

“To Grow in Faith, Fellowship, and Service through Christ Jesus.”

Trinity United Church, Brandon

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, February 23rd, 2020

Regrets: Al Friesen, Linda Friesen

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Miranda Edwards at 11:35 am. Miranda welcomed all those present. Miranda thanked everyone for the lovely snack we had before we began our meeting. Miranda explained that her position of being Chair of the Board has been rewarding and she is humbled to be part of the work of our church. She is willing to pass on the reins to a willing and enthusiastic individual. Miranda will continue to contribute to the life of Trinity United Church.
2. Reverend Doug Neufeld led us in an opening prayer. He asked GOD for HIS guidance in the decisions we make to keep Trinity United Church a vibrant and welcoming church for all.
3. **Motion #1** Pat. Bowslaugh, Ken Winstone that all those present have voting privileges. CARRIED
4. **Motion #2** Alan Silvius asked to have a topic placed on the agenda to be discussed under item #11. Barb. Janzen, Darlynn Smith that the Agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
5. **Motion #3** Ralph Heard, Barb Roberds that the minutes of the Congregational Meeting November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED

Miranda read a letter submitted by Carolyn Heard re: **Trinity 55 Plus “Striving to Make a Difference a Little at a Time”**. This group held their initial meeting on April 27, 2005. It was initiated by Rev. John Nesbitt and spearheaded by Sheila Mc Causland. Glenn and Ruth Sawyer became the co-ordinators in 2008. They had assistance from

Pat Agar, Lorna Drake, Shirley O'Driscoll and Gail Thickett. The group will have been in existence for 15 years as of April 2020. This group spearheaded the collection of mitt, socks, etc. for the schools and other organizations. They also support a charity each year that they decide to collect for at their meetings that are held from September to June each year. Miranda thanked Ruth and Glenn for their commitment to **Trinity 55 Plus Group**.

## 6. **Presentation of the Annual Reports 2019**

i) **Treasurers Report** -respectfully submitted by Reg. Atkinson. The 2019 year-end ended up in the black. The regular donations were down from 2018. The Stewardship Campaign was very successful. The donations account was down and **this is concerning**. Building rental income has been very good and this has made the difference between being in the red or black. More information may be found in Trinity United Church Annual Report 2019. It was also expressed that anyone requesting a more detailed breakdown of the finances for 2019 can request an emailed copy or a printed copy from the office. Darlyne Smith thanked Reg for doing a super job on our books.

**Motion # 4:** Reg. moved his report as explained. Pat Bowslaugh seconded it. CARRIED

ii) **Ministers Report**-Rev. Doug informed us that a commitment to a church is usually three years. Doug has been with Trinity for 3 ½ years. There are a lot of vacancies and he has been approached from other churches but he has not entertained a single one of them. Donna and Doug are very happy here with us. Doug is planning on staying with us for awhile. They are very happy here in Brandon and with Trinity United Church. Miranda continued to say that we are truly blessed having Doug and Donna with us. We are very happy that Doug chose to come to Trinity. Doug thanked us from his heart.

**Christian Education Committee-**The goals remain to support and engage our youth in creative worship and to support and provide meaningful Bible Study. Having Sunday School makes a great difference in our church. Submitted by Lois Riley.

**Equity and Diversity Committee-** We may need to make a decision how we want Trinity United to go with Affirming which will be a very important aspect of our church.

**Ministry and Personnel Committee-** we appreciate all the work Gloria did to ensure our staff are provided with a safe, respectful work environment, and that they receive the support and tools necessary to excel in their positions. Special thanks to Reverend Doug Neufeld for his spiritual guidance and never-ending support for our Trinity Family.

**Outreach Committee Annual Report-** There was nothing to add.

**Pastoral Care and Fellowship-**A special thank you to anyone who came to the services and or contributed in any way in encouraging others into active Christian roles, providing pastoral care and assisting our congregation in fulfilling its purpose to share fellowship and find fulfillment in belonging to Trinity.

**Property Committee-**Murray McMillan listed the Activities and Projects for 2019 in the Annual Report.

**Worship Committee-** Alan reminded us of the purple binder to sign up for scripture readings. He asked for scripture readers for the month of March. Six servers are needed for Communion during Lent.

**Region #5-Prairie to Pine Regional Council-**Darlynnne Smith informed us that the 2020 meeting will be held in Steinbach May 28-30. Anyone is welcome to the meetings.

