

M&M MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2022 – ZOOM CALL

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, Liz Dillman, LouAnne Dudman, Charles Ludlow, Krista Ritchie
Judy Zarubick

REGRETS: Bernd Portz, Ursula Portz

CHAIR: Melinda Smegal

SECRETARY: Liz Dillman

CALL TO ORDER by Melinda at 7:01 pm

OPENING PRAYER - Judy

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – agenda was accepted by consensus.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF September 20, 2022 by consensus.

PRESENTATION BY WES LARSEN OF THE DROP-IN AT THE BRIDGE

- Wes is the Executive Director
- The Bridge now as CRA Charitable status
- Drop-in started four years ago as a drop-in for seniors
- Five years ago 22% of the residents in Kincardine were 65 or older, the average income was \$96,000 but 20% lived below the poverty line
- On Monday they provide free lunch for seniors and Community Living residents
- One day a week they provide a free lunch for teens – prior to covid they were serving 30-60 kids
- Starting in December they will be holding an open mic night for teens – goal is to bring kids into a safe place – kids can sing, dance, do a skit, read poetry etc
- Goal is also to have a place kids can come and do homework and possibly get tutoring
- Would like kids to have their own Council and decide on programs and run them
- Currently running a drop-in every other Friday evening for Ukrainian refugees in the area
- During the pandemic they delivered free meals to approximately 80 people each week, mostly seniors and single parent families
- Also delivered frozen meals during the pandemic and have continued this – will reach 5,000 meals delivered in the near future
- Want to reach out to those on the margins or who have no voice
- Currently have 39 volunteers
 - o Required to volunteer one day a month (minimum) – need a police check for this
 - o If cooking frozen meals – provide 10 meals per month
- Also assist people by reviewing all available government programs with new attendees
- Currently paying \$100 a day for rent
- 2022 fall to 2023 fall budget is \$60,000
- In future they will also have to start paying heat and power
- Do a lot of fundraising
- In February doing a large dinner and selling tickets
- What Can We Do Help?
 - o Become a volunteer
 - o Raise money through an event
 - o Donations

- The Drop-in at the Bridge is NOT supported by the Church there except for hydro and heat and soon that will end
- No worship/conversion being done – do say grace on Monday
- They accept people as they are – want it to be a safe place for everyone

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Affirming Committee
 - nothing to report
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
 - first draft is arriving in the next week and will be proofed for errors
6. Update on Now Playing – nothing to report this month
7. Indigenous Awareness Committee
 - doing the flag teachings during sharing time in Oct and Nov.
 - leaving the shirts up til end of Nov
8. Ukrainian Drop In Evening
 - a drop in evening for Ukrainian refugees in the area is being held every second Friday night at the Bridge
 - they are really enjoying meeting each other
 - hoping this helps with their English as well as they interact with volunteers
 - will be two people from the Multi-Cultural Group coming up from Stratford this Friday (Oct 21)
 - Grey Matter Beer is doing a fund-raiser for the Multi-Cultural Group
9. M&S Sunday
 - Liz to send request to Treasurer to pay balance of budgeted M&S funds (approximately \$126) to the Food Bank. To the end of September \$1,300 had been received from the congregation for the Food Bank.
10. Coffee Time
 - started serving coffee before and after church in the Sanctuary on Oct 16.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Report
 - Liz and Gord have been re-appointed the Southwestern Ontario Candidacy Board
 - Judy has been reappointed to the national Board of Vocation
 - Reminder minutes need to be posted in a timely manner
 - Current deficit of the Church is \$17,207
 - Council will be using balanced approach for 2023 budget
2. The Bridge on Queen St
 - We will put an announcement in bulletin of what they need

Moved by Liz Dillman and seconded by Krista Ritchie that we sent a \$200.00 donation to the Bridge on Queen St. Carried
3. **Moved by Krista Ritchie and seconded by LouAnne Dudman to send the budgeted amount of \$125 to Friends of Broadview. Carried**
4. **Moved by Krista Ritchie and seconded by LouAnne Dudman to send \$500 to Silver Lake Camp for the dining hall project. Carried**
5. **Moved by LouAnne Dudman and seconded by Charles Ludlow to send the \$500 to the Community Hamper Program. Carried**

6. **Moved by Melinda Smegal and seconded by Liz Dillman to send the budgeted amount of \$750 to the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council. Carried**
7. Future Meetings
 - Decided to hold our meetings on zoom during winter months.
8. 2023 Budget
 - Congregational Meeting to approve budget is December 11, 2022

MEMBERSHIP AND MISSION	2023 BUDGET
Social Supplies/Fellowship Enhancements	\$ 800.00
Name Tags	\$ 300.00
Pancake Supper Expenses	\$ 350.00
Pancake Supper Revenue	
Ministerial Benevolent	\$ 400.00
Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council	\$ 750.00
Friends of Broadview	\$ 125.00
Assistance Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Mission Sundays	\$ 350.00
Community Service	\$ 500.00
M&M Misc	\$ 100.00
Poinsettias	\$ 250.00
Outreach	\$ 2,500.00
Truth and Reconciliation Work	\$ 500.00
	\$ 9,925.00
2023 M&S GOAL	\$ 31,000.00

9. White Gift Sunday
 - Is November 20, 2022 this year
 - Liz to do announcement for slides and announcements
 - Bags to be put in resource room during office hours or leave at front of the sanctuary
10. Donation to Ministerial Benevolent Fund
 - Discussed how much we should give – have not heard if they need funds
 - Judy to call Rev Dan West to discuss if funds are required
 - If funds are needed we will do an email vote to provide \$375.00

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 Nov 8, 2022 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 rep

NEXT M&M MEETING

Nov 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm by zoom

Chair Krista Secretary Liz

Meeting adjourned at 9:39

Melinda Smegal, Chair

Liz Dillman, Secretary