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Monday February 12, 2024



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church (KUC) held over Zoom on Monday February 12, 2024, at 7 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

**Present:** Ron Allen (Trustees, non-voting), Kathy Beamish (Treasurer), Brenda Beattie (Worship), Donna Caron (Outreach), Rev. Cindy Casey, Robert Chanter (B&G), Jan Chanter (Ministry and Personnel), Sue Davidson (Children Youth and Families), Julia Duffy (Chair), Al Quirt (Secretary), Kathleen Turner (Member at Large). **Corresponding Members:** none. **Regrets:** Robert Ashton (Member at Large), Clara Freire (Member at Large),

Julia Duffy welcomed KUC Council members and lit the Christ candle.

**Moved** by Kathy Beamish and **seconded** by Jan Chanter to make Clara Freire an official KUC Council member, occupying the position of Member at Large. **Carried.**

Kathleen Turner presented a reflection telling the story of the Three Sisters (Beans, Corn, and Squash) as told in different Indigenous communities. Sometimes the three sisters quarrel, but always they are family who work together. And for us, their complementary amino acids make them healthy food.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated.

### **We Review Past Business**

#### **Minutes**

Minutes from January will be approved at the next Council meeting.

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

#### **Communications Received - Al**

Nick sent an email outlining the proposed continuation of the Beaverbrook Concert Series, to be discussed at a future Council meeting.

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

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

- Book Study for Healing Journey has made a real difference.
- Fund Raising has been a source of income but even more it has strengthened our community and spread our ministry to the community around us. A source of joy.
- Looking at annual reports for the last 15 years, there were many projected deficits, and a few significant surpluses, mainly when we did not have a full staff team. The all-time low for givings was \$214K in 2014, increasing to 271K in 2019. This year we have reached or exceeded nearly all targets of our plan and have almost eliminated the projected deficit.

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## 2024 AGM Preparation - Julia

- Review of revised Spotlights for AGM
  - B & G (Bob Chanter) -
  - Affirm (Robert, Cindy & Kathy) - Centre 33 is now essentially complete. Clarified dates in the building permit process.
  - Acts of Reconciliation (Kathleen) - slides were shared in advance.
  - Draft year-end report from accountant was shared online.  
**Moved** by Kathy and **seconded** by Bob C to approve the year-end report from Hendry Warren LLP accountants, for inclusion in the KUC Annual Report. **Carried.**
  - Financial Report & 2024 Budget (Kathy) - It was wonderful to have a year-end report properly prepared by an accountant. Since we adopted our current investment policy, we made over \$100K which was used this year to invest in our new Portable for Centre 33. Fundraising figures are now net after subtracting related expenses, so they are lower than the income reported in church.
  - 2024 Draft Budget -
  - M&P Update (Jan) - Funding for a CYF director remains in the budget. We plan to continue programming essentially as at present while beginning a search process for fall. We are already looking for paid or volunteer interim personnel from now to the end of June.  
**Moved** by Jan and **seconded** by Sue that KUC begin a search process for a part-time Director of Children Youth and Families. **Carried.**
  - AGM & Growth Journey (Julia with Robert, Cindy & Kathy) - 29 new people identified in the past year, and other good news.
- Slideshow: Celebrating Life at KUC
  - Draft version was shared online.
- Nominations: The list is much like this year's Council with the main blanks being Buildings & Grounds, and Chairperson Elect. There are possible candidates. No need for new Trustees. One of them will be the Council representative.
- Finalize AGM Prep:
  - Prep Session Date Sat. Feb. 24 at noon.
  - Due Date for near-final presentations: Feb. 19 (one week today)  
Hybrid Zoom experience and AV support: Al provides instructions to everyone at home and also sets up the Zoom Polls. Al runs Zoom during the meeting. Sue acts as secretary. Ron will bring his computer for slides in the sanctuary and will capture Zoom chat questions. He will also assist Kathy when needed, since she will not be present in person.

## B&G Update - Bob C

Was distributed by email before the meeting.

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

**Quarterly Council Planning and Review - Julia**

- March (AGM Retro, Strategic Planning for 2024/2025)
- April (Strategic Planning for 2024/2025)

**Other Business**

**We Go Out**

Cindy led us in closing prayer.

We agreed to end the meeting at 9:20 pm.

**Important Dates for Council in February:**

- Committee Reports Due for Annual Report 2023: February 9th (submit to Andrea)
- February Council Meeting: Monday February 12th at 7 pm ET on Zoom (revised date)
- Special Council Meeting to Prep for AGM (Placeholder likely the week of February 20th as this will likely be needed ahead of the AGM)
- AGM Final Presentation PPT Due: TBD, AI to confirm exact date for the presentation to be ready for final edits, but likely 1 week out from AGM
- AGM Walkthrough & AV Check: TBD, likely Saturday February 24th (Day before AGM) so we can prepare our space and ensure the AV is working


**Schedule for future Meetings**

February 25, 2024    AGM, 2024


March, 19. 2024    Reflection: Brenda Beattie

April 16, 2024    Reflection: Donna Caron

May 21, 2023    Reflection: Jan Chanter

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Secretary - Al Quirt