

**TRINITY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
BOARD MEETING
Thursday February 18th, 2021
6:00 PM – Zoom Conference Call**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Heather Autio (Chair), Ken Foreman, Marcia Foreman, Rev. Bill Booth, , Ken Soneff , Don Strangway, Linda Garrett, Max Aranguiz-Peterson, Kathie VanderHelm, Barbara Mason, Alan Aranguiz-Peterson, Don Carlson, Joanne Craven

REGRETS: Luella Ryan, Lauren Palmer

GUESTS: None

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Heather Autio

Heather welcomed the members of the new Board. Heather also reviewed the expectations that Board members attend meetings, be on time for meetings and provide reports ahead of time to Ken Soneff, Secretary.

Ken Foreman congratulated Heather and thanked the members of the nominating committee as well as Rev Bill Booth for help with the logistics of the AGM.

2. MOTION TO GRANT CORRESPONDING PRIVILIGES: Not required

3. OPENING DEVOTION: Marcia Foreman read from the United Church Lenten Series Faith on the Move "Call to Serve".

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Rev. Bill Booth asked to report on status of a bequest.

Motion: To accept the agenda as circulated with the addition of a report from Rev. Bill Booth on a bequest.

Linda Garrett / Barb Mason

APPROVED

5. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the January 21st, 2021 Board minutes as circulated.

Don Carlson / Max Aranguiz-Peterson

APPROVED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- **Church reopening** – Rev. Bill Booth commented that nothing much has changed. Bill is encouraging the church staff to continue using masks whenever in the church.
- **Church Warm Zone:** Rev. Bill Booth indicated that this is still going well. Amanda was present during the recent cold snap and she ensured that clean up was done both inside and outside the church. Approximately 40 people used the warming zone daily.
- **February 14th AGM debrief and minutes** – Heather indicated that the meeting went well and the success provides options even for meetings and events post Covid. The Board agreed that the AGM as well as regular Board meetings should be posted on the TMUC web site.

Motion: That Board and AGM meeting minutes be posted on the TMUC web site.

Kathie VanderHelm / Ken Foreman

APPROVED

7. CORRESPONDENCE: None received

8. REPORTS

- **Treasurer's Report:** Alan Aranguiz-Peterson read through the balance sheet that had been circulated to Board by Rose Supeene. Linda Garrett pointed out that with changes to the Board the signing authorities at Prospera Credit Union needed to be revised.

Motion: To accept the financial report.

Alan Aranguiz-Peterson / Marcia Foreman

APPROVED

Motion:

Linda Garrett / Alan Aranguiz-Peterson

To recommend changes to the bank signing authorities and that any two of the following four be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of Trinity Memorial United Church account 1107929. Prospera Credit Union to be advised of changes.

Remaining: Linda Garrett and Ken Foreman

Add: Barbara Goyer

Alan Aranguiz-Peterson as Treasurer and allow him access to online account information

Remove: Brock Short and Madelyn Craven

APPROVED

- **Minister's Report:** See Minister's report which follows these minutes.

- **Building Maintenance:** Don Carlson reported that he had oiled the door latches in the sanctuary. He and Randy Scott had also hung the banner up outside the Church facing Montrose St. Bill mentioned a dripping tap that Don will look into replacing.
- **M & P Report:** Barb Mason reported that Edie Hayden is joining the group and that she needed help contacting Kathy Davies for information. Rev Bill Booth will help contact her.
- **Faith Formation Report:** Don Strangway reported a written report that is attached. Rev. Bill Booth will be sending info to 10 individuals offering membership classes once health rules permit.
- **UCW Report:** See attached report by Marcia Foreman.
- **Affirming Ministry Report:** Luella Ryan was unable to attend due to a family emergency. No report this month.
- **Regional Reports/Minutes/Updates:** Max provided the attached report for the February.

9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- **Future Cluster Meetings** – Next Cluster meeting is Saturday April 10th. Rev. Bill Booth indicated that working is still happening with the cluster consultant with the next planned meeting to talk about the neighbourhood survey.
- **Bequest discussion** – The board agreed to have this discussion in camera.

Motion: That the Board discussion go in camera.

Ken Foreman / Don Carlson

10. NEXT MEETING: March 18th, 2021 – 6:00 PM – By Zoom Conference call

DEVOTION: Don Strangway

11. ADJOURNMENT: **Motion:** Motion to adjourn.

Linda Garrett / Ken Soneff

APPROVED

12. CLOSING PRAYER:

The Rev. Bill Booth

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ken Soneff, Board Secretary.

Minister's report February 2021

This month has included preparation for the general meeting. The five days of extreme weather shelter in our lower assembly went smoothly. Amanda from impact was very helpful providing experience guidance a few times during the session. Her group were asked to help assure cleanup was well done. The working arrangement with my two colleagues is also getting smoother. Rev Michael Collison may participate in some of the Lenten worship services. Some Mt Lehman folk join us for worship each week.

Thanks to our dedicated Sunday School team for preparing a new Sunday Kit for our kids. We sent colouring Valentine cards for the children send to some of our people.

Online Ministry

I continue to post a weekly video reflection on YouTube and occasional posts on Facebook. Neither replaces our in-person community but both contribute to maintaining our connections. Online worship continues to improve technically as we work out minor bugs. We have folks regularly attending who otherwise would not be able to.

Bible Study, Book Study and Youth Group continue on line.

A Lenten devotional was sent out this week. It was organized by Rev Tracy Fairfield with content from myself and others.

Worship

I hosted our Lenten worship preparation meeting. Our theme for this lent is hope in the midst of our concerns for the environment. We will lift up positive actions taking place in the world to help limit climate change.

Rev Tim Bowman hosted an Ash Wednesday service and a Shrove Tuesday event. Some of our folk participated.

There will be a communion service this Sunday.

Donna has arranged for the organ to be fixed in early March.

Cluster

The strategic planning process continues. I have arranged for a neighbourhood survey to be prepared at the recommendation of the consultant. The consultant has prepared a survey which we will need to have a number of our folks to fill out.