**SUNSET UNITED CHURCH BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brenda Scarfe called the meeting order at 7:02 pm and started the meeting with a land acknowledgment.

2. ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Brenda Scarfe, Jean Cameron, Bryon Tudor, Marion Tudor, Dave Towers, Denelle Hanson, Tricia Gerhard, Ken Fensom, David Millar, Michelle McConkey, Trina Hodgson, Tim Osborne, Christa Eidsness

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion:** DaveTowers/Ken Fensom that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

**Carried**

4. DEVOTION

Tricia offered a prayer.

5. MINUTES OF CHURCH BOARD MEETING – February 17, 2022 Draft

Corrections:

6.1 add the word “faith” between “of” and “Profile”

11.4 – format of the meeting will be in person and on Zoom (hybrid)

13.a Marion’s last name is spelled Bzdell

**Motion:** Marion/Denelle that the minutes be adopted as amended

**Carried**

6. ACTION ITEMS

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| **Item** | **Details** | **Status** |
| Rummage Sale | Tentatively rescheduled for Fall 2022. |  |
| Signing Authority | Currently Denelle, Jean, Ken and Hilary have signing authority. Hilary should be removed and Brenda will replace her. Denelle will contact the bank to let them know about the change.  **Motion: Dave Millar/Dave Towers** That Brenda Scarfe be made a signing authority for Sunset United Church.  **CARRIED** |  |
| Interfaith Saturday Lunch Program | Trina will follow up with either Wesley or Lakeview about collaborating again on another lunch in fall 2022 |  |
| Regina Native Ministry Outreach Feast | Tricia will put together information for those who want to attend |  |
| Collaboration with Wesley United | Christa will send a letter to the Wesley Board on behalf of the Sunset Board inviting them to a conversation about future collaborations. Tricia will also check-in with Carolyn about the conversation we’re having |  |
| Worship Committee | All board members will give some thought to forming a worship committee |  |
| Photo Directory | Marion will contact the IPC representative about scheduling the photo directory for October |  |
| Tricia’s Farewell | M&P will organize the details of Tricia’s farewell on June 26 |  |

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Two Voluntary Associate Minister Forms have been submitted to Sunset. As background: 3 years ago the structure of the church changed, and Ordained and Diaconal ministers’ memberships lie within the region rather than a congregation. Previously ministers who were not in an active call were retained on the roll of the Presbytery, but now they need to be connected with a congregation.

**Motion:** Jean Cameron/Trina Hodgson THAT Christa Eidsness and Laura Sundberg be designated as Voluntary Associate Ministers by the Board of Sunset United Church.

**CARRIED**

1. From the choir: there will be a special event for Nancy and Bill on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm with the choir. There will be a short program that will include singing. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER’S REPORT

See attached report for details

Denelle led the Board through the financial reports for the year up to March 31, 2022.

CEBA loan repayment is starting.

Total Income to March 31: $44,126.62

Total Expenses to March 31: $47,861.02

($3,734.40)

**Motion: Denelle/Tim** THAT the financial report be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

9. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affirming Ministry Report presented by Tina Hodgson

Tina reported on the Interfaith Saturday Lunch event – these events are organized by downtown churches; Sunset partnered with Wesley to host a day and Sunset lots of people and donations. The total cost was $600 for supplies and Sunset sent a cheque to Wesley to cover our part.

Question: does Sunset want to do something like this again? What about partnering with Lakeview and encourage Wesley to partner with Eastside. Consensus is that Trina will approach either Wesley or Lakeview to take on another day. This will be placed in Action Items.

Pride Parade will be on June 11 and Sunset’s Pride Service will be on June 12. Cost is $30 to enter, this amount will come out of the Affirming Ministry budget.

The downtown faith group is having an educational event on May 11, 2022 at 7 pm at Knox-Met with Dan LeBlanc’s motion to the City of Regina about how to truly end homelessness in the city. Trina and Peter Gilmour will be joining Dan LeBlanc to speak about the issue.

Question: how long will Sunset continue with sandwich making for Salvation Army’s Waterston House? Request of the Board to the Community Service and Affirming Committees to figure out the best way forward.

Community Service issue to be aware of – the law that the US Supreme Court is currently discussing effects a lot more than simply a woman’s right to choose.

