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Kanata United Church

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church (KUC) held in the Fireside Room at KUC on Wednesday June 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

Present Ron Allen (Trustees), Robert Ashton (Member at Large and Acting Secretary), Kathy Beamish (Treasurer), Brenda Beattie (Worship), Donna Caron (Outreach), Rev. Cindy Casey, Sue Davidson (Children Youth and Families), Julia Duffy (Chair), Kathleen Turner (Member at Large). **Regrets:** Bob Chanter (Buildings and Grounds), Jan Chanter (Ministry and Personnel) and Al Quirt (Secretary).

Julia Duffy welcomed KUC Council members and extended warm invitation for us to share and eat a potluck meal through the course of the meeting.

Brenda Beattie presented a reflection that was appropriate for National Indigenous Peoples Day and summer solstice. She shared an Indigenous legend "Thirteen Moons on a Turtle's Back" which illustrates the thirteen cycles of the moon, the changing seasons and the scales of a turtle's back. Very beautiful.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated with the addition of a Trustee update on insurance, Centre33 update and M&P matter.

Moved by Sue Davidson and **seconded** by Brenda Beattie to make Janet Currie a corresponding member for tonight's meeting. **Carried.**

We Review Past Business

Minutes

Moved by Robert Ashton and **seconded** by Donna Caron to approve the minutes for the May 8 KUC Council special meeting. **Carried.**

Moved by Kathy Beamish and **seconded** by Sue Davidson to approve the minutes for the May 18 Council Meeting. **Carried**

Business Arising from minutes - Julia

No items raised

Communications Received

A number of communications were received as a result of the May 28 Special Congregational Meeting that are incorporated further below.

Received June 4, 2023 from Brian Linkletter - BBQ for Church

We Grow in Faith and Consider Our Mission - a time for major issues

Ministers' Update - Cindy

Congregation "Did You Know?" is providing key answers to points of clarification, summer

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messaging to continue as well and subjects to address are encouraged.

Financial contribution reminder through YouTube - link to make a donation as a reminder or appear on screen as part of the offering are ideas to consider.

Staff planning meeting looked at everything until end of December and from a content and planning perspective things look good and lots happening.

Susan Maslin will lead a new puzzle fundraiser - suggested timeline is around November.

Ottawa West End Chaplaincy will speak during worship October 15, Matthew House in December, MultiFaith Housing in February, Harvest House sometime in April.

Will work to increase messaging on future services with the KUC sign although there are limitations to how much can be put on the sign due to space.

"New people" gathering will start in September to allow for connection time (dinner, fellowship and sharing information).

20 additional photo directories ordered which will be provided to new people who appear interested in connecting with KUC.

Has been a long 6 months with many ups and downs and it is time for a break - starting vacation July 1 to August 8.

Julia extended appreciation and recognized that Cindy is claiming time away to recharge which is a sign of leadership.

Outreach - Donna

Flea market - 2-day event planned for September 16-17. This will hopefully reduce the number of items left. Call for volunteers will be going out soon and many people seem interested to sign up as well as donate!

Ron Allen shared that plans are for compost sale to resume next year and shared some preliminary ideas and thoughts.

Trustee Update - Ron

Insurance - premiums have been increasing drastically - United Church has taken a leadership role with a national provider in attempt to help churches save costs - should hear more in fall

Trustees have been working with KUC insurance coverage and negotiated an updated quote for \$736/month - significant savings of roughly 30% (last year cost was approx \$10K). Ensuring that insurance coverage is adequate for organ and stained glass.

New portable will be included in the insurance coverage.

Moved by Kathy Beamish and **seconded** by Brenda Beattie that Brian Linkletter be entrusted on behalf of the KUC Trustees and authorized by KUC Council to increase insurance coverage for the new portable once it is installed on KUC premises. **Carried.**

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BBQ Purchase - Correspondence Brian Linkletter

General discussion and consensus was that this is a good idea. Buildings and Grounds to be consulted on proper placement, storage and propane cannister considerations.

Moved by Robert Ashton and **seconded** by Donna Caron that Ron Allen work with Brian Linkletter to solicit a BBQ donation and make arrangements with Buildings and Grounds. **Carried.**

Strategic Planning - Special Congregational Meeting

As a group we reflected on the May 28, 2023 Special Congregational Meeting.

