

UCW TMUC Board Report

Jan 21, 2021

1] January Face Book posting themes are *What is the UCW, Highlights from each UCW Unit [Sunshine, Grace, Harmony and Friendship], and comments from new members.*

2] The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Trinity Memorial United Church's UCW is being held on Saturday, Jan 23, from 10 am to 12 noon, via Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed out closer to the date, along with the Agenda, Financial Report for 2020, proposed disbursements for 2021, and Minutes of the UCW AGM from Jan 25, 2020 to all those who currently receive UCW e-mails. If you wish a Zoom Link, let Rose or Marcia know or phone the office.

At 10 am, we are pleased to have two guest speakers. Reverend Bill Booth with his "*Greetings and Assurances*". His presentation will be followed by Amanda Stallar, with Impact of Abbotsford, who will tell us about the services being provided at TMUC by Impact. Our guests' presentations are open to anyone from our church, and you do not have to be a UCW member to attend.

There will be a break from 10:45 am to 11:00 am, before the AGM and the Life Time Membership Pin Presentation, which will be from 11 am to 12 noon.

A luncheon usually precedes the AGM and a donation is usually collected for a charity. This year, we will not be having lunch but finishing by 12 noon. However, we would still like to collect donations towards Impact's work at TMUC. We will present this to Amanda, after her presentation. If you wish to donate, please mail or drop off your donation, at Trinity Memorial, addressed to the "**Attention of Barb Goyer, UCW Secretary**", by Thursday, January 21. If you are donating via a cheque, please ensure that the cheque is made out to **TMUC UCW**. The church address is 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford, BC V2S 2M4

3] Rose Soneff plans to coordinate an Online Spring Sale, Wed. April 14- Wed. April 28, 2021.

Order pick up day will be Saturday, May 1st from 10 am to 12 noon, rain or shine, in the TMUC parking lot. An UCW Plant and Bake Sale has been proposed to be held in the parking lot on May 1st at the same time.

4] A committee has been formed to plan a virtual Fraser UCW Spring Event on Tuesday, March 16th with TMUC UCW being the hosts.

**TRINITY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
BOARD MEETING
Thursday January 21st, 2021
6:00 PM – Zoom Conference Call**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Ken Foreman (Chair), Marcia Foreman, Rev. Bill Booth, , Ken Soneff , Heather Autio, Frank Benedict, Don Strangway, Linda Garrett, Max Aranguiz-Peterson, Kathie VanderHelm, Brock Short, Barbara Mason, Luella Ryan

REGRETS: Don Carlson,

GUESTS: Alan Aranguiz-Peterson

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Ken Foreman

- 2. MOTION TO GRANT CORRESPONDING PRIVILEGES:** Alan Aranguiz-Peterson will continue to attend Board Meetings as he has agreed to take over the position of Treasurer next year and he is getting up to speed on Board protocol and issues.

Motion: To grant corresponding privileges to those guests attending this Board meeting.

Barb Mason / Heather Autio

APPROVED

- 3. OPENING DEVOTION:** Max Aranguiz-Peterson read an excerpt from “Simple Gifts: Unwrapping the Special Moments of Everyday Life”.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To accept the agenda with the addition of additional discussion on 2021 budget and CEBA loan under the Treasurers Report.

Max Aranguiz-Peterson / Ken Soneff

APPROVED

5. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the December 17th, 2020 Board minutes as circulated.

Marcia Foreman / Linda Garrett

APPROVED

\$10,000 of the loan by the end of November 2022. The plan is to set aside an additional amount monthly to ensure repayment by September 2022, to allow sufficient time for processing and completion of the payments. The auto repayment amount needs to increase to reflect this.

Motion: That once the additional \$20,000 CEBA loan is received TMUC set aside \$1,700 monthly to repay the required \$40,000 principle of the two loans by September 2022.

Brock Short / Kathie VanderHelm

APPROVED

Brock also indicated that because the December income for the Church was roughly \$1,000 lower than 2019 this may qualify the Church for an additional grant. This will continue to be monitored and worked on.

Motion: To accept the financial report.

