**Trinity United Church**

**Collingwood, ON**

**Board Meeting via Zoom**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy (non-voting), Ruth Crittenden, Ray Piercy, Danielle York (chair), John Brown, Bev Mayberry, Marion Sinclair, Doug Harrison, Barbara Downie, Barry Rice, Sue Edmunds (UCW)

Regrets: Lori Forsythe, Joy Barr

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

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Mary Elizabeth

2. **MOTION** to approve the agenda, with the assurance that a motion to accept the Draft budget will be included in the Treasurer’s Report, Barbara Downie and Ray Piercy. Motion carried.

3. **MOTION** to accept the minutes January 12, 2022, John Brown and Ruth Crittenden. Motion carried.

4. **Correspondence**: none

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

5. Elevator: was repaired and is now not working again. A quote has been requested for a replacement lift.

6. Action Items from previous meeting:

a) Ray will wait until the church/church office is open more often before adding a sign to the outdoor pantry unit about the Warming Closet.

b) Organ invoices: Action: Danielle to investigate.

**Reports:**

7. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:**

Discussion ensued regarding the draft budget. There have been a few minor adjustments made.

Marion Sinclair briefly spoke to the Profit and Loss Sheet and the Balance Sheet for 2021.

**MOTION**: to approve the Operating Budget for 2022, with the adjustment of increasing the expected envelope givings by $20,000. (twenty thousand), Marion Sinclair and Barry Rice. Motion carried.

8. **Buildings and Grounds:** Danielle York

- The pump on our boiler system needs replacing.

**MOTION:** to approve payment of the outstanding balance of $5123.14 (five thousand one hundred and twenty-three dollars, fourteen cents) to DJ Peats Roofing for flat roof repair work, Barbara Downie and Ray Piercy. Motion carried.

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

Danielle, on behalf of the Board, thanked Doug for all his dedicated work on the Spiritual Committee. Doug will be missed at the Spiritual Committee meetings and at the Board table.

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

* **MOTION**: to waive the rental fee for the Collingwood Cares Community Outreach event, “Diva on a Dime”, to be held Saturday, April 23, 2022 in our gym. Moved by Ray Piercy and Bev Mayberry. Motion carried.

This group has had similar programs run out of Trinity in the past. This particular event provides very low-cost prom dresses to teens.

* Pantry: A notice will go into the next newsletter regarding the items most needed for the Pantry, for those who like to purchase groceries. (Action: John)

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

* Rev. Mary Elizabeth gave a heartfelt thanks to Doug for his work as the Spiritual Committee chair. He was very helpful when Rev. Brian was here and continued with that assistance with her. The good discussions involving the Outreach Evangelism program were appreciated.
* Mission and Service booklets are in. Action: Danielle will incorporate some of the information into slides.
* Georgian Triangle Ministerial Association: Rev. Mary Elizabeth keeps tabs on their agenda. The Living Faith church on the main street is selling their church, which means Collingwood will not have a group helping pregnant teens.

12. **Trustee Report:** Barry Rice

The markets were down in January, as per a usual January, and have rallied somewhat so far in February.

13. **UCW Report**: Sue Edmunds

- Sue reported that the UCW will be holding a Tri-Region Zoom “Tea, Music, and Friendship” event on Saturday, February 12 @ 10 a.m. More information can be found on the WOWRCC website.

- March 4th is the World Day of Prayer

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

- Bev reports the committee had a meeting last week. Sadly, Dawn Myers has stepped down from the committee, and will be greatly missed.

- Janie Jardine has agreed to join the Ministry and Personnel Committee. The committee continues to search for one more member.

- Staff annual reviews will begin.

- Our new choir director position is posted on “Choirs Ontario” although there has been no feedback as of yet.

- Mary Ellen Burgess remains anxious to begin Bell Ringer practices in the, hopefully, near future.

15. **Office Report:** none

16. **WOW Region Report:** submitted by Ruth Crittenden and attached.

One further mention is the ability to participate, or watch the UCC General Council 44, beginning with some sessions this Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Action: Ruth will check whether the March Stewardship sessions from WOW will be recorded, so that Danielle, or any other Finance committee member, could watch them.

17. **MOTION** to accept all the reports, Doug Harrison and Ray Piercy. Motion carried.

**New Business**

18. Stewardship Fund

Ruth asked for permission to eliminate this fund. It served a purpose when we did a stewardship campaign many years ago, but is no longer necessary. Action: Ruth will contact the few PAR contributors, who contribute monthly to Stewardship, to ask for permission to have those funds added to their General fund contributions. Currently, Stewardship monies require extra bookkeeping steps to move the funds over to the General Fund.

The Board agreed to this proposal.

19. Reopening Plans

* Trinity will open for partial capacity services on March 6, 2022.

Action: Danielle will donate an old cell phone with the Verify Ontario app on it, for use by the ushers to check the QR codes for those attending future in-person services.

Action: Danielle will investigate the QR requirements for a church that has opted in to requiring full vaccination to attend services.

* Pickleball: When the church opens for services, Pickleball private groups may play. We will wait longer to invite open play.

20. Order of Nathaniel: John Brown

The recipients of the Order, and the Companion Order, of Nathaniel were chosen from the nominations. The Board decided to focus on the ‘not so obvious’, behind-the-scenes dedicated workers of Trinity, which was the original intent when Rev. Brian Goodings created the Order in conjunction with the Board. The Board sincerely appreciates all the nominations received. The awards will be given at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, the 13th of February. The recipients will be listed in the March Board minutes.

21. AGM details

- Action: Ruth will create the draft agenda; send it for approval; and then send it on to John Brown for distribution.

22. Trinity News Deadline is February 16th.

**MOTION** to adjourn, Barry Rice.

Next meeting date: March 9, 2022.

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

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

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

DANIELLE YORK:

1. Organ invoices: Danielle to investigate
2. Mission and Service slides created.
3. Check the requirements for churches regarding QR codes. Load Verify ON app on old phone.

JOHN BROWN:

1. List of Pantry items for the newsletter.
2. Send out link for Zoom AGM and the agenda.

RUTH CRITTENDEN:

1. Check whether the WOW March sessions on stewardship, will be recorded. Let Danielle know.
2. Begin the process of eliminating the Stewardship fund category.
3. Create draft AGM agenda.

LORI FORSYTHE:

1. Create the Order of Nathaniel certificates.