

North Kildonan United Church

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting

Tuesday December 5, 2023

Attendees:

Rev. Susan Reed
Linda Slade
Gay Todd
Grant McMillan
Heidi McIlwain

Karen Kearney
Marvelle McPherson
Del Sexsmith
Sheron Miller
Scottie McLaren

Regrets: Clayton Gording, Ron Fortier

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Del Sexsmith

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda of December 5, 2023 with one correction.
Next board meeting date will be in January 9, 2024

Moved: Marvelle McPherson

Seconded: Heidi McIlwain

Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of November 7, 2023

Moved: Gay Todd

Seconded: Grant McMillan

Carried

Correspondence: None

Minister's Report: Circulated/Oral

Rev. Susan has been busy planning for Advent and Christmas. Worship group is getting together for a breakfast tomorrow and then then will take a break and resume meeting the second Wednesday in January.

Susan attended the UCW Bazaar and their meeting in November, as well as two covenanting services and an advent service held by TBJIGGN.

No calls were received from Atlantic Garden City Church while covering for Rev. Schau.

Funeral was held at NKUC on Sunday Dec 3rd.

Treasurer's Report: Circulated/Oral

Report circulated: NKUC General & MCP Savings and Chequing Accounts for the Month ended November 30, 2023

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Linda Slade

Seconded: Scottie McLaren

Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education: Circulated/Oral

The Sunday School and Youth Group are in preparation for the annual Christmas Pageant on December 17th.

The Youth Group is collecting items on behalf of the congregation for the Christmas Cheer Board. We will be providing for two families:

First family: Eight People with five members over eighteen years old, two fifteen-year-olds (a boy and a girl) and a new born.

Second family: Seven people with three members over eighteen years old, a sixteen-year-old girl, a fourteen-year-old girl, a ten-year-old girl and a nine-year-old boy.

We will be packing all of the items after the Christmas Pageant and delivering the hampers in the afternoon of the 17th.

After Sunday December 17th, there will be no Sunday School or Youth Group until January 7th.

Stewardship: Circulated/Oral

Fundraising:

Mordens Chocolate Sale - gross sales exceeded \$10,000 for a net profit of \$1554

Fundscript - gross sales of \$20,185 with a net profit of \$743.92

Garage Sale - slated for April of 2024. We have space available to accept donations at any time.

Bedding Plants - confirmed for spring of 2024

Financial:

As of November 30th, the status of our Special Appeal is \$8145.00

Property and Maintenance:

New door bells have been installed at both front and back door.

Stewardship Campaign:

43 pledge forms have been returned out of a possible 129. The results are as follows:

Total dollars pledged: \$62,286

32 PAR offering carried over: 29,338

Total amount: 91,624

In view of this low response, the Stewards have decided to do a follow up request to those who have not returned their pledges. A request letter and a copy of the Stewardship package will be provided to this group starting on Sunday, December 10th.

Communication: Oral

Newsletter went out Dec. 5th.

There will be an ad placed in the local Community Review paper about the NKUC Christmas Eve service.

M&P: Circulated/Oral

Staff have been advised of salary increases for the coming new year. It translates to a 6.3% increase identified in the 'Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel (2024)' document. This increase is effective January 1, 2024.

M&P will meet with Susan, Wilma, Heinz and Joanne in the new year.

Nominating: Circulated/Oral

The Nominating Committee has completed its slate of candidates for board and committee positions and is presently preparing the Nominating Committee report for the AGM. Once complete, this report will be sent to the nominating committee members, then to the board and committee chairs for review, before it is submitted for inclusion in the 2023 Annual Report.

Outreach & Mission: Oral

A meeting will be held towards the end of the year.

Pastoral Care: Circulated/Oral

A meeting was held November 30th 2023. Visits continue, both in person/or by telephone as appropriate. The list of shut-ins/sick was increased as appropriate.

The Christmas visits and Blue Christmas visits were discussed.

The invitations to Blue Christmas are in the mail.

Goodie bags to hand out to the children on December 17th have been completed.

Worship Committee: Circulated/Oral

- Kelly Nord is a new Worship Committee member (officially at the 2023 annual meeting).

- The request from Kildonan Personal Care Home to hold Sunday services was declined – will revisit.

- Request made for more handicap parking spaces. This request will be passed on to the Stewardship committee.

- Request to post a sign re elevator on the elevator doors and entrance door and advise the congregation. The information about the elevator will be in the congregational newsletter. The signage request will be passed on to the Stewardship committee.

- Abstain from using two composer's music for services.

- Ukrainian candle will now be called a Peace candle.

- Saturday November 5th there was an advent event at Immanuel (TBJIGGN). Rev. Susan and some congregational members attended.

- Blue Christmas service – Wednesday November 13th at 7:00 p.m.

- Children Christmas Pageant - Sunday December 17th

- Christmas Eve service will be held at 4 p.m.

- Betty Clark will be leading the December 31st Sunday service.
- New membership/transfers to NKUC will be looked at in January 2024.
- Sunny Sunday January 28th – Mexico theme.

UCW: Circulated/Oral

A meeting was held November 20th. One new member joined us.

Some allocations and donations for 2023 were decided on.

UCW members did a great job of working together to make the Bazaar a success.

Thanks to all. A special thanks to Rev. Susan for greeting in the Narthex and Judy Rempel who filled in for Karen Kearney in the kitchen.

St. Matthews/Maryland Ministry is relocating to the vacant Balmoral Hotel. Renovations will occur to facilitate operations. 1JustCity will be located there.

Heather Boroski reported on the House of Peace fund raiser dinner that her and Barb Wiebe attended.

Lunch and a time of fellowship was enjoyed after the meeting.

Nex meeting will be December 11th at 1:30. It will be our Christmas get together and all the ladies from the congregation are invited to attend for an afternoon of worship and fellowship.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM November 7, 2023 MINUTES

Deadline to hand in submissions for the AGM to Wilma is January 25, 2024.

Del Sexsmith left the Chair while Past President Heidi McIlwain assumed the Chairmanship in order to call for nominations for the position of NKUC's second representative to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

Nomination of Regional Representative:

Del Sexsmith nominated Peter Latimer. He was declared nominated by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Date of Next Meeting: January 9, 2024

Closing Prayer: Rev. Susan Reed

Adjourned: 7:45

Del Sexsmith (Chair)

Karen Kearney, Secretary