

M&M MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2021 – ZOOM CALL

**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.

ALL PRESENT: LouAnne Dudman, Liz Dillman, Bernd Portz, Ursula Portz, Charles Ludlow, Krista Ritchie, Melinda Smegal and Rev. Gord Dunbar

CHAIR – Krista Ritchie

SECRETARY – Melinda Smegal

CALL TO ORDER at 7:05 by Krista

OPENING PRAYER - Rev. Gord

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - accepted by Consensus after additions made

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF Feb. 16, 2021 - accepted by consensus.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Affirming Committee – Liz reported the committee will start meeting again on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm by Zoom
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 – Oct 4-11, Thanksgiving time
6. Card Group – on hold
7. Calls to Congregation – Melinda contacted the phoners to find out if there were any members who do not get the internet link to Sunday services or Fireside chats. They might like a DVD of those services done and given to them to hear the messages. Presently there is a need for only one DVD (for Jack and Mary Tully) and a cassette or CD along with CD player (for Catherine Hopkins).
8. Minute for Mission – Rev. Gord has been doing this every Sunday. How can we help? Rev. Gord said there are 8 pre-recorded videos that he may use for this, every other week, but asked for a couple volunteers to help/tape messages. Liz and Melinda volunteered.
9. "Now Playing" - periodic updates and revisiting, purchasing more family visit slots if needed

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Card Group – The Lighthouse and South Units of UCW raised the idea of reaching out beyond UCW to women in the congregation who may benefit from written correspondence. The cards, printed at church, consist of Thank You, Congratulations, Thinking of You and Welcome. Gord will contact Anne Larocque and Katrena Johnston for further discussion. (Originally the "Card Group" was Rev. Gord's idea....having a 12-person committee who would send out these cards to the congregation as required.)
2. Ministerial Benevolent Fund – Rev. Gord said half of the amount budgeted is required now. **Liz made the motion for \$375/half of the Ministerial Benevolent Fund to be paid. Charles seconded the motion. CARRIED.**
3. Governance Handbook – M&M reviewed the wording of the Mission statement, M&M Functions and Responsibilities, Standing Committee duties, and Ministry Teams, noting there may be responsibilities we need to improve upon. The M&M Committee has made some recommendations/suggestions to wording changes and additions/deletions that Charles will take to the next Council meeting for consideration.

4. Report from Council – Charles reported
5. Newcomer Syrian Update – Rev. Gord reported that an application has been made to the Presbyterian National Church to see if there is space in their quota to bring the adult brother here to be with our new family. He is already registered with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees so now waiting to see if he gets approval to come. Rev.Gord also reported that the oldest son is working at McDonald's and younger brother will be interviewed at Sobey's. Dad has a small job of "lift and carry" on Wed, Mar.17<sup>th</sup>. He has his G2 driving license test next week.
6. MART – This team made a recommendation to remove member names (at the members' requests) from our roll. The members' names are: Michael Crowley, Justin Crowley, Ryan David Crowley, Edward Owens, Georgia Lee Owens, Danielle Speer, and Deborah Speer. The M&M Committee passes this list to Council to remove these 7 names from the KUC roll. There is also a list from MART recommending "non-resident members" to be removed from the roll. The M&M Committee agrees with MART's recommendation to have these names removed from the data base and this list will be presented to Council for approval in April.
7. Sunflowers – Bernd again is willing to plant a 3 acre, roadside field of sunflowers as a Food Grains project this year. He still has all the signage from last year.

#### **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 13, 2021 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**

April 20, at 7:00 pm by zoom  
Chair Krista Ritchie  
Secretary Melinda Smegal

Adjourned at 8:43 followed by a short "social/how is everyone" time.

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Krista Ritchie, Chair

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Melinda Smegal, Secretary