- Important to have KUC Council introduced at the start so Congregation knows who is present. KUC Council should answer as many questions as possible and be supplemented by information from Cindy.
- The information package released before was very strong and organized. The logistics were also very good.
- There were comments on worship raised that were not tied to our KUC Council package - these comments have been shared with the Worship Team for information.

Correspondence related to Special Congregational Meeting:

- Received May 28, 2023 from Michelle Marcille for information - new activity and fundraising idea Pay to Play Board Games - monthly adult social night (to be actioned by Fundraising Group)
- Received May 28, 2023 from Sue Davidson for information - submitting the post-it notes that were shared at the May 28 Special Congregational Meeting, part of the group discussion
- Received May 30, 2023 from Penny Gelinias for information - comments on Special Congregational Meeting (to be actioned by Cindy Casey)
- Received June 2, 2023 from Jean Marie Doan for information - request for minutes of May 28 Special Congregational Meeting (to be actioned by Andrea Wilmott)
- Received June 7, 2023 from Michelle Marcille for information:
- Fundraising idea for photobook (to be actioned by CYF - Sue Davidson)
- Issue with link in KUC This Week (to be actioned by Andrea Wilmott)
- Received June 15, 2023 from Bob Richards for information - worship suggestions and referred to the Worship Team for information (to be actioned by Al Quirt).

Truth and Reconciliation - Kathleen

Many positive comments about last week service.

Exploring a drumming circle workshop for next year and will speak with Nick.

Finance Review - Kathy

Finance update was circulated by email. No emerging issues or new information to present.

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- #s are looking positive to what we had projected.
- Updates will continue in KUC This Week Next and next update to congregation planned for September.

M&P - Robert

Cindy is eligible for sabbatical leave. United Church has clear guidelines around sabbatical which is available after at least 5 years of service during a call or appointment. Cindy and M&P have discussed a possible schedule which would begin after Easter and end during the summer. An excellent supply minister would be available. Council was very supportive. A full proposal including financial implications will be presented to Council in September for approval.

Affirm / Centre33 - Cindy / Robert

Centre33 programming is exceeding expectations. Additional summer programming being offered.

July 5 event has attracted negative attention on social media of group who have organized protests around Ottawa. Matter is being taken seriously, protocols put into place, engagements with Ottawa Police Service and others. Announcement to congregation for awareness will be made this Sunday.

Other events planned are for August 26 a Pride Family Picnic Day at KUC and August 27 the Capital Pride Parade. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Progress is being made with the City on the permit process for the new portable, contrary to the many rumours around KUC. This is a very involved process and the positive support of our Councillor has helped with escalations. Robert and Kathy continue to be engaged and follow-up. All information requested by the City has been provided and many of the outstanding items clarified or resolved. We remain hopeful. An update to the Congregation will be provided.

CYF - Sue

Janet Currie was unfortunately not able to make it to share her update.

Janet has worked with Andrea on a CYF flyer - shared at BBQ.

This summer planning movie nights outside.

ECHO project (6 or 7 youth committed) - around 10 is a good number.

For the fall, planning family dinners.

Working with Brenda Beattie to do a paint night in the fall.

Car wash fundraiser idea with the Flea Market and use the school space.

Godly Play - a different way to look at programming, Janet wants to create a team that would help with this and make it work. Vision and Transformation Grant could be used to help offset costs - deadline is October 31, 2023.

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KUC Council Planning and Review

- September Session: Invite Outreach
- Consider that the September or October KUC Council meeting be in person
- Communications / Marketing / Technology warrant a KUC Council discussion

We Steward our Ministries –administrative details and financial health

Other Business

No additional items raised.

We Go Out

Julia expressed appreciation and hoped that everyone takes the time to disconnect, recharge and have a safe summer.

Closing Prayer - Cindy, followed by Adjournment at 9:10 pm.

Schedule for future Meetings (Z=Zoom, IP=In Person)

Sept 19, 2023 (Book Fair) Reflection: Robert Ashton

Oct 17, 2023 Reflection: Kathy Beamish

Nov 21, 2023 Reflection: Bob Chanter

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