

Trinity United Church
 Opening Minds, Opening Hearts, Opening Doors
 Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2018

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Is. 43:18-19

Call to order was at 8:05 p.m. at the home of Ken Pettigrew

Attendance:

Ken Pettigrew – Chair of Board	✓	Rev. Alan Minarcik – ex officio	✓
Secretary – Judie Herbert	✓	Finance - Carolyn Mullins	✓
Christian Education-Marg Hipkin	✓	Presbytery Representative – Geof Thompson	✓
Congregational Life - Deena Erampalli	✓	Property - Wayne Brown	✓
Events - Sandy Zimmerman	✓	Social Action – Jack Birtch	✓
		Trustees – Paul Tomlinson	R
Ministry & Personnel –Don Miller	✓	Worship - Carolyn Westoby	✓
Member without Portfolio-Eleanor Hall	✓	Member without Portfolio-Marilyn Gibbins	✓

Welcome

Prior to the meeting we were welcomed to Ken’s backyard for a barbecue accompanied by an array of side dishes supplied by board members.

When we gathered for the meeting, Ken acknowledged how well the group has worked together over the past year and a new minister will find a cooperative welcome.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting.

Moved: Marilyn Gibbins

Seconded: Jane Scholer

Carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes

Stewardship Campaign:

Ken reported that the stewardship campaign went amazingly well considering that it was a low key approach. A monthly increase of 8% has been received with Mission and Service up about \$100. per month.

Music Coordinator:

Don Miller reported that Kimberly Hanmer has been hired at \$1,000 per month to work three Sundays and two choir practices each month as well as coordinating all the music presentations. This is a four-month probationary period with a review set for the first week of January 2019. The music planning committee will still be actively involved to provide input and liaise with Kimberley so that there will be no surprises at the end of that period. Her status as either employee or contractor will be worked out between M&P and the Finance committee.

Acknowledging the Territory:

The consensus was that this is worthwhile doing.

Ken outlined three reasons that the United Church has presented for the acknowledgment:

-to live out the church's apology

-to work towards right relations

-repudiation of the 'doctrine of discovery' that European settlers were the first people to set foot in North America

Just how to present it and how to educate the congregation has been assigned to Geof, Jane and Sandy to report back in the fall. In the meantime Alan will continue with his version of the acknowledgement at Sunday services.

Generative Questions:

The generative question for committee chairs to present to their committee is:

"What question, if answered, could make the most difference to the future of your committee?"

Finance:

Carolyn Mullins reported that May was the best month for Trinity in a long time with total receipts at \$24,253 and expenditures of \$18,491.

The Chartered Accountant has completed 2017 audited statements and submitted our charity returns. Carolyn reiterated that Annette Newton is a valuable asset for Trinity and the board acknowledges our gratitude.

Motion to accept the finance report as presented and to authorize a payment of \$9,394 for our liability insurance.

Moved: Carolyn Mullins

Seconded: Geof Thompson

Carried.

Search Committee

Jane reported that an ad has been placed in the Observer online for the rest of June and July and August and in print in the September issue. They are covering all avenues available including possibly advertising in the United Church of Christ in the U.S. and on the United Church national vacancy list.

Social Action

The migrant workers' dinner hosted at St. Alban's church in Beamsville was very successful. The biggest expense is \$200 for the bus which brings the workers and returns them home.

Congregational Life

Deena reported that the committee is planning a 'welcome back' potluck lunch following the service on the second Sunday in September.

The coffee time area is very congested and she has suggested removing the first row of chairs to give more room for people to mingle as well as separating the drinks from the snacks. She will ask the Sexton to remove these chairs.

She also reported that the Health Inspector made a surprise visit to the kitchen and we passed.

Christian Education

Learning circles have been arranged for the fall.

Ministry and Personnel

Motion to pay the sexton in cash in lieu of statutory holidays effective July 1, 2018 and record this in the contract.

Moved: Don Miller

Seconded: Geof Thompson

Carried.

Property

The office air conditioning is no longer working. A window unit has been installed in Alan's office and Eleanor Hall has donated a trade-in to be installed in the main office.

A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the Sparklers.

Fran Chesney has submitted Trinity for a Trillium award for the beautiful landscaping. A heartfelt appreciation goes to Wayne Brown for the many hours he spends on Trinity's gardens.

Events

Even with a reduced price, \$1,700 profit was realized from the beef roast.

Room Rentals

Rental requests are causing a lot of work for the staff when "add ons" are requested to our written policy.

It was agreed that we will work on a definitive rental policy in the fall that will relieve the staff from having to make ‘executive’ decisions.

United Church Governance

Some people are concerned about the changes coming in the new year. Once ratified by General Council this summer, there will be only three governing bodies: the local church, a regional council (we will be in region #9) and the national council. As far as the average congregant is concerned, they will not notice a difference.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board Chair