

M&M Minutes  
MARCH 19, 2019

**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, Kerry Stover, Gord Dunbar, Bernd Portz, Ursula Portz, Charles Ludlow, Krista Ritchie

REGRETS: Melinda Smegal

CHAIR – Liz Dillman

SECRETARY – Krista Ritchie

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER was provided by Kerry Stover

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Motion to approve agenda moved by Gord, seconded by Ursula, Carried.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019 MEETING, moved by Bernd, seconded by Krista, Carried**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Becoming an Affirming Church  
Gord is making inquiries to round out the committee and a brief meeting is called for March 31 after church to discuss logistics like meeting times and place.
2. Monthly soup or stew lunch follow-up. Plenty of stew and buns were provided and help was ample. More people tend to offer to help than have signed up. About \$200 came into the basket, and it was discussed that this money go to the general fund monthly. As a gentle hint that help is important, the next signup sheet will have set up and clean up at the top of the sheet with food below. The next lunch would fall on Easter, but is being shifted as we already have the Sunrise Breakfast that day. The lunch will move off one week and be provided by Lighthouse Unit (April 28<sup>th</sup>) which is Kerry's last Sunday with us.
3. Pre-Church Coffee, ice cream Sunday, loaves & fishes – request for help. In lieu of success with lunch set up, a more visible request for help for these efforts could be more successful.
5. Forum - Death & Dying including Assisted Death – April 29, 2019  
The format was discussed and is attached. To round out the panel, Charles Ludlow will ask Chandra Tripathi if he would be interested in joining the event providing Hindu perspective. Kerry Stover will ask the Young family who have ties with the MS Society as well.
6. Pancake supper – follow up  
Revenue was \$628, expenses were \$278.32 and net profit was \$349.68 This money was allocated to the budget for new kitchen stoves.
7. Updated M&M Calendar: Upcoming event is the Easter Sunrise Breakfast. Krista will send details to the office for bulletin. Committee will come together about 8 to prep for the 8:45 potluck, and tidy up and set up coffee time to follow. Ursula will ensure orange juice is on hand to make up for the breakfast.  
March is Ministerial Benevolent Fund remit time. **Bernd moved that \$375 be sent to the Ministerial Benevolent Fund, seconded by Liz, Carried.** There is another \$375 in the budget if we get a request for top up.
8. Support for Muslim community – what can we do? Gord will make contact with Ayman Faddah to pose the question, "Do you feel threatened/persecuted in our local community? and "can we encircle the vigil on Friday as a sign of solidarity?"

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request from Women's House for donation. **Following the presentation of the letter from Women's House, Bernd moved we donate \$500 from our Community Service**

**Fund, seconded by Ursula, Carried.** The funds were specifically requested for supports for children who have witnessed violence against their mother.

2. Request from Canadian Foodgrains for donation. We talked about a project of our own which may include, but are not limited to the following: the donation of approximately 1/2 acre of field space for a crop; This crop could be sunflowers; Signage and a lock box could create a photo op for public in the field.; a U-cut flower stop could be part of the effort.; a lemonade and sandwich lunch in the field could be planned once the crop presents itself. In addition to these ideas, it was discussed that a "paper field" could be created and donations can come in through offering for the "Canada Food Grains Project", and seed would be paid for from this with all remaining monies being for CFG. This item will be further discussed in the coming month.
3. New members. Krista will get a small congratulations cake to add to the coffee time. It will be a photo op for our new members. Gord will order books for the new members titled, "The Unofficial United Church Handbook."
4. Invitation to Muslim neighbors to visit us.--This item was moved to the Future Forums section. We also revisited in brief conversation, ways in which we have supported and also sought to better know our local Muslim community in the past. 1. Providing a space for their worship followed up by inviting two members as guests who spoke to us on a Sunday 2. UCW having had a Muslim woman come and speak to us and do a Q and A, and most recently 3. Gord speaking at the vigil on Friday evening in remembrance of 50 lives lost in the mass shooting in two Christchurch, New Zealand mosques.

#### **FUTURE FORUMS**

Interfaith Dialogue  
Women and Poverty in Kincardine  
Blanket Exercise at KDSS  
Reconciliation Events  
Play re Nawash  
Round Table with community leaders – what do they want from KUC  
Invitation to Muslim neighbors to visit us. Gord suggested the United Church resource, "That we may know each other"

Next Meeting – April 16, 2019

Council Attendee for April 2, 2019 meeting: Charles Ludlow

Next Chair: Bernd

Next Secretary: Liz

Next Location: Liz

Adjourned at 9 pm

**Time needed: About 90 minutes to two hours  
Kerry Stover is our Host**

- 1. Welcome as folks arrive:**
  - a. Beverages
  - b. Information pamphlets
  - c. Summary of guest panelists
  - d. Other?
  
- 2. Introduction of the Theme and Holy Manners (4 minutes):**
  
- 3. Introduction of Guests (4 minutes):**
  - a. Lawyer (Liz will talk to the Ross Firm)
  - b. Doctor (Damien Goonantre) Liz will contact and see if not who else?
  - c. Gord (Guelph guy)
  - d. Person living with disability (Sue Young contacted by Kerry)
  - e. Another religious person i.e. Muslim, Jew, Buddhist, etc. (Charles will contact Chandra)
  
- 4. Introduction to video background and result (4 minutes):**
  
- 5. Video about gentleman from Walkerton (3 minutes):**
  
- 6. Opening Statements (10 minutes maximum) on the Question “What is your perspective on the issues raised by Medical Assistance in Dying?” (50 minutes maximum):**
  - a. Person living with disability
  - b. Another religious person
  - c. Doctor
  - d. Lawyer
  - e. Gord
  
- 7. Question and Answer from those gathered (25 minutes).**
  
- 8. Summary statement in one minute from each of the panellists (5 minutes maximum):**
  - a. Gord
  - b. Lawyer
  - c. Doctor
  - d. Another religious person

e. Person living with disability

**9. Thank you and leave-taking (2 minutes cards and gift certificates for Tim's or McDonalds).**