

MEMBERSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

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, Gord Dunbar, Krista Ritchie, Melinda Smegal, Charles Ludlow
ABSENT: Bernd Portz, Ursula Portz, Louanne Dudman
CHAIR: Melinda Smegal
SECRETARY: Liz Dillman

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by the Chair

Gord opened the meeting with prayer.

Agenda was accepted by consensus.

MINUTES JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING

Minutes of the June 16, 2020 were accepted as distributed by consensus.

CHECK IN BY ALL MEMBERS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Affirming Committee
-on hold during Covid 19 Pandemic
2. Interfaith Dialogue
-on hold during Covid 19 Pandemic
3. Blanket Exercise at the High School
-on hold during Covid 19 Pandemic
4. Consent and Capacity Info Night
-on hold during Covid 19 Pandemic
5. Church Photo Directory
- set for June 2021
6. Pancake Supper
- already to go
7. Membership and Adherent Review Team (MART)
- are meeting next week
8. Card Group
-on hold during Covid 19 Pandemic
9. Calls to Congregation
- calls are now being done about every four weeks

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10. 'Working During Pandemic" videos – June 21
 - videos were well done and well received
 - thanks to Lydia Ritchie, Kent Padfield, Bernd Portz, Dr. Gunaratne, Cheryl Cottrill and the AV team
11. Food Grains Crop
 - sunflower crop failed this year
 - need to get the costs of the seed etc so Bernd can be re-imbursed - he should not be out of pocket for expenses
12. Mission and Service Sunday – Sept 20
 - Krista will introduce Tom Franklin and Gord will thank him
 - service has been completed and sent to Sarah
 - It was agreed by consensus to pay Tom Franklin \$200 for speaking**
 - It was agreed to make a donation to the Chalmers Community Garden of \$150.00 This total of \$350.00 is budgeted in the M&M budget under Mission Sunday.**
 - It was agreed by consensus to donate an additional \$500.00 to the Chalmers Community Garden from the Community Service budget of M&M.**
13. Lee Cox put together the photos of "What we've been doing during Covid 19, a digital photo album. Thank you Lee.
14. Thanks to Gord for his initiative to collect money for the Church by shaving his head. A total of \$6,201 was donated to see him do that.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consensus Decision Making Model
 - KUC Council has adopted this model for decision making and recommends it to committees.. Rather than making a "motion" for an action, committee members make a "proposal" which is discussed after which the chair seeks consensus. Proposals may be changed at a later date if needed.
2. PPE for the Church
 - thank you to Gord for ordering antiseptic gel, masks, re-arranging furniture in the sanctuary, counting how much distance seating we have and everything else he has done to keep in touch and in contact – without touching!
3. 2021 Budget
 - at the October meeting we will need to work on the 2021 budget
4. Attracting New Members
 - several ideas were put forth
 - small groups via Zoom
 - large groups with breakout rooms
 - digital front door
 - Seeds of Hope Funding
 - buy ipads and deliver weekly to people who don't have the Technology to see fireside chats or services
 - instead of ipads could put the chats and services on DVDs

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- Melinda will call the local retirement and nursing homes to see if they would consider running the fireside chats during the week
- 5. Universal Basic Income
 - this is an initiative of the UCC
 - we decided to provide the information to the congregation and those who wish to pursue advocating for a universal basic income program can do so
- 6. Church Re-opening
 - discussed the impending re-opening of the Church
 - based on the rising numbers in the province M&M would like to see this held off for some time yet
 - Krista, Liz and Gord will discuss this with Rod on Sunday
- 7. October 18 Service
 - The Western Ontario Waterways will be holding its recognition service for new ministers on Oct 18 at 10 am. It will be livestreamed for all members of the region to watch
 - M&M is recommending that we do not hold a service that Sunday for a couple of reasons:
 - allow our members to be part of the regional service
 - would give all our staff and tech crew a week off – they have not had many since the pandemic started and this would be a way to show our appreciation for all their hard work
 - Krista, Liz and Gord will also talk to Rod about
 - Liz will pass this on to Programme
- 8. M&S 2020 Budget
 - to the end of August \$19,134 has been donated to the UCC M&S
 - 2020 budget is \$30,000

FUTURE POSSIBLE FORUMS

Women In Poverty
Reconciliation Events
Play re Nawash
Round Table with community partners

COUNCIL REP FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- Next Council is October 6, 2020
- Charles will attend

Next M&M Meeting

- October 20
- Chair – Melinda
- Secretary - Liz

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Melinda Smegal – Chair

Liz Dillman - Secretary