**Trinity United Church**

**Collingwood, ON**

**Hybrid Board Meeting**

**Thursday, June 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m**.

Present: Ray Piercy, Barry Rice, Betty Hancey, Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy (non-voting), Danielle York, Joy Barr, Ruth Crittenden, John Brown, Patti Watson (chair,) Lori Forsythe (non-voting) and Beth Theis and Bev Mayberry from the Affirming Committee for a portion of the meeting. Special guests joined us from the Little House Montessori School.

Absent: Barbara Downie

1. Welcome: Danielle York; Opening Prayer: Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy
2. Thoughts, Prayers and any Deaths to be recorded

Each meeting the Board reflects on those in need of our thoughts and prayers. Our thoughts are with the family of the late Margie Morphet.

1. **MOTION**: to approve the agenda, with the addition of a Ministry and Personnel requested In Camera as item # 24, Ray Piercy and Betty Hancey. Motion carried.
2. **MOTION** to accept the minutes of May 15, 2025, Ruth Crittenden and Ray Piercy. Motion carried.
3. Correspondence:
4. Recent visitors from Maryland enjoyed our service, our stained-glass windows, and found the Trinity website to be an asset with regard to guiding them our way.
5. Email from 5th Street Initiatives - Youth Theatre and All Abilities Youth Chorus requesting the use of the sanctuary again this year on or about November 29th. Action: forwarded to Lori for attention and booking. The Board approved the request.
6. Paul Sloan welcomes an aspiring, student organist who will practice on Trinity’s organ.
7. Guests, John Harrison and Joanne Harrison from Little House Montessori School: update to follow.
8. Affirming Committee Update, Beth Theis and Bev Mayberry, submitted and attached

* 4 Pride signs approved, as per the last few years, for our property on the Pride Weekend of July 11-13
* Board gave approval to changes and enhancements in washroom signage and use. The Accessible washroom will now be accessible and gender-neutral.
* Baby change table will be installed in the accessible/gender-neutral washroom, ensuring that there will be enough space to maintain the accessibility aspect. Any other items need to be stored elsewhere. The Board thanked Bev for keeping issues such as these in mind.
* There are plans to further engage the congregation in dialogue in possibly a “work and worship” service in the fall.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

1. Incident file created.
2. South Georgian Bay Local Strategy session: Cec Mutton attended and will attend the next gathering. It was a productive meeting with approximately 50 attendees from assorted backgrounds, i.e. senior renters; young people hoping to get into the housing market; retirees etc.

* Other updates from previous minutes:
  + Ruth has heard back from a few of the non-resident members contacted regarding the possibility of transferring their membership to a nearby United Church.
  + Banking authority changes will be finalized soon.

**Reports**

1. Treasurer/Finance Committee Report: none
   * 2nd Quarter Report to be emailed to us in July
2. Building and Grounds Report: no report

Discussion continues with regard to heating/boiler needs. Committee is investigating the possibility of a heating/cooling system to augment our boilers.

Action: Any grants available to assist?

1. Spiritual Committee, submitted by Patti Watson and attached.
   * The annual outdoor service will be held on July 27th.
   * The Prayer Chain is happy to accept requests. Also, please let Airlie Suutari know if any greeting cards need to be sent out.
   * The Bells will be sent out for cleaning and servicing this summer. At the recent Bell Ringer Conference one of the workshops featured this and Patti is pleased to say that a local servicer has been discovered in Barrie.
2. Outreach and Social Action, submitted by Betty Hancey and attached.
   * The Coopers hope a couple will volunteer to host the Community Dinner in February of 2026.
3. Minister’s Report: Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy

- Jenna and Kyle Scott were married at Trinity on May 20th 2025.

- On June 21st it is expected that A.J. Leyte and Kendra will exchange vows under the auspices or Rev. Mary Elizabeth

- On September 6th, there will be a wedding at Trinity for Jessica Jones and Andrew Abaza.

15. Trustee’s Report: no report

16. UCW Report: Joy Bar-

- June meeting, end of year luncheon, will be on June 23 at The Iron Skillet.

- Funeral lunch on June 16th for Eileen Carrington was well received.

1. Ministry and Personnel Committee: Ray Piercy

David Collinson will cover Mike White’s vacation during the last two weeks in July.

1. Office Report: no report
2. Western Ontario Waterways Regional Representative Report: submitted by Ruth Crittenden, and attached.

Ruth verbally précised the six Palestine Proposals that will be taken to General Council 45 to be held in Alberta in August. (based on webinar of June 18th – Link for the webinar recording: <https://youtu.be/OCRXD5uogF4> and the link for the proposals: <https://wowrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b&id=cb4dd5ec89&e=e1150ee8f0>

1. **MOTION** to accept all the reports, Danielle York and Betty Hancey. Motion carried.

**New Business**

1. Trinity News Deadline, June 19th – always on the usual monthly date of the Board meeting
2. Trinity Pew Pamphlets will be updated for September; if there are any changes of which you are aware, please advise John. (Action)
3. Action: John will dispose of the random business cards displayed in the banquet hall.
4. The call to go **In Camera** came at 8:50 p.m. The Board moved back to its open meeting at 8:53 p.m.

**MOTION:** the Board approves cost of the requested online Quick Book course for office staff. Moved by Ray Piercy and Danielle York. Motion carried.

**MOTION** to adjourn, Barry Rice.

* At this point in the meeting, Barry tendered his resignation as chair and member of the Trustees, thus will no longer be a member of the Board.

The Board accepted Barry’s resignation with regret. Barry was thanked profusely for his time and service to the Trustees and the Board. “You have done a great job and will be missed.”

Date for the Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025.

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

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

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**Action Items from June Board meeting:**

Lori Forsythe

* Book the 5th Street Creative Initiatives concert with Ali Giedraitis

John Brown

* Dispose of random business cards
* Revise pew pamphlets for the fall

Danielle York

* Search for any grants to help with conversion to a heating/cooling system