meeting.

09. **Fundraising 2020: Plans and thoughts:**

We will have a Fund Raiser at Applebee's on Saturday February 1st. We need to keep selling tickets for this event.

Linda Friesen mentioned that there will be a Shrove Tuesday event on February 25th. The choir has spear-headed this in the past and will consider doing it again.

The UCW will do a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon in March.

The Property Committee will do a Pancake Breakfast twice a year but no specific date has been set.

Chris, the Pickerel Man, will take orders for a Fish Fund Raiser/Pickerel Supper to be held in April or May. The date will be decided later.

Darlynne informed us that the UCW will have a tea in May and also in October. Trinity United Church will have a Fall Supper in September. -3-

The Strathclair Players will perform in Trinity United Church in November.

The Prairie Group will have their annual supper later on in November or early December.

10. **Enhancing Communication**

This topic is very important and Trinity United is trying to let people know what is happening in our church and that everyone is welcome.

It was mentioned that Blue Christmas was advertized on e-Brandon but the Christmas Eve Service was not advertized on e-Brandon. However the Christmas Eve Service was in the Brandon Sun.

The RCCG that worships in Trinity United Church Sunday afternoon held their First Year Celebration on January 10th, 11th and 12th. We were all invited to attend. The RCCG wanted us to use their set-up downstairs for our Hot Dog Dinner on Sunday but we decided to cancel and have it on January 19th. The RCCG were upset that they disrupted our use of the basement for our Hot Dog Luncheon. There is no problem with the RCCG using our facilities but we need to have more communication so we don't have this problem again. Al Silvius suggested that we make sure that everyone knows when the basement is being used.

A concern arose regarding the use of plastic water bottles brought into our church. We have good water in our church for people to drink. As stewards of our earth a further discussion will be held to discuss next steps to avoid this in the future.

11. **Elkhorn United Church**- No further report. Rev. Doug will send information to the Board Members when he receives a report from Elkhorn.

12. Annual Reports are due Thursday January 16th. Please submit to Nikki and Miranda.

13. **Next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 11th at 7pm.**

14. The Covenant of Leadership was recited. Miranda declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday February 23 following Worship.

M.R. Edwards

(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)

Shirley Kernaghan

(Secretary)