Brock Short / Ken Soneff

APPROVED

- **Minister's Report:** See Minister's report which follows these minutes. Rev. Bill Booth also requested prayers for Dickie Collins and Keith Sim. Bill also indicated that he appreciated the time off after Christmas and is pleased with progress on the AGM.
- **Building Maintenance:** Don Carlson indicated by email that there was nothing new to report.
- **M & P Report:** Barb Mason reported that everything is fine with M&P. She asked about planting the Green Beans this year, which Bill approved.
- **Faith Formation Report:** Don Strangway reported that Sunday School packages are being prepared for Valentine's Day as well as cards for Seniors.
- **UCW Report:** See attached report by Marcia Foreman. The UCW AGM is Saturday January 23rd 10 AM by Zoom video call. Rev. Bill Booth and Amanda Stoller are guest speakers. The presentations are open to everyone with the AGM following.
- **Affirming Ministry Report:** See attached report from Luella Ryan.
- **Regional Reports/Minutes/Updates:** Max indicated that Town Hall meetings are planned for every other Wednesday. Rev. Bill Booth added that the Cluster is putting a priority to the 1st third Ministry (Children/Youth/Young Adults).

9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Minister's report January 2021

After the Christmas rush and the long year last year I really appreciated the two weeks off after Christmas. Thank you for the board for encouraging me to take the time.

Since returning last week I have been coordinating with Rose to complete our annual report which should be ready for publication next week. I continue to work with my colleagues on worship schedules and plans: we will be meeting soon to plan our Lenten worship themes. There are plans to develop a Lenten devotion book.

I and others met with the cluster strategic planning consultant this Tuesday. I've been taking a proactive leadership role for this process.

This Saturday and I will be speaking to the UCW annual meeting offering the words of encouragement. I am working with Don Strangway and Adrienne Olszewski, and Lauren Palmer to continue the enrichment of our Sunday school program. I continue leading our bible study, offering a weekly youtube reflection, and our book study will begin this coming Sunday.

Worship

The Christmas worship season went well. Having received permission from the cluster to use some of the cluster grant money to purchase additional technology, before Christmas, I purchased a sound board that can be directly interfaced to the computer. This provides us with the capacity to balance the sound coming from the various sources during our online worship. With this new technology I prepared a detailed instruction sheet on how to run the equipment for online worship.

For the foreseeable future we will continue to worship online in partnership with our friends. We have made a schedule from now till Easter.

Cluster Report:

The cluster representatives and ministers met with the consultant from convergence consulting this past Tuesday. He shared his research thus far of the various things are happening in different areas in the united church. We decided we will arrange for an Environics survey to be done for each of the church areas. This will provide additional background information for the consultant to use as he guides us in developing our strategic to plan. We had resisted this idea earlier because some of us felt that Environics wasn't that helpful and that we are covering a region rather than church neighbourhood, however, we have the resources available in the cluster budget and the right information will be useful for planning purposes if we ask for neighbourhood data. Our consultant Gregg, will be creating a survey for all our people in order to discern directions and mission. We all agreed that the questions needed to well-crafted to get helpful results. The next Cluster meeting is Feb 6th.

MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
AFFIRMING MINISTRY
January 20th, 2021

Attendance via zoom meeting: Bill, Jerry, Max, Hannah, Luella

Prayer: Max

- Devotional to start our monthly meeting – Jerry to share at February meeting

Approve Agenda and Minutes – approved

Old Business:

- Fund raising – why are we fundraising (bursary, event); hold for now until we need to have one; keep giving suggestions
 - Scoops Cookie Dough/Cheesecake
 - Bottle Drive
 - Rainbow Dinner
 - RSVP sit down dinner – pay what you would if your family went out to a restaurant for dinner
 - Culinary Arts students/banquet/buffet
 - Entertainment / Guest speaker
- Showing off new banner
 - Sunday during service
- Plans for this year
 - Need to wait for restrictions to lift (hopefully by the fall 2021)
- Speaker for February one year anniversary
 - Sunday February 7th – Bill to integrate into service/sermon - inclusion

New Business:

- AGM – Sunday February 14th after Service via zoom
- Budget has been approved at \$500 for 2021
 - Annual membership fee to Affirm United \$100 due soon
 - Right to use the Affirm United logo
 - Resources and materials for celebrations, etc
- Regional Affirm United

Blessings: Bill

Next meeting is on February 17, 2021