

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes February 11th, 2020

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 7:00. Miranda thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to be our chair of the board. It is very exciting to be going through a time of change and to experience the life of our church. We keep looking outside of our four walls to live intentionally our mission. Miranda thanked each of us and she considered it an honor to be our chairperson of the board. She will continue to work as hard as she has done in the past in other capacities within the church. 02.

The meeting was opened by reciting the Covenant of Leadership.

**03. Motion 1. Gloria McMillan that the agenda be accepted as presented
Seconded by Jason Splett. CARRIED**

**04. Motion 2. Darlynn Smith that the minutes of January 14th, 2020 be
accepted with the following correction:**

**The RCCG church held there one year celebration at Trinity
United Church on January 10th, 11th and 12th instead of January
4th, 5th and 6th as printed in the January 2020 minutes.**

Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED

05. Correspondence: A message came from Louise Hume re: Resignation from the Board as UCW Chairperson due to her husbands health.

Carolyn Heard sent a letter dated January 30th, 2020 recognizing Ruth and Glen Sawyer for there 15 years of service in the 55 Plus Group. This will be read at our AGM on Sunday February 23rd.

06. Finance Report-Reg. Atkinson reported that he would like to see the Finance Books on line. He would be able to work more at home and be able to fix the errors without coming to Trinity United Church. He noticed that some deposits are being entered twice. The pre-authorized donations were up 11.2% in January. Ordinary donations are up 19%. The total income is only down 0.8% in 2020 versus 2019.The difference between 2020 and 2019 is negative \$1,198.16.

**Motion 3: Reg Atkinson made the motion to accept the Financial Report.
Seconded by Jason Splett. CARRIED**

07. **Auditors Report 2019-** Larry Sage and Reg Atkinson met to discuss the auditors report. Miranda will send Ken Knight who is a Trustee an e-mail for more information. Reverend Doug found some information that states the Minister is automatically a member of the Trustees.

08. **Auditor's 2020-** Larry Sage and Barry Hill will let their names stand for Auditor's for 2020. The Trinity Board will recommend Larry and Barry as Auditors for 2020 for a Congregation vote at the AGM meeting on Sunday February 23rd, 2020. Dave Thompson will make the motion at the AGM meeting and Gloria McMillan will second it. CARRIED

09. **Minister's Report-**Reverend Doug went to the Elkhorn AGM Church meeting. They are still working on some paper work and Reverend Doug will let us know when it is complete.

Regional Covenant-Trinity has not sent in our Covenant paper work as of yet. We need to get our paper work in by the end of March. Darlyne and Alison, our representatives, will work on this and take to the next Prairie to Pine meeting.

Dave will check on the agreement in the filling cabinet re: Alexander Church/Trinity United Church for more information.

Andy and Michelle Depner would like to have their children baptized one Sunday in lent. They would like to have the baptismal service taped if possible.

10. Committee Updates:

Equity and Diversity-Al. Friesen informed us that they have bought books for the Church library . The movie Boy Erased will be shown at Trinity on February 21st . There will be a Pie Day on Saturday March 14th at KNOX United Church. There will be a speaker and pie for dessert. The poster is downstairs in the Narthex.

Action plan, marriage policy and mission statement will be worked on and brought to the congregation.

A table and literature rack to display information such as Becoming an Affirming Congregation and other topics were discussed.

-Miranda asked if Equity and Diversity Committee could have space in the Narthex by the chimney to display information on Becoming An Affirming Church. It can be used by other groups as well. It must be kept tidy. It was decided by a show of hands that it would be acceptable.

Outreach-no report.

Christian Education-Lois Riley reported Rendezvous is being held in Calgary and will be discussed later on. Zeeboo-not enough interest. Lois thanked Doug for helping as Ken Nairne is unable to attend the Bible Study meetings at this time.

Worship- Alan Silvius announced that Trinity United Church received \$684.00 from the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast held on Saturday February 1st.

Business Administration-Dave Thompson had a meeting with his group. Tax receipts are done. The Business Administration group will usher in June. The group discussed Alexander's draft.

UCW- Due to Louise Hume's resignation Gloria McMillan will be the President and Irene Thompson will be Vice President. There will be a Soup and Sandwich fundraiser following worship on Sunday March 15th.

M&P-This committee will decide on a job description for Nikki.

11. New Stove: Murray McMillan reported that the stove in the kitchen needs to be replaced due to an accidental fire. The RCCG group will pay replacement value for the stove and range hood.

Motion #4- Murray McMillan/Dave Thompson that Trinity United Church buy a self-cleaning glass top stove @ \$952.00 plus \$168.00 range hood for a total of \$1120.00. The replacement value of \$784.00 will be paid by RCCG. (\$1120.00-\$784.00=\$336.00) Trinity will pay the \$336.00. CARRIED

12. Mats at the door- The mats are approximately 20 years old and need to be replaced.

Motion #5-Jason Splett/Lois Riley that Trinity United Church purchase mats for the front entrance. CARRIED

The old mats will be saved and placed where needed specifically for outdoor events and special events if electrical leads need to be covered.

13. Murray McMillan priced the cost of a new dishwasher. The total would be \$16,661.00. Murray will discuss this at the AGM meeting on Sunday February 23, 2020. Everyone needs to know the facts.

14. Someone asked where the fire extinguishers were located. They are under the counter in the kitchen and by the furnace room. We need to have them more visible. We do not have any smoke detectors in Trinity United Church.

15. AGM update-Alison Murray agreed to present the nominations report @ AGM

16. Signing Officers for 2020-2021-will be Reg. Atkinson-Treasurer, Jason Splett-Chairman of the Trinity Board, Dave Thompson-Business Administration, and Shirley Kernaghan-Secretary. Other signing officer will be Miranda Edwards.

Jason thanked Miranda for her help and guidance. He asked for patience until he learns all that he needs to know. He feels that we are in a lot better spot than we were a year ago especially with our financial outlook and thanks to Reg and Gloria for getting that solved. Organizational Structure needs to be completed, Elkhorn Agreement, doing more for the Affirming Church, Action Plan, Wedding Policy, Mission Statement, filling one spot on the Board, volunteers are needed and how do we get more volunteers.

Miranda thanked everyone for staying after 9:00.

Miranda has asked for 60 copies printed of the Report Booklet. Miranda and Shirley will hand out the Report Booklets at the end of the service on Sunday, February 16th. One book per family.

17. Next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 10th, 2020 at 7pm.

18. The Covenant of Leadership was recited. Miranda declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

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

(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)

(Secretary)