



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church held at KUC on Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

Present Robert Ashton, Kathy Beamish, Donna Caron., Rev. Cindy Casey, Robert Chanter, Jan Chanter, Sue Davidson, Julia Duffy, Brian Linkletter, Al Quirt, Kathleen Turner, Bob Richards. **Regrets:** Alex Kane, Peter Perry.

Julia Duffy welcomed Council members and lit the Christ Candle.

Moved by Kathy and **seconded** by Sue to make Bob Chanter a corresponding member for tonight's meeting. **Carried.**

Bob Richards led a reflection. Imagine fall leaves tossed in the air ... becoming part of our evolving planet and eventually new galaxies. All things change and endure.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated.

We Review Past Business

Minutes

Moved by Al and **seconded** by Bob R. to approve the minutes for the Jan. 17 Council meeting with clarification that FD&L \$450 is an increase not the budget amount. **Carried.**

Business Arising from minutes - Julia

Communications Received

- An email from Stephen Free was sent to the Council Chair and has now been received by the Secretary. It suggested that procedures for handling grants may not have been appropriate. He was told that this would be covered at the AGM.

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

Ministers' Update - Cindy

- Staff finally had a lunch together.
- There have been 4 funerals, which took a lot of energy.
- Cindy is involved in the Region's process to develop procedures for dealing with conflicts, and with the Region's strategic planning.
- Online educational workshop March 4 for the Region.
- Involved with preparing guidelines for grants for needs such as organ training for music directors who do not yet have that skill.

AGM February 26, 2023

Review of AGM Plan

- AGM will be advertised as starting at 11:30, so online people know when to connect. The current timeline runs to nearly 2 hours.
- An outline was distributed, in the form of a draft slide set with a few remaining

blanks, and a suggested timeline. Mainly looking at the flow of the meeting.

- Names for mover and seconder of procedural motions: Sue D. and Robert A.
- With our hybrid format (in person and Zoom) slides will be projected on our big screen in the sanctuary and a copy of the same slides will be shown online following the sanctuary version. We will print copies of some of the more detailed slides whose wording is too small to read easily, especially the financial report and budget.
- There will be a short video with live music in the sanctuary. It will also be shown online but may not have music there.
- Council will provide a snack for coffee between service and AGM.

Financial Presentation - Kathy

- Kathy summarized the AGM financial presentation package including a schedule of various grants received, and fundraising. There was some discussion of the best way to represent the status of all the funds given the operational deficit in 2022 and the projected deficit in 2023. Reserves will be cut nearly in half if the projection is accurate, and in addition there are some planned capital expenses.
- Important to focus on 2022 successes and ongoing exciting plans. We had to work on becoming a healthy church before emphasis on growing.

Other ministries presentations

- CYF highlighting successful return to in-person activities and 2023 plans.
- Outreach also highlighting the past year.
- Affirm trying to give an overview of Affirm progress to date, updating of action plan, and focus on new 2023 initiatives, especially Centre 33, our commitments to make it happen, and the support we get from our government grant. We are close to announcing who the Director will be. KUC will have representatives on its Board.
- M&P will concentrate on explaining in five minutes what it is and what it does.
- Andrea created the brief video about life at KUC that will be shown.

Council

- It is probable that by Sunday we will have a full slate of people for Council. A key need for many of them is setting boundaries on time commitments. This includes finding a sustainable way to have a youth voice on Council. Some groups will have team leadership, or will have separate people for team leader and Council representative, to spread the load and bring in more voices.
- There will be 5 donations of cookies. Sue will bring portable mike to members who want to speak.
- Masks will be required in the sanctuary. And with a long meeting expected they will be allowed to bring drinks in.

Trustee Recommendations Update - Julia

- Trustees have provided us with an Event Policy and some forms to be used to log various events. They look good and will be revised as we gain experience.
- Traffic Calming measures including signs will be installed when weather permits. So

far requests to the school for staff to slow down have not worked. Speed bumps would need to be implemented by the School Board since it is their property.

Moved by Brian and **seconded** by Donna that Council will implement all of the recommendations of the Trustees. **Carried.**

Quarterly Planning & Review - March Focus

March 21st (AGM Review, Strategic Planning for 2023/2024), April (Strategic Planning for 2023/2024)

We Steward our Ministries –administrative details and financial health

Other Business

Norma McCord has passed on the case of a refugee who was an engineer. He will be in Ottawa for training to meet Canadian engineering standards. He is funded by a church in Edmonton but there is a need for someone in Ottawa to manage the relationship.

Moved Robert and **seconded** by Kathleen that KUC agree to act as intermediary for ^{Mohammed} who is coming from Edmonton from March to December 2023. **Carried.** _{AK}

We Go Out


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

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

Feb. 26, 2023 IP+Z AGM

Mar. 21, 2023 Z Reflection: Kathleen Turner Snack: N/A

Apr. 18, 2023 Z Reflection: Donna Caron Snack: N/A



Chair - Julia Duffy



Secretary - Al Quirt

