



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church (KUC) held over Zoom on Tuesday May 21, 2024, at 7 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

Present: Kathy Beamish (Treasurer), Brenda Beattie (Worship), Kathi Campbell (Trustees representative, nonvoting), Jan Chanter (Ministry and Personnel), Rev. Brian Copeland (Supply Minister), Sue Davidson (Children Youth and Families), Julia Duffy (Chair), Clara Freire (Co-Chair-Elect), Ed Goodridge (B & G), Al Quint (Secretary), Marilyn Wong (Member at Large). **Corresponding Members:** none. **Regrets:** Robert Ashton (Co-Chair-Elect), Donna Caron (Outreach), Kathleen Turner (Member at Large),

Julia Duffy welcomed Council members and lit the Christ candle.

Clara Freire led a reflection from Love Wins by Rob Bell. Does God get what God wants? Do we get what we want? God lets us ignore love hope and peace if we so choose. But if we choose a life based on truth God meets us with open arms and lavishes gifts on us, starting with a small seed in our heart that can blossom. God says yes because love wins.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated.

We Review Past Business

Minutes

Moved by Sue, seconded by Clara to approve the minutes of the April 23 Council meeting. Carried.

Business Arising from minutes - Julia

Communications Received - Al

- An email May 7 from Steve Free was circulated to Council. A response will be sent by M&P.

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

Minister's Update - Rev. Brian Copeland

- Thinking about the life of recently deceased members such as Marg Burman, Helen Pinel, Earl McLaughlin. How do we avoid losing the institutional memory held by such key individuals? A Harvard Business School article had suggestions. Have briefings about institutional memory for new people taking on leadership roles. And consider using technology to help preserve history. For example Intel's IntelPedia preserves personal and project stories. Heather Petipas wrote "Funraising" articles and would be a great person to curate KUC history items. Many long-time members could contribute.

UCC Stewardship Course - Review of Week 2 Fundamentals

- Reflecting on *Week 2 of our Cultivating Generosity UCC Stewardship course*,

what significant insights or "aha moments" have resonated as we navigate our Growth Journey at KUC?

- When people know what their generosity supports, we can feel comfortable asking them for contributions including money. When we thank people, we could emphasize that what they are doing is part of their stewardship. When thanking Book Fair patrons for example, tell how many people were supported through our contributions to the Food Cupboard.
- We will invite Book Fair people to our June Council meeting both to thank them and to see if there are other ways we can help them.
- We had a minimal narrative budget this year. The materials from the package include a template and process. Can we record tiny videos? Minutes for Mission leading up to the AGM? It's hard but better to make them just one minute.
- We can get feedback from the leaders of the course if we have ideas to try.
- As shared in the course, can we personalize our approach to consistent donors, inconsistent donors, and new participants — to nurture a deeper sense of belonging wherever they are on their journey and inspire increased generosity among them?

Climate Change Update - AI

- Council has agreed to invest \$700 to have an engineer examine the church and its drawings to determine whether the sanctuary roof is a practical location for solar cells. This work will allow vendors to provide accurate quotes if we go ahead. The engineer is expected to come within the next week or two.
- Council agreed that we will discuss the engineer's report at our next meeting and decide then whether to approach granting bodies.
- There was also consensus to have an after-church info meeting, perhaps in June, to explain the concept and get a feeling for the general attitude of members.

We Steward our Ministries –administrative details and financial health

BBQ Planning for Sunday June 9

- **Gratitude:** How do we want to make space for Gratitude at this event?
- **BBQ's:** We have one brand new BBQ for the event and an offer of a propane tank. We have volunteers for cooking.
- **Games & Activities:** Will be run again by CYF.
- **Food:** We will need volunteers (likely with a Costco membership) to help buy food so we are ready to go for the event (Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Buns, Condiments, Cheese, Tomatoes & perhaps an assortment of Potato Chips). We also had veggie trays that were nice last year.
- **Drinks:** Last year we had coolers of lemonade, pop, etc for all to share. AI will bring drinks.
- **Congregation Communications:** Can Andrea help us here so we can ask people to save the date & RSVP? Last year we planned for 60 people I believe (to confirm).
- **Support for Set up, Food Prep before BBQ & Clean Up after BBQ:** Since the BBQ

will start right after service, volunteers from Council will come early to set up / prepare the food and stay to clean up.

Quarterly Council Planning and Review - Julia

May

- Indigenous Day of Prayer service June 16, and Pie Day in June (supporting Operation Come Home) postponed from March.

June

- **June Council Meeting (Monday June 17th at 5:30 pm at Church)**
 - **5:30-6 pm:** Gather and hors d'oevres. We will invite the Book Fair Leadership to express our gratitude and review 2024 Book Fair key takeaways and support from Council for 2025.
 - **6-8 pm: Council Meeting & Potluck Dinner:**
 - Planning for Fall Congregational meeting
 - Quarterly Finance Update with income to May 31.
 - Covenanting
 - Strategic Planning for 2024/2025, Ministry Updates TBD
- June 23 grad day in church planned.

September

- Quarterly Finance Update

Fall (Oct/Nov)

- Pework & Set Date for Session with Congregation

Future Meetings

June 17, 2024 Dinner and meeting, see above. Reflection: Robert Ashton

Sept 17, 2024 Reflection: Kathi Campbell

We Go Out

Brian led us in closing prayer.

We agreed to end the meeting at 8:40 pm.



Julia Duffy (Nov 24, 2024 17:03 EST)



Al Quirt (Nov 18, 2024 11:37 EST)

Chair - Julia Duffy

Secretary - Al Quirt









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