



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church held over Zoom on Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

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

Julia Duffy welcomed Council members and lit the Christ Candle.

Al Quint led a reflection based on an editorial in National Geographic from December 2020 *Celebrating in the Pandemic..* Many things are broken in our pandemic world. As we strive to repair them we should not hide the cracks: they are where the light gets in.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated.

### **We Review Past Business**

#### **Minutes**

**Moved** by Al and **seconded** by Bob to approve the minutes for the Dec. 20 Council meeting as circulated. **Carried.**

#### **Business Arising from minutes - Julia**

#### **Communications Received**

An email from Janet Maslin asked Council's opinion of allowing commercial sponsorship of the Book Fair or a particular part of it such as a room.

- There is no prohibition on sponsorship of a specific event or part of it, but the sponsor must be an organization whose history and actions are consistent with KUC and the United Church of Canada. And it must be clear to sponsors that their money goes to the KUC unified budget, not any specific cause.
- We might put up the names of organizations we support around the Book Fair.

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

#### **Ministers' Update - Cindy**

- First Blue Christmas service in some time was held the week before Christmas. It brought in more people than expected and was very well received.
- Christmas Eve services were surprisingly well attended despite the storm.
- This is Cindy's last week as supervising minister in Stittsville. Anne Montgomery will be interim minister there.
- Tablets to Tables dinner before Christmas was well attended.
- Goal of having at least six full teams for Hospitality, using the volunteer lists that came out of the Stewardship campaign. In-person Sunday coffee times to date have gone well.

- Despite challenges it has been a great year for KUC. We need to keep looking at both what is working and what needs work.
- Still on the Strategic team for the Region, whose new minister is Eric Hébert-Daly.
- Training conflict resolution facilitators for the Region.

### **AGM February 26, 2023**

#### **Review of AGM Outline as distributed**

- An outline was distributed, in the form of a draft slide set with some blanks, and a possible timeline.
- Suggested that pictures be used, for example from the ceremony to retire the Names posters from the sanctuary, in the meeting and the annual report.
- We will have a hybrid AGM over Zoom and in person. We need to test and practice it. Agreed to hold the Feb. 21 Council meeting in person at the church but hold part in hybrid style with some members in another room. We will try to allow audio comments from Zoom to be heard in the sanctuary, and will also allow comments from Zoom chat which would be read in the sanctuary.
- Format of slides needs larger print and better contrast to be legible both on Zoom and in person. And try to show the Zoom screen in the sanctuary.
- Adding Vision and Mission Statement near start.
- Council will provide a snack for coffee between service and AGM.

#### **Financial Presentation - Kathy**

- Kathy has distributed a preliminary financial summary. The final financial statements and the presentation for the meeting will be created next month.
- Request by email to Council for a Café night budget increase to \$450.
- We have been forecasting budget deficits, but they have evaporated by year-end. We need some research to explain why this has happened. Is it mainly failing to spend all budgeted amounts or that people are moved to donate more to avoid the deficit. Other uncertainties?
- Do we need AGM approval to move money for the Centre 33 portable and the EV charging station? No because these expenses have been approved by Council and these expenses are consistent with the budget approved by the congregation.

#### **Update from Ministries**

- Three ministries highlighted with presentations: CYF, Outreach, Affirm (with a hymn verse between them) plus five minutes for an M&P overview.

### **Annual Report Preparation - Julia**

- Andrea will send an email requesting reports by Feb. 1, with last year's report attached as an example. Theme is gratitude. Lift up the work done don't just mention an event. Tell a story. Remember that report is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

**Trustee Recommendations Update - Julia**

Last month Council replied to the Trustees' letter about insurance requirements. Most items are completed or in progress.

**Quarterly Planning & Review - February: AGM, March/April Focus**

AGM next month; debrief on it in March. Review Strategic Plan soon.

**We Steward our Ministries –administrative details and financial health**

**Other Business**

Work in progress to fix the sound issues that started at 10 pm Christmas Eve.

**We Go Out**

Closing Prayer - Cindy, followed by Adjournment at 9:05 pm.

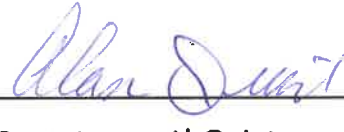
**Schedule for future Meetings (Z=Zoom, IP=In Person)**

- Feb. 21, 2023 IP+Z Reflection: Bob Richards      Snack: N/A?
- Feb. 26, 2023 IP+Z AGM
- Mar. 21, 2023      Reflection: Brian Linkletter      Snack: N/A?
- Apr. 18, 2023      Reflection: Kathleen Turner      Snack:




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Chair - Julia Duffy




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Secretary - Al Quirt

