

**TRINITY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
BOARD MEETING  
Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Luella Ryan

**REGRETS:** Lauren Palmer

**GUESTS:** None

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** **Heather Autio**

**2. MOTION TO GRANT CORRESPONDING PRIVILIGES:** Not required

**3. OPENING DEVOTION:** Don Strangway read “Awe Struck at a Parole Hearing” from “And it was Very Good: Everyday Moments of Awe” by Ed Olfert

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Rev. Bill Booth asked to talk about rats on the church property to the maintenance report.

**Motion:** To accept the agenda as circulated with the addition of discussion about rats.

**Kathie VanderHelm / Don Carlson**

**APPROVED**

**5. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:**

**Motion:** To approve the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board minutes as circulated.

**Linda Garrett / Joanne Craven**

**APPROVED**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- **Church reopening** – Rev. Bill Booth commented that he is getting an opening team together. He and Tim have been talking about opening up the numbers at the Church during services, but there will not be a lot of change very quickly.
- **Church Warm Zone:** Rev. Bill Booth indicated that the Impact group will be shifting to doing more of what they had been doing in the fall by doing more outside. Amanda will be away on holidays for the

next couple of weeks. In April planning will begin for support group and community meetings. Amanda also plans to organize planters for vegetables outside the Church. The Church supports this and may help by paying for soil.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:** None received

**8. REPORTS**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Alan Aranguiz-Peterson confirmed that the Church signing officers at the Bank had been changed as approved at the February Board Meeting. Alan covered highlights from the Income Statement, Comparative income Statement and Balance sheet that had been circulated to Board.

**Motion:** To accept the financial report.

**Alan Aranguiz-Peterson / Ken Foreman**

**APPROVED**

- **Minister's Report:** See Minister's report which follows these minutes. Bill mentioned that his computer performance was deteriorating. The Board recommended that he request permission from the Finance Committee to replace it before it fails completely.
- **Building Maintenance:** Don Carlson had nothing new to report. Bill reported that he has observed rats on the church property. Fortunately they have only been seen outside for now. Bill will get traps, or call an exterminator. It was suggested that the rats may be on the move due to the property development to the north and that this may be an ongoing issue in the area as development continues. In response, Bill will contact the Downtown Business Association to bring it to their attention as well as potentially the City to ensure that any efforts are coordinated and effective. Kathie VanderHelm will also look into options and suggestions to deter the critters.
- **M & P Report:** Barb Mason reported that Eddie Hayden is joining the group and that the group plans to meet on April 8<sup>th</sup>. She will have a report for next month.
- **Faith Formation Report:** Don Strangway reported that Sunday school and Bible Study are both going well. Bill indicated that Camp Spirit will be at Gladwin and catered again this summer, same as last year. Bill and Heather reported that the Youth have been meeting via Zoom and that two of the youth have applied to be on the Camp Spirit crew this summer.
- **UCW Report:** See attached report by Marcia Foreman. The UCW Zoom Fraser event held on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, went very well with approximately 20 churches and 90 attendees. In regard to the spring sale, Marcia is looking for team mates to help make "birds nest cookies".
- **Affirming Ministry Report:** Luella Ryan did not have a report. Rev. Bill Booth and Max reported that a training session is being organized by Pam Rocker to help develop a plan of action for the Region.

The mid cluster church Boards and members will be invited to contribute. Questions for Pam can be provided to Bill.

- **Regional Reports/Minutes/Updates:** No report this meeting.

#### 9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- **Future Cluster Meetings** – Next Cluster meeting is Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Bill Booth indicated that the mid cluster survey has gone out and everyone is encouraged to complete it.
- **SPA** - Rev. Bill Booth indicated that he will be meeting with folks about restarting SPA
- **Environmental Group** – Will be meeting this Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – 6:00 PM – By Zoom Conference call

**DEVOTION: Ken Soneff**

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Motion to adjourn.

**Barb Mason**

**APPROVED**

#### 12. CLOSING PRAYER:

**The Rev. Bill Booth**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ken Soneff, Board Secretary.

#### **Minister's report**

**March 2021**

My collaboration in worship leadership is now only with the Rev Tim Bowman from St. Andrews and Gladwin Heights. Rev Tracy Fairfield is on medical leave for next few months. Aldergrove members continue to join us for worship. There are plans for a temporary person to fill in for Tracy at Aldergrove. When this comes about, we will integrate them into our worship plans.

I continue to post a video reflection each week on you-tube. I also edit the Sunday worship to remove the preservice chatting.

We sent out the second part of the Lenten devotional to our congregation. I also arranged for the same to be sent to the Aldergrove congregation.

A survey has been sent out to the congregation for input for the Cluster strategic planning process. I arranged for Rose to send the printed version to the Aldergrove members as well.

I have been trying to update my office computer as it is starting to have problems due to the it's age and running an older operating system. With a few tricks I have improved things. A new computer should be included in next year's budget.

The Impact society is making plans to continue their work in our church hall. It has mostly been going well. We have had a few "campers" using our lot but this is being addressed. The church grounds remain tidy otherwise partly from the cleaning up of the participants of the programs.

I attended an online conference during the first week of March. One of the outcomes was gaining a contact who has offered to help us redevelop a business and marketing plan for the SPA. One insight was the importance of partnerships and being "entrepreneurs" in our hopes, plans and mission.

As often as possible we have been communicating the vaccination process to our members. Lots of our folks have now received their first vaccine. When the method to register included phoning in and online everyone seemed to be able to manage on their own.

I have sent an invitation to several active adherents to consider formalizing their membership. The membership liturgy will be inserted into a mid April worship.

We would also like to include a leadership covenant liturgy for board members in April.

With the efforts of Brock and Linda G, Rose and myself the stats forms for the national church have been submitted.

TMUC UCW Board Report – March 2021

- 1) The Fraser UCW Zoom Event went well and 90 people attended, including people from Sechelt, Comox, Victoria, New Westminster, POCO, West Vancouver, and the Fraser Valley.
- 2) A sixth UCW Charter Member is to be added to our UCW FB Postings: Faye Hansen
- 3) The UCW Online sale is April 14 – 28<sup>th</sup> (ending at 5 pm) with pick up of orders at TMUC on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Rose Soneff if you wish to contribute items.  
Due to the provincial health Orders, there won't be a plant or bake sale in the parking lot that day.
- 4) The theme for the UCW Face book postings is "Show us your preparations for Easter" and stories & pictures can be sent to [Rsoneff@gmail.com](mailto:Rsoneff@gmail.com)

Submitted by:

Marcia Foreman

Faith Formation Committee Report  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Six to eight children attend by zoom. Craft materials and Valentines cards to send out were distributed by hand. Next distribution will be early April, with Easter cards for the children to complete and mail out. Lauren and Adrienne continue to do an excellent teaching job.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Linda Potts and Bill lead the group. They follow the lectionary materials and Linda does a good job of distributing them.

**CAMP SPIRIT**

To be held in August. More details to follow. It was very successful, with Covid-19 protocols this past summer. Held at Old Riverside Park behind Gladwin Heights United Church.

**YOUTH GROUP**

See Bill's report.

Don Strangway

Chair of Faith Formation Committee.