

Minutes of the Affirm Committee of Kincardine United Church

Sunday July 27, 2019 12 noon Resource Room at KUC

In Attendance: Judy Zarubick (Chairing today), Catharine Crawford (Minutes today), Emily Perry, Pam Plagos, Lauren Williams, Brent Williams, Jackie Clements.

Regrets: Liz Dillman, Also Alex, Shirley, Julia, Morgan, and Nathan.

Our meeting was opened by Judy Zarubick who led us in a prayer of intention.

Business:

- 1) **Skit for Sunday August 4th** Judy provided copies of a skit for us to present in worship on Sunday August 4th 2019 to begin to invite the congregation to reflect on affirming values. We reviewed the parts and assigned them based on who could attend on August 4th. It was determined we would offer this during Sharing Time. A rehearsal of the skit took place for 30 minutes in the sanctuary following our meeting.
ACTION: Audio and Dress Rehearsal Sunday August 4th at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
- 2) **Education and Reflection Materials for the Congregation:** Judy reviewed materials from SoulForce and created 4 Educational Hand-outs for 4 Sundays in August on the topic, "What the Bible Says – And Doesn't Say – About Homosexuality". We thanked Judy for her efforts and time in creating these hand-outs. They will be handed out with bulletins on each Sunday of August, not as an insert, but as extra informative reading for our membership and visitors. Each material will each be a different colour for distinctiveness and clarity, and extras will be kept on the table at the back of the sanctuary so the theme can build visually.

ACTION: For committee members from today's meeting to read the hand-outs and provide to Judy by email any suggestions for any additions or changes prior to printing.

ACTION: For ushers to be asked to hand them out as they greet individuals in August. If we are short on ushers, Affirm Committee members may be needed to assist with this.

ACTION: Each Sunday in August a rep from our committee will speak in announcement time to briefly draw attention to the hand-out and the work of our committee. It is also suggested that the rep ask if anyone from the committee attending that day in church could also stand as a reference point for who is working on this committee. The reps for this task will be:

August 4th: Catharine Crawford

August 11th: Brent or Lauren Williams

August 18th: Marion Boyd

August 25th: Emily Perry or Brent Williams

From the meeting it was suggested that to simply to say that our committee is organizing and facilitating a discernment and reflection process for our congregation to explore what it means to be fully welcome to everyone, as Christ has led us to be.

- 3) **Involvement of Lauren Williams in Sketching and Comic Development** Brent Williams raised in our meeting, along with Lauren, the possibility of Lauren using her and skill in Marvel-style comics and sketching as a way to raise awareness of inclusivity and welcome and other themes related to the work of our committee. Those present were thrilled with this prospect and *affirmed* Lauren's future involvement in our education and awareness raising.
ACTION: Lauren will keep us informed of her ideas and progress using this creative angle for our work.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm to go to the sanctuary to rehearse the play.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday September 15th after service in the Resource Room. Topic will be to review our efforts and any response from the congregation to date, and to plan further events and activities for the fall. We look forward to seeing you there.