

## ***Membership and Mission Minutes***

***November 19, 2024, 7 pm in the KUC Resource Room***

OUR MISSION: The congregation of Kincardine United Church strives to be a loving, hopeful and inclusive community of faith that nurtures Christian discipleship.

PRESENT – LouAnne Dudman, Liz Dillman, Krista Ritchie, Nancy Brash, Melinda Smegal, Katrena Johnston.

REGRETS – Janice McKean, Charles Ludlow

CHAIR – Melinda Smegal

SECRETARY – Krista Ritchie

WELCOME by Melinda Smegal

CALL TO ORDER at 7:03

OPENING PRAYER - Melinda Smegal

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – with additions and deletions by consensus

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF October 15th - by consensus

UPDATE: Mission and Service Sunday featuring the Community Living “Baby and Me” group generated donations of \$650 with additional donations taken to the Community Living office.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Stewardship Sundays – Janice McKean presented the stewardship message and concluded that she enjoyed the research and the presentation of the message.
2. Council Report – Janice attended this month
3. Ice Cream Sundaes/Hot Dog Lunch Nov 3. Krista Ritchie and Nancy Brash reported that just the perfect amount of food was available for approximately 12-14 guests.

4. The Blanket Exercise was at KDSS on October 29th at 9:30 and 12:30. Attendees shared that the experience was historical based, experiential and moving. Despite a few small groups of students who seemed less interested in being there, (as noted by talking and giggling), other students engaged by sharing good comments and feedback indicating some good engagement and takeaways. It was felt that the group was difficult to engage due to size, and the gymnasium space which was large and open. Some of the readings were difficult to hear. The library space, and a smaller number of students would be recommended if the blanket exercise were to occur again.

5. White Gift Sunday – Thank you, Liz and Judy, who will take donations to Cape Croker. Communication has been difficult, so we will record in January minutes how best to approach next year, citing a contact person and phone number. (the manse phone message has not been returned)

6. Loaves and Fishes Potluck was Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Krista hosted and there were 7 attendees.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Advent Potluck Dec 12, 4:30 social time and 5:00 meal. Liz will make the announcement. Helpers will be Judy and at 6 Katerina will help. LouAnne will help if she is able.

2. Sundae Sunday, December 1, Krista will set up tables and Katrena and Nancy will conduct. Guests will be recruited to help with take down,

3. Good Food Box request. There is a request to take over the payment of two good food boxes for a family of 3 adults and 3 children. The previous sponsor has moved from the area and the situation of this family has not changed. Considerable discussion followed, realizing we could “allocate” income from one of our regular events, but in reality, we still need to keep these funds coming into the general fund. The following motion was decided as a group:

**Moved by LouAnne Dudman that M and M pay for 3 months of the two food boxes and M and M members would create frozen meals to offer to the congregation by donation, generating money to offset the cost of the next year of these food boxes for this family. Seconded by Nancy Brash. Carried.**

Krista Ritchie offered to purchase take out containers for this project which will happen in or about April 2025

**Moved by Katrena Johnston to send \$750.00 to the chaplaincy fund which is up and running. Seconded by Krista Ritchie. Carried**

**Moved by Liz Dillman that \$500 from the Community Service Fund be sent to Silver Lake Camp for the dining hall project. Seconded by Melinda Smegal. Carried**

**Moved by Nancy Brash that \$1000 from the Community Assistance Fund to Vova and Galyna's lawyer for their Immigration Application. Seconded by Melinda Smegal. Carried.**

We had a request from Jacqui Hillerby to arrange a driver for a food bank delivery for a client she knows. Judy has offered to do it this week, and we have asked that Judy take this to the congregation to see if anyone would be able to take on this task in the future.

Liz Dillman will prepare the annual report.

Katrena Johnston will present the budget on December 8th.

The M and S goal of \$32 000 is not likely to be met this year, although it is not really known until the end of December. It was discussed that we reduce the goal to \$30 000 for 2025 due to decreasing members, and the financial situation of the church in general.

## **FUTURE POSSIBLE FORUMS**

Women in Poverty    More Reconciliation Events  
Interfaith Dialogue    Book Study

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING is Feb 11, 7pm.**

**KUC Resource Room** Attendee will be determined at our January Meeting.

Note that if the attendee is unable to attend the meeting a substitute must be there to represent M&M.

**NEXT M&M MEETING – TUESDAY, January 21, 2025**

Chair – Liz D Secretary - Nancy Brash    Adjourned at – 9:14

Social Time: Hugs, farewells and best wishes to LouAnne Dudman who has been part of our committee for several years. She relocates to the U.S. this month!