

MEMBERSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 19, 2018

Our Mission: The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

PRESENT: Liz Dillman, Bernd Portz, Ursula Portz, Gord Dunbar, Charles Ludlow
REGRETS: Melinda Smegal, Krista Ritchie
CHAIR: Liz Dillman
SECRETARY: Liz Dillman

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Chair

Gord opened the meeting with prayer.

Agenda was accepted as distributed.

MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2018 MEETING

Moved by Bernd Portz and seconded by Ursula Portz that the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting be accepted as distributed. *CARRIED*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Name Tags
 - new name tags are quite successful
 - Liz will arrange to get 3"x3" "stickon" labels and black markers to allow people to print their name on when they forget their name tag or are visitors
 - Liz will arrange to have Kincardine United Church printed on the top of each label
 - they will be kept on the back table next to the coffee
2. Church Picnic – June 24
 - everything is arranged
 - Gord will arrange indoor games up to be played in event of rain and some outdoor games in addition to the ones Krista is organizing
3. Women's House Forum
 - no update at this time
 - planning on theme to be "Women in Poverty" – emphasis on Kincardine area
4. Truth and Reconciliation Event Follow-up
 - it was an excellent event – had about 30 people attend
 - Gord will do a thank you on Sunday
5. Mountain View Coffee
 - people are enjoying the regular coffee
6. Food Grains Bank
 - everything is arranged for the guest speaker on September 30

NEW BUSINESS

1. July 1, 2018 Service
 - there will be a "jingle dancer" sharing the service with Gord on July 1
 - when Gord talked to her about a fee for this she did not want anything but suggested a donation to one of the local reserves
 - Gord and Liz had recently been to Cape Croker and they have a need for men's reading glasses and prescription glasses
 - decided to ask congregation to bring in new and used reading and prescription glasses or cash donations to send to Cape Croker
2. Sundaes for Sunday
 - discussed doing an ice cream sundae Sunday once a month after Church
 - will do the first one on July 1 and each first Sunday following that
3. Creche Display
 - discussed having a display of creches around the Church this year
4. Future Community Outreach Forums
 - discussed ideas for future community outreach forums. Suggestions included:
 - Interfaith Dialogue
 - Reconciliation Events
 - Death & Dying including Assisted Death
 - Round table with community leaders – what do they need from KUC
5. Becoming an Affirming Church
 - a brief discussion was held on beginning the work to become an Affirming Church
 - excerpt from Open Hearts Resource on why to become an affirming church is attached to these minutes

COUNCIL REP FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- Next Council meeting is Sept 4, 2018
- Need someone to attend on behalf of M&M
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NEXT MEETING

- September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- Location – home of Krista Ritchie
- Chair will be Liz Dillman
- Secretary TBD

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Chairperson

Secretary

Why Become an Affirming Ministry?

Excerpts from "Open Hearts: Resources for Affirming Ministries in The United Church of Canada."

Affirming Ministries are congregations, presbyteries, Conferences, educational institutions, and other ministries within the United Church that publically declare their commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Although Affirming Ministries make an explicit statement about issues of sexuality and gender, their commitment to justice is far broader. They continually grow and change as they seek to live more fully into God's way of welcome, love, and justice for all creation.

Affirming Ministries work in many different ways toward the healing and wholeness of creation:

- challenging bias and discrimination based on appearance, culture, class, or age;
- working to end racism;
- promoting economic justice;
- increasing accessibility;
- caring for the planet.

Affirming Ministries seek to go beyond issues of gender diversity and sexual orientation to work for justice and inclusion for all people.

Affirming Ministries provide information, acceptance, support, and justice-making for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their friends and families. These ministries declare, in words and actions, that God loves and accepts people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. And they call upon the rest of the church and society to do the same.

Through a process of discernment and reflection, Affirming Ministries discover what it means for them to be inclusive and justice-seeking. They prepare a statement of faith and vision that sets out their ongoing commitment to work for justice on issues of gender diversity and sexual orientation within their congregation, the wider church, and their community, and to support and participate in the Affirming Ministry Program.