

Membership and Mission Committee Minutes

March 21, 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: Louanne, Liz, Gord, Melinda, Katrena

REGRETS: Krista, Charles

CHAIR – Liz Dillman

SECRETARY – Gord

CALL TO ORDER by Liz a 7:04 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER by Gord Dunbar

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA was approved by consensus.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF February 21, 2023, by consensus with the change that Bernd Portz was withdrawing his membership in the Membership and Mission Committee and that Ursula Portz's term on the Membership and Mission Committee has ended.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Affirming Committee, because (in part) of the pandemic, has pretty much completed its role of education and advocacy. However, Kincardine United Church hasn't formally entered the process of become an Affirming Ministry under the processes mandated by Affirm United. It was decided by consensus that one Progress Flag will be purchased for the sanctuary. In addition, the Membership and Mission Committee recommends to Council the purchase of rainbow stickers for the exterior doors of the building as well as for the church sign.
2. Interfaith Dialogue – on hold until later in 2023
3. Blanket Exercise at KDSS – on hold until later in 2023
4. Consent & Capacity Info Night – on hold until later in 2023
5. Card Group. This item will be removed from the agenda for future meetings. The Card Group is running smoothly and well established. Volunteers will be asked in late May if they wish to continue for another year and, if so, on what schedule.
6. "Now Playing" still has approximately \$200 in the account for people to use.
7. Indigenous Awareness Committee has completed its educational tasks in the fall of 2022 around the Survivor Flag. The Membership and Mission Committee will revisit this initiative at future meetings to develop continuing initiatives.
9. Ukrainian Drop In – no report.
10. Coffee Time – volunteers are few and far between. The choir has been asked to consider volunteering to prepare and to clean up, but it is believed that once coffee isn't available one Sunday morning, others may step up. The timing for preparing the coffee will change once we begin worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023.
11. Minute for Mission Sunday – next one will be April 9th and Melinda will read it. Gord will edit it and send it to Melinda.

12. Easter Breakfast will begin at 8:45 a.m. and committee members will be setting up tables, putting out the serving dishes, serving spoons, etc. That means committee members should arrive for set-up at 7:45 a.m on Sunday, April 9th. Gord will ask if custodian Stu Metzger can set up four tables and the needed chairs for those tables.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Report – not much of high significance was shared.
2. Questionnaire results from March 13, 2022 – What Can I/We Do to Make KUC a More Welcoming, Inclusive and Affirming Place and Space? This item was deferred to the meeting in April.
3. The committee confirmed the email motion made last week:

MOTION by Melinda Smegal and seconded by Krista **that the Membership and Mission Committee give \$1000 from our M&M Assistance Fund to this family that Gord has identified as needing assistance. CARRIED.**

4. MART Report:
 - The Membership and Mission Committee were informed of the changes to the Terms of Reference for MART based on the motion at the last meeting to delegate membership changes to MART from last month's meeting.
 - It was approved by consensus that the new category of "Connected Friend" be added to the Membership List Policy. This addition will be passed along to Council for their approval.
5. It was decided to work with *The Bridge* for Mission Sunday on September 17th, 2023. Issues of homelessness and marginalization could be part of what is shared by the guest speaker i.e. those living in the ravines in and around town.

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 April 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The attendee will be 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, April 18th, 2023, at 7:00 pm. In person at the church in the Resource Room.

Chair: Melinda Secretary: Liz.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.