

**Membership and Mission Minutes**  
**Kincardine United Church Resource Room**  
**April 18, 2023**

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

PRESENT: Melinda Smegal, Krista Ritchie, Charles Ludlow, Liz Dillman

REGRETS: LouAnne Dudman, Katrena Johnston, Gord Dunbar

CHAIR – Melinda Smegal

SECRETARY - Liz Dillman

CALL TO ORDER by Melinda at 7:00

OPENING PRAYER by Krista

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – accepted by consensus

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF March 21, 2023, by consensus

It was reminded that when preparing minutes that last names are used when recording who is present and who has sent in regrets.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Note: Affirming Committee, Now Playing and Indigenous Awareness committee being removed from standing agenda going forward.

1. Interfaith Dialogue - on hold until 2023
2. Blanket Exercise at KDSS – on hold til 2023
3. Consent & Capacity Info Night – on hold until 2023
4. Ukrainian Drop In
  - Drop In needs more coffee for these evenings – Krista will deliver two bags
5. Coffee Time – no one has stepped forward to volunteer for setting up coffee
  - there will be no coffee for at least the next two weeks
  - cannot continue expecting Judy to set it up every week
6. Stewardship Sundays – next one will be May 14 – Krista and her daughters will do it
7. Easter Breakfast
  - had about 12 people (including M&M members)
  - decided do it at 9:45 next year – before the second service

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1, Council Report – Charles
  - Mart is still cleaning up member records

- Council Retreat is being held on April 29, 2023 re Vision and Purpose
- Galyna Katkevych has been hired as our new part-time custodian
- balance of the church roof will need to be replaced in 2024 at a cost of approx. \$60,00

2. Questionnaire results from March 13, 2022 – What Can I/We Do to Make KUC a More Welcoming, Inclusive and Affirming Place and Space?

Gord sent comments by email and they are set out below:

Some of the suggestions are already in the works (as indicated by our agenda, like Intersex Progress flag and stickers, like nametags provided, like the provision of coffee

Some suggestions require co-ordination with other standing Committees, such as with the Programme Committee i.e. the table for children in the worship space, the provision of nursery (not Sunday School anymore) when needed (but still understaffed), the use of the term "Greeter" instead of "Usher."

Some of these suggestions work well with the Vision for Kincardine United Church which the Council has approved in principle and which I will be working with groups in the church to wrestle with between now and December (including this committee). One suggestion in that Vision is the formalized use of small groups to foster more comfortable spaces for people to connect as they find meaning and purpose in our community of faith. Small groups would also be a fertile space within which to foster better pastoral care

Social Media links as invitations are great, but we need to ensure we have the resources in place to back up our welcome with actual structures.

The personal invitation to any one person is far more effective than any other single initiative. After all, they already trust the person inviting. Of course, the people doing the inviting need to be aware they should not say something is good if it is not.

Melinda will call people in the Directory to see if they feel connected, if any of them need a ride.

Discussed the idea of small groups and what they might look like. Could be several people reading the same book or getting together to talk about a certain topic.

5. Membership & Mission Sunday – Sept 17, 2023

Wes Larsen from The Bridge has agreed to be our speaker.

6. Donation to the Ministerial Benevolent Fund

**It was moved by Charles Ludlow and seconded by Krista Ritchie that we send \$375.00 to the Ministerial Benevolent Fund. Motion Carried**

7. Rolling Calendar

Krista is working on updating the rolling calendar. We will review it in May.

**FUTURE POSSIBLE FORUMS**

Women in Poverty  
Reconciliation Events  
Play re Nawash  
Round Table with Community Partners

**COUNCIL REP FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Next Meeting is May 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Attendee is Charles Ludlow

Note that if the attendee is unable to be at the meeting, please ensure someone else from M&M is there

**NEXT M&M MEETING**

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm. In person in the Resource Room at the church.

Chair: Melinda Smegal                      Secretary: Liz Dillman

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm