

Trinity United Church
 Opening Minds, Opening Hearts, Opening Doors
 Board Meeting Minutes – September 25, 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 at 7:05 p.m. in the sanctuary

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	R	Social Action – Jane Scholer	R
		Trustees – Paul Tomlinson	R
Ministry & Personnel –Judy Meldrum	✓	Worship - Eleanor Hall	✓
Member without Portfolio-Eleanor Hall	✓	Member without Portfolio-Marilyn Gibbins	✓

Welcome

Chairman, Ken Pettigrew, lit the Christ candle and welcomed everyone back after the summer break.

Rev. Alan Minarcik offered an opening prayer.

Ken reflected on a visit to St. Giles Church in Hamilton where they were holding an auction of everything in the building right down to the pulpit and stained glass windows. He was shaken by what can happen to a building that is not maintained and the affect it could have on community groups that rely on it. He thanked our Property Committee for all the hard work they do to keep our building viable.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 26,2018 meeting.

Moved: Carolyn Mullins

Seconded: Wayne Brown

Carried.

Business Arising From the Minutes:

The committee looking into acknowledging the territory in the worship service have nothing to report as yet.

Finance

Carolyn Mullins was pleased to report that our financial position is the best it has been in a long time following the summer.

At the end of August we had a credit balance of \$4,000.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented.

Moved: Carolyn Mullins

Seconded: Eleanor Hall

Carried.

Ministry and Personnel

Music Coordinator:

Judy Meldrum reported that a contract has been signed with Kimberly Hanmer, Music Coordinator, running from September 9, 2018 to January 6, 2019. This will cover playing for three Sundays and two choir rehearsals per month. She is also allowed up to \$250 per month to pay for guest musicians.

Nursery Coverage: There is no nursery coverage at this time and the Board asked the Christian Education committee to study the feasibility of this project.

Kids-in-the-Hall:

It is proposed that a Kid will be available from Monday to Thursday 6-10 p.m. with no coverage on Friday.

Cleaning Services:

A quote has been received from Rawden Cleaning Service to provide a similar service to what we are receiving now but at less cost and they provide all the equipment and supplies.

Motion to employ Rawden Cleaning Service for one day per week from September to May; bi-weekly for the summer months, starting in January 2019 subject to reference checks.

Moved: Judy Meldrum

Seconded: Marilyn Gibbins

Carried.

Minister's Report

Alan reported that he has received his police check. The first workshop on transition was well attended and a second one on church as family is coming up.

Events

In the absence of Sandy Zimmerman, Geof announced that Events is planning a lasagna dinner sometime in November.

Search Committee

Geof reported that they have received applications from a number of very good candidates and they are now working on a short list. With a candidate needing to give 90 days' notice we cannot expect a new minister until at least January.

The \$1,000 allotted to the committee for expenses has been used and they have requested an additional \$1,500 to see them through their mandate. This was approved.

Worship

Eleanor Hall, interim Worship chair, announced that Carolyn Westoby is on leave for the next 5 or 6 months. Eleanor and Marilyn Smith are co-chairs for the time being.

Alan has provided a list of services right up to Christmas. The question of the need for a 10 p.m. service on Christmas eve was discussed and the consensus was to keep this service.

Congregational Life

Deena reported that the welcome back potluck in September was very well received. A feedback meeting for Welcoming Team leaders is planned.

Insurance

Our insurer has informed us that outside groups using the building that are not sponsored by Trinity are required to provide us with proof that they have their own insurance.

Nominations

As the end of the year is fast approaching, Ken asked each committee chair to poll their members to see where we will need new people and start looking now.

The position of Board Chair and Worship Chair will both be vacant.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Geof Thompson at 8:35 p.m.

Alan closed with a prayer.

Judith Herbert, Board Secretary

Ken Pettigrew, Board Chair