



Kanata United Church

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church held on Zoom on Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

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

Julia Duffy welcomed Council members and lit the Christ Candle.

Donna Caron presented a reflection on Mission and Service Fund. A large portion of KUC Outreach budget goes towards M&S - the message focused on a Palestinian refugee with three children resettling in Montreal in 2017 and who gave back through Montreal City Mission - an inspiring story. Suggestion that the story be shared with the rest of KUC.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated.

We Review Past Business

Minutes

Moved by Bob Chanter and seconded by Donna Caron to approve the minutes for the March 28 Council meeting. Carried.

Business Arising from minutes - Julia

No items raised

Communications Received

Received April 17, 2023 from Stephen Free - Communication and 2023 Budget

Positive comments received on the updated approach of Council communications channel.

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

Ministers' Update - Cindy

Has returned from sick leave - care extended greatly appreciated.

Number of funerals coming up so has been very busy.

Sunday worship with covenanting with Council was impressive and wonderful to do. Cindy will extend appreciation to D. Moore and L. George for the suggestion.

Junior Smith ordained on Saturday and will join KUC on May 7 to participate in leadership of worship.

Vision and Transition grants - worked with Nick and Kim (Centre33) on submissions and both applications accepted:

- Nick for \$4,400 grant towards a concert series for new musicians to have an audience and to use KUC as a venue and will be promoted within KUC and hopefully draw from Beaverbrook neighbourhood. Fundraising will be 100% profit.
- Centre33 for \$5,000 grant for "ZenZone" for neurodivergent youth. Equipment fully funded will help with programming and activities.

Centre33 has also secured donations for free paint from local paint store for the portable and will mean no costs to KUC.

Seniors event - last one had 44 people. Will seek additional funding in October to keep opportunity going. This has been a tremendous success.

Book study - Council asked to read "Antagonists in the Church". Two Monday nights one month apart are planned for discussion. Scheduled dates to be confirmed and to be mindful of Bookfair.

Finance Review - Kathy

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

An update to the congregation will be shared for the finance situation in the bulletin. May be useful to present easy numbers that can be consistent for each update to congregation.

Fundraising to be launched through envelopes for Affirm signage and flag pole.

Strategic Planning - Growing our Church through Stewardship

Overview of Draft Presentation for May 28th- Julia

Walked through the slides - feedback provided

Not a cost cutting exercise - budget presented already included cuts

Staff need to feel supported

\$30K for 2023 and \$30K for 2024 to cover \$60K deficit

Offering plate to pass around for people to put on paper what they want to do

Questions or points we want to elevate - i.e. live in to and share

Message needs to be clear on what individuals need to do

Identify areas we want to grow

Highlight what is happening in each area

Each ministry showcases an area

How can people contribute or share their ideas i.e. rentals

How to engage and support others

Communications and advertising important

Governance and communications and ensuring commitment

22.2% increase in givings (outside of fundraising and rentals) needed to cover \$60K

Onboarding / welcoming package / new comers' dinner - info on new members should be shared with Office Administrator

Outreach - increased media presence in community

Need to have prepared for next meeting what we will use - keep it simple and clear

Need direction and leadership

Explore increased rental options

Investments can be leveraged and should be part of the narrative

Julia has takeaways for the presentation - think about who will own what

Book Fair Update - Donna

Great community event - people really coming together

Truth and Reconciliation - Kathleen

June 18 - indigenous day of prayer

June 24/25 - Mādahòkì Farm - indigenous powwow and solstice

Outreach - Donna

Email circulated - Guaranteed Liveable Income project - asking for support and to identify a rep from KUC

Moved by Kathleen Turner and **seconded** by Brenda Beattie that KUC support the Guaranteed Liveable Income project and that KUC Council work with the Nominations Cmtee to identify a representative from the congregation to assume leadership for this initiative. **Carried.**

Buildings and Grounds - Bob

JaniKing contract will end as of May 31. Will seek volunteers for summer cleaning and as a result save \$2,400. A list of volunteers for indoor work from Stewardship campaign is available - Cindy will share with Bob.

Council Planning and Review

- May Session: Finalize for Congregation Meeting (May 28th), Invite Book Fair to share their journey / celebrate success
- May 28 - Congregation Meeting
- June 11 - KUC BBQ
- June Session: Invite CYF to go over summer events and Finance Quarterly Update
- June: Council dinner
- September Session: Invite Outreach

We Steward our Ministries –administrative details and financial health

Other Business

Compost sale - Ron Allen reaching out to Deepak to organize

Portable - City of Ottawa - \$440 building permit fee.

Update from Council could include bio of Council members.

We Go Out

Closing Prayer - Cindy, followed by Adjournment at 9:15 pm.

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

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| May 16, 2023 | Reflection: Jan Chanter |
| June 20, 2023 | Reflection: Brenda Beattie |
| June 11, 2023 | KUC BBQ (Date TBD) |
| Sept 19, 2023 | Reflection: Robert Ashton |



Chair - Julia Duffy



Secretary - Robert Ashton