



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church (KUC) held over Zoom on Tuesday September 17, 2024, at 7 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

**Present:** Robert Ashton (Co-Chair-Elect), Kathy Beamish (Treasurer), Brenda Beattie (Worship), Kathi Campbell (Trustees representative, nonvoting), Donna Caron (Outreach), Jan Chanter (Ministry and Personnel), Rev. Cindy Casey (Minister), Sue Davidson (Children Youth and Families), Julia Duffy (Chair) and Kathleen Turner (Member at Large).

**Corresponding Members:** None **Regrets:** Clara Freire (Co-Chair-Elect), Ed Goodridge (B & G), Al Quirt (Secretary) and Marilyn Wong (Member at Large)

Julia Duffy welcomed Council members and Cindy lit a Christ candle.

Kathi Campbell led us in a reflection/meditation/prayer from the United Church website "A New Way of Being Church".

We agreed on the agenda as circulated and amended (re-ordering) and one item for new business.

### **We Review Past Business**

#### **Minutes**

**Moved** by Robert Ashton, **seconded** by Donna Caron to approve the minutes of the June 17 Council meeting as circulated yesterday with proposed changes made by e-mail. **Carried.**

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

- Ed and Bob Chanter installed a weatherproof Ethernet cable to Centre 33 and Al completed installation of a wifi transmitter. Internet now works well there.

#### **Communications Received - Julia**

Two emails were received from Steve Free:

1. Ottawa City Council has passed a motion (based on advocacy by Ottawa Public Health) in favour of a Guaranteed Basic Livable Income. This policy has long been advocated by the United Church of Canada and by KUC.

Robert indicated that we had previously discussed topic and that this should be considered as for information. Robert will respond.

2. Steve suggested that our Congregational Covenanting initiative for the fall emphasize our Vision and Call statement.

Item is on agenda for tonight and will be further discussed during agenda item. Robert will respond.

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

### Minister's Update - Cindy

- Cindy first KUC Council back, good to be back with lots of activity happening.
- Membership class will begin October 16 - 4 Wednesdays in a row with dinner served. Oct 16 United Church of Canada and our history, Oct 23 Exploring our theologies of the past, Oct 30 Exploring theologies of the future and Nov 6 Living our faith and then Nov 13 Membership Sunday. Michelle will do programming for children.
- At the May, 2024 Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council meeting Cindy was voted in to be President-Elect for the region, will be in that role for 2 years before transitioning to President. Cindy will vacate roles in other areas or work in the region to balance this important work.
- This past Saturday participated in Flourishing Ministries Workshop event by M&S with Kathleen Turner. Some great takeaways.
- 100<sup>th</sup> United Church Anniversary is approaching. Exploring how we can celebrate and share or record KUC stories. There are grant possibilities available from the United Church.
- Item of business raised for Volunteer Associate Minister (VAM): **Moved** by Kathy Beamish, **seconded** by Jan Chanter to receive the Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly as a Volunteer Associate Minister at KUC pastoral charge. **Carried**.

### Outreach Update - Donna

Flea Market - an outline of the existing advertising was shared. Volunteer sign-up sheet worked very well with all positions filled and people just showing up to help. Started receiving donations the week before, some items were taken in advance and stored in the portable. For next year donations will stop on Thursday night. Made use of the Fireside Room as there was considerable treasures to sell. 564 shoppers on Saturday and 207 on Sunday - both significant increases from last year, 176 more shoppers! A number of organizations were contacted to pick up leftover items and this has gone well. Total raised is slightly over \$10K! KUC Council extended tremendous appreciation to all involved. A great success!

Next Outreach event is a food collection with the youth this fall for Kanata Food Cupboard. Exploring doing a clothing drive.

### Financial Update (As of August 31, 2024) - Kathy

- Reports were circulated.
- \$12,000 deficit (approximate) - on track to budget with some shortfalls with fundraising, some expenses are higher and money transferred from reserves to cover previously-approved sabbatical and Centre33 grant money.

- Andrea continues to review and has identified not all rental income for August recorded.
- Robert will initiate request with City of Ottawa to possibly recuperate development application fees for the Centre33 portable.

**Moved** by Kathy Beamish and **seconded** by Sue Davidson to allow transfer of \$34,000.00 from reserves to cover approved sabbatical expenses and to facilitate moving Centre33 grant money to the proper account. **Carried.**

#### **M&P Update - Jan**

- Custodial Hire - success in hiring and began a little over a week ago. Working out very well, great initiative and orientation on-going. Jan Chanter is his M&P liaison.
- M&P continues to explore further options for staff team building or workshops in the new year when the new CYF Director is onboarded.
- Congregation Covenanting - the planned KUC workshop, the facilitator has had to pull away from church work for personal reasons. The activity is being revisited.
- Discussion around Congregation Covenanting, visioning in how we want to be with one another and how this work could move forward and what would be possible for AGM. The item should be resumed by KUC Council instead of M&P. Cindy and Julia to review approach.

#### **KUC Growth Journey - Julia**

Andrea provided a list of activities - there is a clear link to engagement, stewardship, fundraising and how it hits on much of the growth journey. Also helps with planning.

September return has been strong. How to make newcomers feel welcome and how to engage with them.

Focus should be celebrating accomplishments of the midpoint of the year, if any obstacles, what is planned for rest of year.

Items lead nicely into Stewardship.

Action to have communication in writing, during worship, life and work of the church that showcase the ongoing activities that then leads into Stewardship for November.

#### **Other Items**

Tables - D Caron

**Moved** by Donna Caron and **seconded** by Brenda Beattie to allow for the purchase of up to 21 tables and carts from the Memorial Fund. **Carried.**

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

#### **Quarterly Council Planning and Review - Julia**

- October (Julia away):
  - Growth Journey

- Stewardship Campaign Overview
- Steps Towards Truth and Reconciliation
- CYF Update
- Finance Update
- November:
  - M & P Salary Review Submissions
  - AGM Prep
  - Narrative Budget Submission Process (December Submission)
- December:
  - AGM Outline

**Future Meetings**

Oct 15, 2024            Reflection: Marilyn Wong

**We Go Out**

Cindy led us in closing prayer.

We agreed to end the meeting at 9:02 pm.

*Julia Duffy*  
Julia Duffy (Nov 26, 2024 14:19 EST)

Chair - Julia Duffy

*Robert Ashton*  
Robert Ashton (Nov 28, 2024 14:25 EST)

Secretary - Robert Ashton









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