



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church (KUC) held over Zoom on Tuesday Sept. 16, 2025, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with Clara Freire as Chair.

**Present:** Rev. Cindy Casey (Minister), Kathy Beamish (Treasurer), Sue Davidson (Children Youth and Families), Julia Duffy (Past Chair), Clara Freire (Co-Chair), Penny Gelinias (Outreach), Shawn Neeson (CYF), Walter Prager (Member at Large), Al Quirt (Secretary), Marilyn Wong (Member at Large), Kathleen. Turner (Member at Large). **Corresponding Members:** None. **Regrets:** Marilynne Dean-Romanow (Member at Large), Ed Goodridge (B & G), Robert Ashton (Co-Chair), Kathi Campbell (Trustees representative, nonvoting)

### **We Gather Together – A Time for Growth/Learning/Team Building**

Clara welcomed us to this meeting and lit a Christ Candle.

Kathy's meditation was the poem "Clearing" by Martha Postlethwaite. Make a space in your life.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated

### **We Review Past Business**

#### **Minutes**

**Moved** by Kathy, **seconded** by Marilyn to approve the minutes of the June 17 Council meeting as circulated. Al will make cosmetic edits such as adding page numbers. **Carried.**

#### **Business Arising from minutes - Clara**

- Follow-up on requests from the Book Fair team:
  - Most suggestions for logistics and calendar were accepted.
  - BF suggested that no other fundraising be done at the same time; Council felt that the Compost sale could be done in parallel.
  - Volunteer recognition meal could be expanded to include other volunteers in addition to Book Fair. This could be a new Gratitude focus for our year-end picnic. We would need to expand our invitation to include not just KUC members but all volunteers through the year.
  - Avoiding all rentals and other activities during Book Fair collection period is too big a restriction on other important aspects of our ministry. We do need to recognize that because Book Fair uses a lot of volunteer energy we have to minimize conflicting activities, and ensure that other groups meeting during Book Fair accommodate it.
- **Moved** by Kathleen and **seconded** by Shawn that Council approve a budget of up to \$750 for promotional door-hangers designed in collaboration by Book Fair and Council, and promoting both fundraising and other KUC ministries. **Carried**
- Council Email Updates:
  - Response to request for support for Refugee Hearing. A letter was sent by

Cindy attesting to the fact that we know the family and are aware of the situation for them in Cameroun.

- New Horizons grant opportunity - Cindy - This program's grants are for big projects and require a very detailed application. Time does not permit applying this year. It has helped us with the Seniors' Lunches and we should prepare for next year. Other grants are available for smaller items.
- Stewardship Training - Marilyn Wong - The program is 5 weeks Oct. 20 - Nov. 27 with homework and it would cost us \$100 to register a team. There are free online courses but people who took it feel it is well worth the price. This could be an opportunity for our new staff since much is not about money. Stewardship team will find participants and register them.
- Congregational Workshops summary - letter to congregation planned - Clara
- Debrief of recent Security Incident - Cindy. KUC has worked closely with Ottawa Police and has contacted our MP Jenna Sudds. We are eligible for a grant from Federal Government to implement as many as possible of the recommendations that we will receive shortly from the police. We now have a requirement that all activities, especially in the evening, have at least 2 people present. A new buddy sign-up sheet will soon be available.

#### Communications Received - AI

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

#### Minister's Update - Cindy

- General Council was very busy and productive. The Indigenous Church will go ahead but many details remain to be worked out. The Apology to 2S-LGBTQI+ was profoundly moving but some felt it needed to go farther.
- Meeting of United Church Leadership last weekend continued Council initiatives.
- Passionate presentation by about 15 Youth was a highlight for everyone.
- Centre 33 Gala is coming up. Hoping to have a couple of tables from KUC.
- Regional event on Sept 19 (Ottawa) and Oct. 4 (Smith's Falls) is coming soon. Carpool being organized.

#### Fall/Winter Planning

- Brief presentations from committees:
- M&P has 4 members and needs at least one more with 5 staff. Both new staff, Peter and Josh, are amazing and we look forward to working with them. All M&P people will shortly attend a training course. Penny is interim chair.
- B&G: Lighting in front offices is being upgraded.
- **Moved** by Marilyn and **seconded** by Sue to approve \$2800+HST to remove two trees on our property boundary. **Carried.** (One is required by the city and the other is dead and can be removed at little extra expense.)
- CYF: Joshua is working on a new curriculum. Enthusiastic. Many other new activities starting one age group at a time, with the goal of ending up with 4 youth groups in

conjunction with other nearby churches. Planning a speaking engagement at Earl of March, and in contact with the Food Cupboard. Apple picking this weekend and other outdoor activities planned.

- Outreach: Flea Market attracted about 900 people the first day. Financial success. Promoting United We Dream housing project along with the Region.
- Worship: will meet last Sunday in September to plan until Christmas. Theme for Creation Time is 7 indigenous teachings. Joshua will have an outdoor event (rain or shine) for Orange Shirt Sunday.

## Finance

Statements were distributed. Still looking for a suitable replacement for Kathy.

## We Steward our Ministries – Looking After Our Administrative Details and Financial Health

### New Business

- Council help for Sunday's welcome-back BBQ would be welcome. Burgers, dogs, and personal size pizzas (donation requested). Salads and cookies from attendees. Only impact on this week's Hospitality team is extra coffee. Going forward this could become a pure potluck to simplify preparation. More potlucks could be good.

### Planning and Review - Clara

- October 21, 2025 Chair: Clara Reflection: Marilyn Dean-Romanow
- November 18, 2025 Chair: Robert Reflection: Julia Duffy  
M&P salary proposal
- December 16, 2025 Chair: Clara Reflection: Penny Gelinias  
AGM, Budget, Quarterly Finance Update
- January 20, 2026 Chair: Robert Reflection: Ed Goodridge  
AGM, Budget (final), Yearly Recap, 2026 priorities
- February 17, 2026 Chair: Clara Reflection: Sue Davidson  
AGM (final prep)
- February 22, 2026 AGM

### We Go Out

Cindy led us in closing prayer.

We agreed to end the meeting at 8:35 pm.



Clara Freire (Oct 31, 2025 09:17:55 EDT)



Alan Quirt (Oct 27, 2025 14:05:20 EDT)

Chair - Clara Freire

Secretary - Al Quirt











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