**United Church Women-**Gloria McMillan gave an update on officers. She has agreed to be President until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Irene Thompson agreed to complete the year as Vice President as of next

meeting. A Soup and Sandwich fundraiser will be held on Sunday March 15th, following Worship.

**Trinity United Church Choir Annual Report-** It was noted that Davis was a product of our Sunday School and has contributed greatly to our music program at Trinity to date.

**Trinity United 55 Plus Group-** is a wonderful group providing Christian fellowship, learning and sharing. We are grateful to the Group and congregation for their generous financial donations, delicious snacks that close our meetings and UCW for allowing us to use their supplies. There are a lot of good helpers.

**Board of Trustees-** taxes have been paid for 2019. Insurance Policy was reviewed and approved for renewal as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**Motion#5-** Lois Riley made the motion that all reports from Page 4-27 of Trinity United Church Annual Report 2019 Booklet be accepted as presented. Seconded by Carolyn Heard. CARRIED

**7. Auditor's Report-** Larry Sage and Barrie Hill sent a memorandum to Miranda stating the following:  
Proper accounting procedures have been followed in 2019.  
The financial statement included in the Annual Report is an accurate reflection of the financial status of our church for 2019.  
They thanked Nikki and Reg. for their cooperation during the review of the audit.

**8. Nomination Report 2020:** Presented by Alison Murray

**Motion#6** i) Gloria McMillan made the motion that Jason Splett be Trinity United Church Board Chair. Seconded by Donna Neufeld. CARRIED

**Motion#7**ii) Pat. Bowslaugh made the motion that Shirley Kernaghan be Trinity United Church Secretary. Seconded by Ken. Winstone. CARRIED

**Motion #8** iii) Alan Sylvius made the motion that Reg. Atkinson be Trinity United Church Treasurer. Seconded by Holly Walker. CARRIED.

**Vice Chair** -vacant

**Motion#9** iv) Barb Roberds made the motion that all Committee Convenors and Chairs be accepted as presented. Dave Thompson seconded the motion. CARRIED

Miranda announced that Trinity United Church is a great church and we are so grateful to all the people who are supporting us. Miranda thanked Jason for taking over as Chair and wished him well. Her prayers will be with Jason. Jason thanked Miranda for all the work she did for the board of Trinity United Church.

**9. Signing Officers 2020-** Jason announced that the signing officers will be Miranda Edwards, Reg. Atkinson, Shirley Kernaghan and Jason Splett.

**Motion#10** -Ken Knight moved that we accept the signing officers as announced. Seconded by Keith Privat. CARRIED

**10. Auditors for 2020-**

**Motion #11** Ralph Heard made the motion that Larry Sage and Barry Hill be Auditors for Trinity United Church. Seconded by Dave Thompson. CARRIED

**11. Dishwasher discussion-** Murray McMillan

i)The dishwasher will soon be 20 years old. The heating system is located in the furnace room. The problem is that the heating system is not drying the dishes fast enough. The cost to fix the heating system would be approximately \$7900.00. To buy a new dish washer and heating system would cost \$17000.00.

**Motion #12:** Darlyne Smith that we purchase a new heating system at approximately \$7900.00. Seconded by Darlene Silvius. CARRIED

Someone asked if we could take money from the Memorial Fund. Keith Privat suggested that we have a Pancake Supper and charge \$15.00. Another suggestion was taking money from the General Fund and replacing it as we raise it. We could possibly draw money from the Property Project Fund. The Trust Fund cannot be used, however the interest from the Trust Fund could be considered if that was the wish of the Congregation. There is approximately \$2900 interest available at this time.

**Motion#13:** Barb Roberds made the motion that we take money out of the Property Project Fund. We will replace the money as soon as we can. Barb Jansen seconded the motion. CARRIED

Murray explained that we ordered a new stove and range hood for the kitchen. Pastor Shay will be in touch with Murray to discuss the \$1000.00 deductible. Murray will report to Trinity United Church as soon as he hears from Pastor Seyi.

ii) Al Silvius suggested that we collect a monetary gift for Nikki Gislason as soon as possible due to her sudden loss, to assist the family at this difficult time.

**12.** Jason asked Reverend Doug to lead us in prayer to close the meeting. Reverend Doug thanked us for a great year. He thanked God for being with us throughout our meeting time today.

Jason Splett

(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)

Shirley Kernaghan

(Secretary)

