**Trinity United Church**

**Collingwood, ON**

**Virtual Official Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

Present: Joy Barr, Doug Harrison, Ruth Crittenden, Barb Sneyd, Danielle York (chair), John Brown, Rev. Dr. Brian Goodings (non-voting), Barbara Downie, Barry Rice, Bev Mayberry

Regrets: Jennifer Young, Lori Forsythe

1. **Welcome**: Danielle

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Brian

2. **Thoughts and Prayers**: the family of Jean Jones; all those on our prayer list

3. **MOTION** to approve the agenda, Barbara Downie and Bev Mayberry. Motion carried.

4. **MOTION** to accept the minutes of February 3, 2021, Ruth Crittenden and Joy Barr. Motion carried.

5. **Correspondence:** none

* The church bell will be rung Thursday, March 11 to signify the one-year anniversary of the current pandemic. It will ring at 11:35 a.m., with three minutes of silence, and rung again at 11:38 a.m.

**Business Arising**

6. Cemetery:

Danielle reported that Larry Hogarth has continued with his extensive research. Danielle has checked with local churches regarding their cemeteries.

This topic will be tabled for the time being.

**Reports**

7. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** no report

* The Pantry appears to have plentiful stock at this time. The Pantry reserve funds at the end of December were robust.

Action: Danielle will follow up with Jennifer Young, Treasurer, as to whether we should try to direct future pantry givings elsewhere until there is further need to replenish Food Pantry funds.

8. **Buildings and Grounds:** submitted byDanielle York and attached.

Discussion ensued.

Which photos in the banquet hall should go back up and is there an alternate site for some of them?

It was suggested we could offer our banquet hall wall space to local artists to display their works.

Action: Danielle will ask the banquet hall decorating committee to test a section of the area designated for the colour ‘Pigeon Gray’ to ensure it is not too dark.

One way to add colour to our new neutral palette in the banquet hall to ensure it is a welcoming space is the use of throw pillows and art on the walls.

**MOTION**: from Barb Sneyd and Ruth Crittenden to give the go ahead to the Buildings and Grounds Banquet Hall project. The choice of contractor for the painting and the cost of the project are acceptable to the Board. Motion carried.

9. **Spiritual Committee:** submitted by Doug Harrison and attached.

Doug highlighted a few of the report items.

10. **Outreach and Social Action Report:** submitted byBarb Sneyd and attached.

- Attached is a thank you letter to the various donors to the Community Dinners.

Action: Barb requested the thank you be included in the next newsletter.

* At present, three freezers hold bread donated from Cobb’s Bakery for handout to community dinner participants should they like to have one.
* Last month’s dinner ‘sold out’ at 120 meals, in part due to the newly instigated delivery of some dinners, and so the March dinner numbers will be increased to 150.
* This will be Barb’s last Board meeting as she steps down as chair of the Outreach and Social Action Committee and Ray Piercy takes over the reins. Barb will remain a member of the committee and thus continue with her work with the Community Dinners and, when applicable, the Crockpot program. Barb noted that she has received five requests from across the province to share her experiences with managing a Crockpot program for the public.
* Take out community dinners will continue until the fall.
* Barbara Downie has taken on the task of contacting drivers and recipients of the delivered take out community dinners.
* The Board thanks Barb Sneyd for her leadership role as chair and her work on the Outreach and Social Action committee.

11. **Minister’s Report**: Rev. Dr. Brian Goodings

- There will be a previously taped service for both Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

- Discussion ensued about the possibility of holding an outdoor Easter Sunrise Service.

Action: Rev. Brian will look into the possibility of holding an outdoor Easter Sunrise service.

* In the future, the names of new members and baptismal candidates will be brought to the Official Board for acceptance, as per UCC manual instructions.

12. **Trustee Report:** Barry Rice

Barry has discussed our investment portfolio with Sean Kelly at Co-operators. We remain on track.

Action: Barry will connect with Jennifer to see if the monthly transfer of Trustee Funds to the General account needs to be increased from its current amount of two thousand dollars.

13. **UCW Report**: no report

14. **Ministry and Personnel:** Bev Mayberry

- Annual reviews are taking place with the staff who were not reviewed last year.

- An Exit interview has taken place with Rev. Brian

- WOW region workshops for new (or as refreshers) M & P members will be attended by Bev in March and by Marion Sinclair in April.

15. **Office Report:** no report

16. **WOW Region Report:** submitted by Ruth Crittenden and attached.

Ruth highlighted the M & P workshops; the newest area to be included in our Harassment policy; the 2020 stats reports that now should include a count of our online viewing numbers; a couple of scenarios for marking the anniversary of the Pandemic.

17. **MOTION** to accept all the reports, Barbara Downie and Barry Rice. Motion carried.

**New Business**

18. Approval/notation of **list of new members**.

At our service for February 21, 2021 the following new members were accepted onto Trinity’s Historic Roll membership list:

Jane Earthy (Transfer from Central UC: Unionville)

Marion Sinclair (Transfer from Rosedale UC: Toronto)

Stanley Macdonald (Transfer from St. James UC: Etobicoke)

Lorna Macdonald (Transfer from St. James UC: Etobicoke)

Beverley Mayberry (Transfer from Foldens UC: Foldens)

Robert H. Mayberry (Transfer from Foldens UC: Foldens)

Action: Lori/Historic Roll

19. The Official Board approved the February 10, 2021 emailed **request from Rev. Brian Goodings** via the Ministry and Personnel Committeeto extend Rev. Brian’s retirement to June 27, 2021. (attached)

20. The Official Board approved the emailed **Motion** of February 22**,** from Ruth Crittenden and Barbara Downie, to change banking authorities. The names of Albert Loughery and Ray Piercy are removed and Jennifer Young and Doug Harrison are added. (Attached)

21. **Covid Memorial** Service: the Spiritual Committee, in conjunction with Rev. Brian, has decided to hold this service on the first day back in the sanctuary for an in-person service.

22. **On-Line** Congregation **Liaison Program**: Doug Harrison and attached.

Discussion ensued. It was determined that Ruth will receive consent from any Donation program donor not currently identified on our Pew Pal lists or on our Website Directory list before passing along that particular donor’s name to the Pew Pal Co-coordinator, Marg Holroyd.

23. **Live Stream worship** services: coming soon. We are still working on the installation of equipment and then there will be training before we can begin to stream our services without the services of JYT Media.

24. **Contact List:** John Brown

Action: Lori will update the list of contacts for committees and church groups.

25. Trinity News Deadline: March 9, 2021

Action: Danielle will look into whether we are required, as a church, to have a safety plan in place with regard to Covid protocols.

As noted in last month’s minutes: here is the list of recipients for the 2020 Order of Nathaniel:

Al Loughery

Jason Whyte

Dave Saunders

Brenda Saunders

Cathy Dorsey

Donna Van Slyke

Joan Boughton

Next meeting: April 14, 2021

**MOTION**: to adjourn, Barry Rice

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Addendum:**

List of Action points:

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