

M&M MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2021 – ZOOM CALL

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, LouAnne Dudman, Charles Ludlow, Ursula Portz, Bernd Portz, Krista Ritchie, Melinda Smegal and Rev. Gord Dunbar

CHAIR – Krista Ritchie

SECRETARY – Melinda Smegal

CALL TO ORDER - 7:05 pm by Krista

OPENING PRAYER - Gord

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA-accepted by Consensus after 4 additional items were added

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2021-accepted by Consensus

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Affirming Committee – Liz reported that the members of this committee met and decided that they cannot really get anything done until we get back into the church building.
2. Interfaith Dialogue – on hold
3. Blanket Exercise at High School – on hold
4. Consent and Capacity Info Night – on hold
5. Church Photo Directory- the week before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving weekend (Oct 4–11)
6. Card Group – updates? Gord: Anne Larocque/Katrena Johnson...deferred to next meeting
7. Calls to Congregation - update, Melinda status quo....Melinda is pleased that the phoners are readily contacting her with updates of the membership concerns.
8. Minute for Mission- Catharine Crawford expressed interest in doing one of the Sunday taped messages so Rev. Gord will follow up. There have been some comments as to whether we should be doing this Minute for Mission segment during the service because we are asking for congregation support when KUC is financially struggling. Should we just concentrate on taking care of us at KUC now? Gord will refer to the many ways people give during the May 2nd service by outlining the five motivations for giving and the six major giving opportunities (based on Kennon Callahan's research) as part of the meditation. For now the M&M Committee will continue to highlight how Mission and Service giving has been beneficial for so many. Isn't it more important to serve others before ourselves?
9. "Now Playing"-periodic updates and revisiting purchasing more family visit slots if required. No action required at this time as this facility is closed due to the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report from Council – Charles reported that he will be working with Rod on a proposal regarding the list of members' names to be removed from the KUC roll. Rev. Gord will send the list to the Council secretary.
2. Daily Bread - Shirley Marie Harris would like to retire from being in charge of overseeing this devotional booklet. Melinda will contact her for more information. There is one pack of Daily Bread booklets sent free to KUC and then these are dispersed to some members. Rev. Gord has been delivering these. Follow up next month.
3. Trustee Minutes for January referencing restricting funding to other causes – The Trustees commented that KUC committees should restrict their donations to other causes. M&M Committee feels that the Trustees can only recommend what other standing committees do. We appreciate their insight, but we also know that the Membership and Mission Committee is responsible for only 4% of the total KUC budget and our mandate is to do Mission work...for

all.

4. Rev. Gord received a call from Judy Watt, of Knox Presbyterian Church, who wanted to know if we would be willing to fund raise in conjunction with that church for Cape Croker. Joyce Johnson, the pastor at Cape Croker, said they are in desperate need of a new front and back door. Rather than making a general appeal for funds, the M&M committee made a motion since it had money in its Outreach part of its budget.

Melinda made a motion that, partnering with Knox Pres Church, our M&M Committee donate up to \$1000 to Cape Croker to help fund the replacement of the front and back doors of their church. Liz seconded the motion. CARRIED.

Rev. Gord will contact Judy Watt about our decision.

5. Mission Sunday – September 19.....we discussed ideas for the topic. One potential speaker could be from the Women's House in Kincardine. The other potential topic could be highlights from the past year and what the M&M Committee has done for mission and service in the area. This topic will be revisited next month.
6. Newcomer Update – Rev. Gord gave an update on the refugee family's happenings and the driving lessons he is providing. The children are doing well in school and have developed friendships there. Most importantly, Lena's brother, who is still living in a refugee camp in Lebanon, was approved by the Presbyterian Church of Canada to be sponsored to come to Canada under their license for refugee sponsorship quota. He has some steps to take yet before being able to travel here.

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 11, 2021, at 7:00 pm by Zoom Attendee – Charles Ludlow
Note if the attendee is unable to be at the meeting please notify the committee so someone else can attend as the M&M representative.

NEXT M&M MEETING

May 18 at 7:00 pm by zoom
Chair – LouAnne Dudman Secretary – Liz Dillman
Adjourned – 8:30 pm

Chair - Krista Ritchie

Secretary – Melinda Smegal