

Membership and Mission Minutes

January 21, 2025 in the KUC Resource Room

PRESENT: Melinda Smegal, Krista Ritchie, Charles Ludlow, Judy Zarubick, Janice McKean, Nancy Brash

REGRETS: Liz Dillman, just returning from Mexico, and Katrena Johnston

CHAIR: Melinda Smegal

SECRETARY: Nancy Brash

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:07 and gave a special welcome to Charles, so nice to have him back with us.

OPENING PRAYER: Judy Zarubick

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: by consensus

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF November 19, 2024: by consensus

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Stewardship Sunday - Thank you to Janice for presenting this and it was very nice having Angela speak as well.
2. Council report, no meeting– no report
3. Ice Cream Sundae Sunday: next one will be held on Feb. 2nd and because of the poor attendance at the last one, Janice had the idea to serve hot chocolate, with mini marshmallows and serve in the sanctuary so hopefully people will stay! Perhaps heat the hot chocolate in a crock pot during church and then bring it up to the sanctuary after church. Krista will shop for this and get things ready. Janice may bring some cookies. Krista will also email Liz, telling her not to buy any ice cream!

4. Funding for Good Food Box: We had agreed to pay for 3 months and then make and sell individual frozen entrees for raising money to pay for more. Some ideas for entrees to make were: lasagna, chili, & turkey/potato/veg. Krista has purchased takeout containers for this project. What we paid for was October thru December of 2024. Judy explained that if we paid for a full year in advance, we would get a discount. Judy will check with Wendy Cox to see where we stand on this issue and let us know. Krista amended the original motion to continue paying for this and using the income from the sale of entrees to offset the cost of the 2 food boxes /month.
(We are buying this for a family in need in our congregation)
5. Annual report: Thank you to Liz for preparing the report for M&M.
6. Presenting the budget on Dec. 8th - Thank you to Katrena.
7. Book swap - Krista reported it will be sometime in April on a Saturday morning.
8. Mission and Service goal for 2025 was set for \$30,000. The update on this is that we had a goal of \$31,000 for 2024 and actual donations were \$29,558.
9. Advent potluck was cancelled due to weather.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. M & M rolling calendar – Shrove/pancake Tuesday is March 4th. Melinda will put a notice in the bulletin and make a sign-up sheet for congregants to fill in to help be Greeters, pancake flippers, servers, clean up crew and dish washers. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting on Feb. 18th.
2. Members of M&M: time to decide who is on the committee for the next year. All members present agreed to stay on. Melinda will check with Liz and Katrena.
3. Other business: Krista brought a write up regarding Five Oaks Retreat Center, just outside of Paris, Ontario, that is owned by the United Church. It is in need of repairs and looking for donations. Something to think about for the future.

Janice brought up the suggestion, that for the United Church's 100th celebration, we do a time line of sorts for our church, getting photos and stories or events from the members in the church, past and present to contribute and make a display. Judy suggested we talk to Emily Perry and Louise Currie (105 yrs old) who are long time members. Thinking they would have many memories.

FUTURE POSSIBLE FORUMS:

Women in Poverty, Interfaith Dialogue, More Reconciliation Events and Book Study

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING; February 11th, Charles will attend by Zoom
Please note that if attendee is unable to attend, a substitute must be there to represent M & M.

NEXT M & M MEETING- Tuesday February 18th
Krista will chair Janice will take minutes.
Location TBD

Meeting adjourned 8:24pm

Other: Annual Meeting, Sunday February 23rd after church, with muffins, cheese, fruit and coffee available.