The board voted via email to accept the decision made by the Reopening Committee.  It was decided that, because of the dramatic increase in Covid numbers in Saskatchewan and in Regina, starting on October 10, we will go back to online Sunday services only.

The board also decided via email to buy a Chapters/Indigo gift card for Nancy Edwards as a belated thank you for her years as music director for Sunset.  It is still our hope that we can have a Sunday morning “event” for Nancy as well.

**Sunset United Church**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**DRAFT**

**October 28, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Jean Cameron, called the meeting to order at 7:00 on Zoom.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Susan Black, Jean Cameron, Ken Fensom, Barbara Flaten-Orr, Tricia Gerhard, Denelle Hansen, Trina Hodgson, Michelle McConkey, Tim Osborne, Brenda Scarfe, Bryan Tudor, Marion Tudor, Nancy Toppings, Hilary Wallin

Regrets: Judy Fawell

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Brenda added reopening to new business.

Marion added gift card fundraiser to new business.

**Moved by Hilary/Bryan that the agenda be adopted as amended.  Carried.**

4. DEVOTION

Tricia led us in prayer.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

**Moved by Nancy/Hilary that the minutes of the September 9, 2021 board meeting be approved as presented.  Carried.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Ladies Fellowship - see letter (Appendix A)

Tricia will include this letter in the weekly update tomorrow.

Jean will write them a letter of thanks for their fundraising for Sunset for 50 plus years.

We will honour the Ladies Fellowship with a tea after a Sunday service in the spring.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER’S REPORT/BUDGET

Denelle led us through the financial reports for the year up to September 30, 2021:

Total income to date:             $160,857

Total expenses to date: $136,497

Net cash flow:                         $  24,360

**Moved by Denelle/Brenda that the financial report be accepted as presented. Carried.**

**Budget - Denelle, Jean and Tim will be meeting soon to prepare a draft budget.**

9.  POLICIES & PROCEDURES

None.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES/SUPPORT STAFF

10.1 Property

Ken’s report noted that the following work has been done recently:

* Flynn Roofing and Three Star Plumbing did upgrades to the furnace and roof to meet code.  Bills thus far include $1485 for roof repairs and $8108 for furnace repairs.
* The city has been and trimmed the trees touching the East side roof.
* John, Ken and Wes Staruiala have picked over 50 bags of leaves.
* John patched and painted window sills.

**Moved by Denelle/Ken that the roof and furnace bills be paid from the capital projects and contingency funds.  Carried.**

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Search for a new minister.  Tricia explained the new process includes a condensed faith story, guidance from the regional council pastoral relations committee, and posting on ChurchHub, in addition to the usual process.

11.2 Homelessness.  On Oct. 6 - Bryan and Marion went to Knox Met to meet about the homelessness issue in Regina.

**Moved by Bryan/Trina that we send the attached letter to the premier and additional persons indicated.  Carried.** (See Attachment B)

Trina and Marion have been attending to residents at Camp Marjorie, including coffee, porridge, and donations from Sunset folks.

11.3 Stewardship Campaign.  Jean wrote a stewardship letter that was sent to the congregation.

11.4 Fundraising - Marion reported that the gift card fundraiser income is about the same as it was at this stage last year.  She suggested that some gift cards could be purchased and donated to Camp Marjorie.  Tricia will add this to the weekly newsletter.

11.5 Reopening - Brenda led a conversation about the possibility of opening the church again to in-person services.  Many viewpoints and anecdotes were shared.  Jean stated the reopening committee will take these comments into consideration at their meeting next week.

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

none

13. MINISTER’S REPORT

- On Sunday, October 31.  Baptizing Tanner Benjamin - Nancy & Richard Toppings’ grandson

- Tricia attended General Council last Saturday - assessment process re: investments

- Wynne Edward’s memorial service will possibly be in the spring at Sunset

- A confirmation weekend is being planned for February in Saskatoon

- Advent planning underway, including Advent-at-Home bags

- Nov. 21 - Karen Cartmell will be preaching. She and Andrew are moving to Ontario in December

- Dec. 12 choir service / 2 Christmas Eve services

- David Gerhard is training Christa Eidsness on the audio/video system

14. UPDATE OF CHURCH CALENDAR

October 31 - baptism

November 14 - Remembrance Sunday

November 21 - Karen Cartmell preaching

November 28 - Advent starts

December 12 - Choir service

December 24 - two services

15. NEXT CHURCH BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, December 9

Thursday, January 20

16.  BENEDICTION

Tricia led us in a benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.