

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes May 12th, 2020

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

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

1. Jason called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He welcomed everyone for joining our ZOOM Meeting.
2. Jason led us in the Covenant of Leadership and Prayer.
3. **Motion 1.** Alan Silvius that the Agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Darlynn Smith. CARRIED
4. **Motion 2.** Dave Thompson that the April 14th Minutes be approved as printed. Seconded by Lois Riley. CARRIED
5. **Correspondence-** Rev. Doug sent a message to the Board re:Webinar meeting on Wednesday May 13th to discuss opening church buildings for service. Alan Silvius and Alison Murray will be joining the meeting. It is not mandatory but we need to know what is going to be discussed. The title is United in Learning. There is a link in what Rev. Doug sent us via e-mail.
6. **Finance Report-**Reg. informed us that the regular income is down but expense is down also. Reg. received a bequest from two people. There was no specification of where the money should go.
7. **Motion 3.** Reg. Atkinson that we accept his Financial Report for May 12th, 2020. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED
8. **Minister's Report-**Rev. Doug is trying to keep in contact with people. There are 150-200 people who are following Doug's service on Sunday via You Tube/Face Book/e-mail.

Miranda asked if we should keep track of the hits we get from people who join our services. We have opened a door which may lead to more people coming to Trinity when we re-open our doors. We are so fortunate that Rev. Doug has the expertise in technology.

Rev. Doug informed us that we received a cheque for \$100.00 from the Pipestone area after they watched the service. This may lead to more people coming to Trinity when we re-open our doors.

Rev. Doug is trying to keep his services to approximately 20-25 minutes. People are commenting that they like the length of his services. Rev. Doug informed us that he has learned many new things placing the services on the web site.

Rev. Doug spends a lot of time speaking to people and he is kept quite busy.

Darlynne will ask the Care Homes if they would like to have Trinity United Church provide services on Sunday via You Tube and/or Face Book.

9. **Committee Updates-**

Property: Murray reported that the paperwork had to be adjusted as a few things were missing. Murray faxed the information to the insurance company on April 30th. Reg. informed us that he had received the cheque from the insurance company. Gloria wondered if we could spend some of the money received to pay someone to come in and clean the church so it would be ready when we need it. Reg. suggested that we not spend the money until July or later.

Outreach Committee-Linda reported that churches are no longer donating food, however monetary donations from churches have been received. Sobey's Westend store is donating the full home grocery delivery fee (\$9.50) to Samaritan House as well as giving generous financial and food donations. Fowler Nissan donated a vehicle for pickup of food donations and Heritage Co-op Food Centre donated gift cards to the food bank. The Safe and Warm Shelter has received additional Federal Government funding in April which is allowing them to remain open on a week to week basis for the months of May, June and July.

Samaritan House is receiving funding for the Safe and Warm Shelter through the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation(BNRC). Government of Canada is providing funding through the "Reaching Home Homelessness Strategy" to support people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 outbreak. This funding is allocated from April 2020-March 2021 fiscal year. This funding is accessed through BNRC and Samaritan House has received funding through this programme. Our church community is called to help our sisters and brothers with our on-going prayers, volunteer efforts, food donations and financial support.

Miranda suggested that the report from Linda be shared with the congregation in a shorter form.

Prairie to Pine Council- We received a letter on "re-opening" our churches.

There will be an open meeting on Wednesday May 13, 2020 to discuss what we should do. Al Friesen suggested that whoever goes to the meeting on Wednesday May 13th should explain how things are going to be and it will be a long time before we are back to normal.

Worship-Re-opening the Church- Al. Silvius informed us that our services will be different when we go back. Communication is the key to keep us safe. Let's talk about it now and come up with a strategy and send out to our church people. We will have rules to follow when we go back to our church building such as: No touching the collection plate, stay a distance apart from each other, no hand shaking, etc. The vaccine for this virus will not be available for a couple of years. The Spanish Flu in 1918 lasted four years before things were back to normal.

10. Jim Heard, our janitor, would like to go to zero hours for May. Jim did not work all of his hours in April but received full pay. He cleaned the church and sanitized top to bottom. Jim would like to come into the church to work the hours that he did not work in April but received payment. The Prairie Group is using the church on Tuesday and Friday for their meetings. Reverend Doug comes into the church on certain days to prepare for his Sunday service and Reg. works in the office on certain days. There will be a sign-in sheet at the door for people to sign stating what area was used. Jim would then sign what area was sanitized and the date when it was done until his May and June hours are done. Jim would then go on CERB for income.

Motion 4. Gloria McMillan that Jim Heard be reduced to zero hours as of May 1st. He will go into the Church to sanitize the area being used. Jim will sign what areas he sanitizes and the date when it was done. Alan Silvius seconded the motion. CARRIED

11. Lois Riley spoke about Rendezvous. Rendezvous planned for this August in Calgary for youth to young adults will not be happening face to face but is being reimaged. On line events, recordings and workshops will be done in a different way. We did not have any interest at Trinity. YAAY Virtual Youth Drop-ins were scheduled for Thursdays in May, 2020. The web site was sent by e-mail to Trinity Youth-Senior Class.

12. **Motion 5- Reg. Atkinson made the motion to reduce the rent by 50% that RCCG is paying to use Trinity United Church. RCCG will pay \$400.00 for the month of May and June instead of \$800.00 and then we will revisit it. Seconded by Dave Thompson. CARRIED**

Reg. suggested that if we have to make further adjustments after June we can do so. It is only for two months. Reverend Doug will reach out to RCCG re: reduction for paying for the use of our church.

Result of voting: 12 for the motion, 1 against and 1 no vote as Darlynné's camera went off.

13. Covenant of Leadership and closing prayer were said. Jason declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday June 9th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)

(Secretary)