**Trinity United Church**

**Collingwood, ON**

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

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

Present: Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy (non-voting), Joy Barr, Ruth Crittenden, Ray Piercy, Danielle York (chair), John Brown, Bev Mayberry, Lori Forsythe (non-voting), Marion Sinclair (non-voting), Doug Harrison, Barbara Downie

Regrets: Barry Rice

1. **Welcome**: from chair, Danielle.

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Mary Elizabeth

2. **MOTION** to approve the agenda, with the addition of # 27, Djembe drums, Barbara Downie and Bev Mayberry. Motion carried.

3. **MOTION** to accept the minutes of October 13 and October 25, 2021, Ray Piercy and Ruth Crittenden. Motion carried.

4. **Correspondence:**

a) Ray Piercy received confirmation that WOW region has accepted our revised Plan of Organization.

b) Certificate of Thanksgiving:

Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, is the signee of a certificate received from the United Church of Canada acknowledging Trinity’s contributions to the Mission and Service fund for the year 2020.

Rev. Mary Elizabeth will acknowledge this from the pulpit on Sunday and then it will be put on a Bulletin Board. (Action)

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

5. Elevator: going ahead with a necessary repair costing $1600. (sixteen hundred. In the coming months, the company will price out the cost of a new system should we choose to replace the lift.

6. A table microphone has been purchased by Ray. It has been tested and seems to work well to create the ability to have hybrid meetings at the church – zoom and in-person at the same time.

**Reports:**

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

8. **Buildings and Grounds** no report

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

Doug highlighted some of the items in his report. Note the change in name for our PewPal program.

10. **Outreach and Social Action Report:** submitted byRay Piercy and attached.

Ray briefly went through the bullet points in his report. The Outdoor Food Box is being well used.

**MOTION**: that again this year, Trinity supports the Coldest Night walk with space. It will be held on February 26, 2022.

Moved by Ray Piercy and seconded by John Brown. Motion carried.

Action: Ray to notify Coldest Night organizers.

11. **Minister’s Report:** Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Rev. Mary Elizabeth expressed her appreciation to all the people who are helping put the Sunday services together. We are “finding a way through God’s love to graciously move through this period.”

12. **Trustee Report:** (Input from Doug Mitchell and Ruth Crittenden)

Thanks as always to Doug Mitchell for his continued support with inputting the financial figures for the Trustees.

* The value of securities held at our brokerage increased during the month of October.
* The church transferred $40,000, which will be repaid to the government in 2022. Please note: The CEBA loans are partially forgivable as repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 will result in loan forgiveness of up to 33 percent (up to $20,000.) *(from the Government of Canada website)*
* During October 50% of the amount invested in the High Income funds was allocated to a Global/Growth fund.
* The portfolio presently holds investments in three funds.

13. **UCW Report**: Joy Barr

The UCW will be making meat pies near the end of November. Volunteers are being recruited.

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

- Committee has been working on the budget.

- Committee has drafted a job description for the proposed new position of choir leader.

**MOTION**: that Trinity creates a new position of choir leader to work in conjunction with our current music director, Paul Sloan. Moved by Bev Mayberry and Barbara Downie. Motion carried.

Action: Bev will email the job description and the drafted advertisement to the Board members for their input.

- The United Church of Canada has made some changes to the benefit packages available to church staff.

- Action: discussion for January ….that we consider a host position for Fridays and weekends, if needed.

15. **Office Report:** no report

16. **WOW Region Report:**

WOW fall conference to be held by Zoom November 12 and 13th.

17. **MOTION** to accept all the reports, Ray Piercy and Barbara Downie. Motion carried.

**New Business**

18. Draft Budget: Danielle York

Danielle distributed a draft budget. The Board thanks Danielle for taking on this task.

Discussion ensued.

19. Search Committee: Ray Piercy

- As per last month, the work continues. It is slow going.

Action: Ray will speak to the work of the Search Committee from the pulpit on Sunday.

20. Tech Support: Danielle York

- A student named Seth has been training with the tech team. He is available to help 3 Sundays per month.

- Ray has also helped; Steve Czerny works on the tech team and is available outside of the cross-country ski season.

- A consideration under review would see Sunday services broadcast live from September to June with the summer-month services pre-taped for YouTube. As our complement of tech support is small, and fewer people are necessary to be on hand on the Sunday with a pre-taped service, this would give the tech team a much-needed weekend break.

21. Website: Ruth Crittenden

- Ruth received input from the Board as to some of the website content regarding possible modifications and deletions.

22. Member list: Ruth Crittenden

- No further adjustments have been suggested for the current roll list.

23. Sanctuary Capacity Limits: Ruth Crittenden

Discussion ensued regarding the latest government Covid protocol for double vaccination and subsequent ability to increase the capacity limits of the sanctuary for Sunday services. For the time being, we will continue with our current practice of distancing and registration rather than proof of vaccine status.

24. Santa Claus Parade: John Brown

Trinity at Collingwood Santa Claus Parade Sat. Nov. 20, 5 p.m.

* Joan Rainbird Sharp taking charge 705 445-1402
* Rose and Don Hewitson providing a company truck, hay wagon with bales of hay and a generator
* Mike White is having a banner made with Trinity United Church in bold red letters
* Hope is to have decorations, nativity scene, lights, music and distribute candy canes and distribute our Welcome Cards
* Heather Ferguson is recruiting folks for the float including:

Patti and Phil Watson, their grandson Morgan and son-in-law Josh Taylor,

Ray and Mary Elizabeth Piercy, Joy Barr, Mary Ellen McNaught and Heather.

Also participating: John Brown, Taylor Brown, and Mike White

25. Thank you to Claire Bellamy and Joan Rainbird for the decorations in the sanctuary for Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day.

26. Deadline for the Trinity Newsletter submissions is November 17th.

27. Djembe Drums: Danielle York

The Board has no objection to loaning Kathryn Colantonio four large drums for use at the Kingston hospital with an adult therapy group. Kathryn would be responsible for any repairs occurring as the drums are used.

**MOTION** to adjourn, Joy Barr.

Next meeting date: December 8, 2021.

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

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

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**ACTION ITEMS**

Mary Elizabeth:

- address receipt of certificate from the pulpit

Lori Forsythe:

- display certificate from Rev. Dr. R. Bott

Ray Piercy

- Ray to notify Coldest Night organizers of approval of their use of space.

- put official copy of the Plan of Organization into binder in the office.

Bev Mayberry:

- email info to Board members

Danielle York

- put host position on the agenda for our January 2022 Board meeting.

- continue with the draft budget document plus all the other Trinity initiatives you are involved in. Delegate if you are able.