

**Membership and Mission Minutes**  
**Home of Katrena Johnston**  
**June 20, 2023**

**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, Katrena Johnston, Gord Dunbar, Charles Ludlow

REGRETS: Krista Ritchie

CHAIR – LouAnne Dudman

SECRETARY - Liz Dillman

CALL TO ORDER by Louanne at 7:02 pm

OPENING PRAYER by Gord

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – accepted by consensus

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF May 16, 2023, by consensus

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Interfaith Dialogue - on hold until 2023
2. Blanket Exercise at KDSS – on hold til 2023
3. Consent & Capacity Info Night – on hold until 2023
4. Coffee Time – still not getting a lot of volunteers  
- will just wait and see what happens
5. Stewardship Sundays – next one will be July 9 - Liz will do this one  
- Gord will send out a request for Aug 13
6. Making KUC More Welcoming/Inclusive –  
- Pride flag is up in the sanctuary  
- Gord has had questions about why the Canadian and Ontario flag are not in the Sanctuary – has explained they are representative of the settler culture and not really Christ-like  
- Gord has also received some push back about the Pride and Survivor Flag being in the Sanctuary permanently – may have a small group discussion about it
7. M&M Rolling Calendar – Krista to have this distributed by September
8. Membership & Mission Sunday – Sept 17, 2023  
- Melinda will take care of putting the envelopes out and getting the announcement into the bulletin  
- Liz will take care of the service
9. Church Picnic – June 18 followup

- an email was received about the things we had forgotten for the picnic (dishes, etc for visitors and those who forgot)
  - a checklist will be created using that information for future picnics
10. Fall Learning Sessions - "Death the Final Frontier"
    - decided to hold four learning sessions this fall in Oct
      1. Oct 1 – Pre-planning for death
        - Carol Brouse has agreed to do this
      2. Oct 15 – Consent and Capacity
        - Liz is waiting to hear from Quinn Ross
      3. Oct 22 – MaiD
        - Gord will talk to Dr. Gunanatre
      4. Oct 29 – Grief Support and Grief Recovery
        - Liz can do the Grief recovery component
        - Krista to contact Judy Guthro for grief support
    - sessions will be on Sundays as 12:30 following Church and one hour long
    - we will serve coffee, cheese and crackers
    - people can bring a bag lunch if they wish
    - we also talked about making the Consent and Capacity a public event
    - Gord came up with the title "Death the Final Frontier"
  11. Book Sharing/Reading Club
    - could meet to share opinions on books/authors we have read over the summer
    - could also do a movie – can ideas from Joseph Addley for titles

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Council Report – Charles
  - Judy Zarubick has been approved as our Voluntary Associate Minister
  - invoice payment policy has been approved
  - discussed the UCC Remit for an Autonomous Indigenous Church
    - would be self-organizing
    - would be self-determining
  - Church Repairs
    - we need to replace roof on south side at a cost of approx. \$60,000
    - need to repair windows on south side of Sanctuary
    - the rug has been removed in the area under the Communion Table
    - should we be holding discussions about the future of the building?
    - Bervie Anniversary Sunday is Sept 10 and will be at 11:00 and KUC will have its service at 9:30 that Sunday
2. Pride Service – June 23 at 8:00 pm
  - Liz and LouAnne volunteered to help out
3. Deck Visits/Kitchen Table Visits
  - discussed organizing these in the fall

- 3 or 4 people get together in someone's home for tea/coffee and visit for a couple of hours

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4. **Moved by Melinda Smegal and seconded by Charles Ludlow that we affirm the motion made by email to send \$1,000 to a person in need. Carried**
5. **Moved by Katrena Johnston and seconded by LouAnne Dudman that we affirm the motion made by email to pay one-third of the camp fees for a youth in our Church. Carried**

#### **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 September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Attendee is Charles Ludlow

Note that if the attendee is unable to be at the meeting, please ensure someone else from M&M is there

#### **NEXT M&M MEETING**

Tuesday, September 19 2023 at 7:00 pm. In person at Liz's home.

Chair: Melinda Smegal                      Secretary: Liz Dillman

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm