

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, Shirley Kernaghan(Secretary). Dave Thompson(absent)

1. Jason welcomed everyone to our ZOOM Meeting. He called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Jason led us in the Covenant of Leadership and Prayer.
3. **Motion 1. Gloria McMillan that the Agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Alison Murray. CARRIED**
4. **Motion 2. Darlynn Smith that the Minutes of May 12th be approved as printed. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED**
5. **Correspondence-** Rev. Doug received a letter from International Gospel Christian Ministry. They are in the process of purchasing property. They want to acquire the old Masonic Temple. They are reaching out to whoever would like to support this community endeavour. They would be involved in providing food every Sunday. Samaritan House is doing the same thing. Cyndi Price may know more about this group as she was involved with Bannock in the Park and feeding the homeless. Linda Friesen will find out more information about this group. Rev. Doug will e-mail the letter to Linda. Rev. Doug informed us that the National Church Year Book arrived today with all the statistics.
6. **Finance Report-**Reg. moved the acceptance of his written report with additional verbal information regarding the potential qualification of the June 2020 wage subsidy.
Motion 3. Reg. Atkinson that we accept his Financial Report for June 9th, 2020. Seconded by Gloria McMillan. CARRIED
7. **Minister's Report-**Rev. Doug has done 14 virtual services electronically since we ceased having services in Trinity United Church. We are reaching more people with our electronic message than we did in gathered worship. Approximately 180 plus views is normal. Rev. Doug informed us that his tri-pod is not working very well and he is using his personal video camera. We discussed about buying a good camera and tri-pod. Rev. Doug suggested that \$1100.00 would be a starting figure for the equipment.
Motion 4. Darlynn Smith made the motion to give Rev. Doug the authority to purchase a good camera and tri-pod including tax to the amount of \$1500.00. The money will be taken from the Bequest Fund. Al Friesen seconded the motion. CARRIED 11 for the motion and 1 opposed.

8. **Committee Updates-**

Worship-Re-opening the Church- Al. Silvius informed us that our services will be different when we go back. There is a document on the Prairie to Pine website that we can study on the re-opening of our church building. What do we need to do before we think about re-opening? We really must get a handle on this before we can think about re-opening our church. The most we could have would be 40 people. We would only be able to use every second row to have proper distancing. We would have to assign seating as people came into the church. There would be no congregational singing. We would have to clean the pews after the service was finished.

Darlynne wondered if we could consider having an outdoor service-July 1st. We could have it in the parking lot and people would stay in their vehicles.

Rev. Doug feels that we are creating an audience with what we are doing now with our on line services and we need to keep doing this for now. Miranda asked "How many people can be on ZOOM?" The answer is 300 people. Miranda suggested that maybe we could have someone singing a hymn, pray together, have Bible Study together on ZOOM. We need to pray hard for a vaccination before we can get back to regular services. We could bring in 30 people at a time and do a service and then do it again for another 30 people. Out-door services would be a challenge as well to stay our distance. If we do have an outside service people would have to bring their own chairs.

There is a meeting on Wednesday night June 10th to discuss RE-OPENING the church and what has to be done before we can have services in our church.

Jason suggested that we have a group of people from Trinity to work with Alan to decide when we should come back into our church building for worship. We need to reassure our congregation that we are working on getting back together. Probably not before September.

RCCG with Pastor Shae and four other people are doing a service in our church and trying to figure out how to deliver their services electronically.

A group was formed to work on a plan for what we can do in the fall. The committee consists of Alan Silvius, Alison Murray, Miranda Edwards, Gloria McMillan and Jason Splett. This group could get together and have a ZOOM Meeting. It was asked if there was a cost to the church for using ZOOM. The answer was no because Reverend Doug is the Chairperson of Saint Andrews College.

9. Reverend Doug will be taking holidays for three weeks. His holidays include four Sundays-July 26th, August 2nd, August 9th and August 16th.

When Rev. Doug is away what do we need to do? We discussed doing a service for each Sunday while Doug is away on You Tube but it takes a lot of time to set up and place it on the web site for all to view.

Motion 5. Reg. Atkinson made the motion that there would be no online church services in July and August while Rev. Doug is away. Seconded by Alan Silvius. CARRIED

Reg. will be doing a lot of his work at the church and will be checking voice mail. Gloria will help Reg. when needed. Darlynnne would help as well. Al. Silvius would help check messages which can be done at home by using the last 7 digits of the phone number when calling Trinity United Church. He would also pick up mail etc. as he comes in to put water in the humidifiers and the piano. He will water the plant in the Narthex as well. If there is a crisis, such as a death, Rev. Doug will be available.

Elkhorn Agreement- We discussed the Draft Proposed Service Agreement between Elkhorn Trinity United Church Pastoral Charge and Brandon Trinity United Church Pastoral Charge. The Elkhorn Agreement Draft was done by Heather Sandilands and the Elkhorn United Church. Rev. Doug is the Pastoral Charge supervisor and liaison for Elkhorn United.

Gloria is concerned about her involvement with the agreement. The person that may be hired by Elkhorn United Church will be a Regular Worship Leader. She has one more requirement to do so she is officially licensed as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. She is a product of the community and is well known. She has been doing pulpit supply for some time. If we decided to not participate with Elkhorn then Elkhorn would have to approach another church.

Gloria wondered if Prairie to Pine should be involved more with Elkhorn Trinity United than the M&P Committee from Brandon Trinity United.

Reg. mentioned that Trinity United is doing this to help another church. Prairie to Pine are responsible but Brandon Trinity United needs to be involved as well.

We could make some changes especially on Number 4, 5 and 6 of the Proposed Service Agreement. Al Friesen suggested we re-word a few topics of the Service Agreement and send back to Heather Sandilands.

Jason suggested that we read over the Elkhorn Pastoral Charge Agreement with Brandon Trinity Pastoral Charge and make changes and try to get a document done over e-mail. Jason suggested that by next Tuesday June 16th we should have our changes sent to Reverend Doug. These changes need to be sent to all of us.

12. Thanks to Lois for organizing Carly's Graduation Drive through on Wednesday June 10th. Jason thanked everyone for staying later to discuss the very important items.
13. Covenant of Leadership and closing prayer were said. Jason declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday September 8th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)

(Secretary)