Fundraising

Sunset will host a Munch (catering) lunch picnic on Sunday, June 19 (first week of tri-church). The purpose is to build community and we will be encouraging people to bring lawn chairs and stay to eat lunch. Deadline to sign up is June 12.

Gift card fundraiser and rummage sale will be in the fall.

Question: when will we start eating together again?

Answer: The ad-hoc re-opening committee is the group to advise on this.

Property

See attached report for details.

Discussion:

When elections were last here, they had a ramp on the west side of the building. Property committee thought that would be a great thing for us to have. Maybe Jolly’s or Prairie Heart Mobility would have something like this.

Thanks to the Property Committee for painting the yellow line on the step into the building on the west side.

Key for the door is now kept on a nail beside the door rather than on top of the door.

Outdoor sign issues – the sign is now obsolete and if it goes down it can’t be fixed.

Eavestrough above the doors is steel and bolted into the building, it causes problems with overflowing and ice on the sidewalk in February and March each year – the committee will look for solutions and get a quote on repair.

During the summer shutdown this year, we will clean the floors but not wax them.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Regina Native Outreach Ministry feast

Several weeks ago Deb Anderson-Pratt announced a traditional indigenous feast hosted by the Regina Native Outreach Ministry on the Regina Native Outreach Facebook page. There is quite a bit of protocol and preparation involved in the invitation.

Tricia will compile the information from Deb’s announcement about the feast and include the information in the weekly newsletter.

1. Collaboration with Wesley United Church

Bryan Tudor is on the Transition Team for Wesley and was the Regional Council Representative before Carolyn came to Wesley. Wesley is interested in working with (an)other church(es) and are wondering if there are other churches interested in working with them. Wesley is starting a congregational consultation process this month.

Wesley and Sunset are both Affirming Ministries and have both walked that path. These seem to be the churches that are currently in a place to collaborate.

Bryan suggests getting in touch with them to say, we are interested in working with you, though we don’t know what that means or looks like right now. Bryan suggests that we bring the boards together for a discussion in the fall. Consensus is that we should move forward with this.

Next step: send a letter to Wesley’s board outlining our congregation and inviting their board to talk with our board

1. Search Committee Update

Jean reported that it’s tough, the first Sunday after tri-church will be September 11. There may or may not be someone in place by then. We need to come up with a plan for how to coordinate worship in the absence of a minister.

1. Church Photo Directory

This was scheduled for just before the pandemic, we could reschedule for October. Marion will schedule this for October.

e. Tricia’s Farewell

Tricia’s last worship service with Sunset is June 26. M&P will organize the details. Tricia will arrange a release from covenant on that day as well.

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

None

13. MINISTER’S REPORT

* 1. Tri-church will begin Sunday, June 19
  2. Marion Bzdell’s funeral is May 28 at 11 am. The family is bringing in the lunch and Sharon Frye will coordinate serving, Barb Flaten-Orr will be the musician. Bonnie Tudor will do tech
  3. Tricia had a funeral yesterday for Mary Sutton (Rev. Ron Sutton’s wife)
  4. General Council is still going…
  5. Tricia will meet with Carolyn and Karla to debrief and evaluate this year’s Lent events
  6. There are 8 Sundays left before Tricia leaves
  7. There is lots of pastoral care happening right now
  8. It’s nice to see people return to the building – it’s slow, but sure

14. CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTER’S REPORT

1. Sunday School is starting again
2. Youth Group needs to be re-formed, since most of them have aged out during the pandemic
3. For fall Sunday School: Michelle bought the online Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum
4. The Region is still working on a Confirmation Weekend for next year – plan is for it to be a weekend in Saskatoon
5. There will be a new youth coordinator starting at Wesley in the fall, which means there may be potential for collaboration
6. Michelle raised $615 for the Kids Help Phone Line and walked around Wascana Lake with Jean Cameron on May 1 as part of her fundraising efforts

15. UPDATE OF CHURCH CALENDAR

1. Tricia will send the list of upcoming worship services

16. NEXT CHURCH BOARD MEETING/GATHERING – June 16 at 7 pm Location TBD

* Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7 pm in Faith Hall

17. BENEDICTION

Tricia closed the meeting with a blessing.

Chair, Brenda Scarfe Secretary, Christa Eidsness