

North Kildonan United Church

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting

Tuesday January 9, 2024

Attendees:

Rev. Susan Reed	Karen Kearney
Linda Slade	Marvelle McPherson
Del Sexsmith	Clayton Gording
Grant McMillan	Sheron Miller
Heidi McIlwain	Scottie McLaren
Ron Fortier	

Regrets: Gay Todd

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Del Sexsmith

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda of January 9, 2024

Moved: Heidi McIlwain

Seconded: Scottie McLaren

Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of December 5, 2023

Moved: Clayton Gording

Seconded: Ron Fortier

Carried

Correspondence:

Message received from Rev. Elizabeth Brown thanking NKUC for sending her a note in response to her upcoming retirement.

Minister's Report: Circulated/Oral

Most of my last month was spent focused on Advent & Christmas planning and services. I am grateful to all those who helped me navigate my first Christmas season at NKUC, and to all those who helped plan and lead the services.

December also brought opportunity for me to attend a few special meetings and Christmas parties. I was grateful to be able to attend the Study Group's Christmas breakfast gathering, the Men's Breakfast gathering, and the UCW Christmas party, as well as the Winnipeg United Church Clergy group's December meeting.

December felt quite a bit lighter for me in worship leadership, with no service on the morning of Dec. 24, and no service for me on Dec. 31. I appreciated that Sunday off, but am looking forward to getting back to regular worship leadership!

We have only five Sundays (after our Board Meeting) until Lent begins. Both Lent and Easter are quite early this year. Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent fall on Valentine's Day – Feb. 14th. I have already started Lenten planning, and anticipate that will be my focus for the next several weeks, as well as hopefully increased visiting and January check-ins with folks.

As always, I am open to questions, concerns, and feedback anytime!

Thank you, and blessings to each of you in this new year!

Treasurer's Report: Circulated/Oral

Report circulated: NKUC General & MCP Savings and Chequing Accounts for the month ended December 31, 2023 and General Account for the years ended December 2022 and 2023 actual vs 2024 budget

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Linda Slade

Seconded: Marvelle McPherson

Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education: Circulated/Oral

December saw the Sunday School and Youth Group prepare and plan for their annual Christmas pageant which was held on December 17th. Thank you to Wilma Fehr who once again did an exceptional job selecting, planning, editing and directing the performance. We had nine children involved in the performance.

Members of the Youth Group delivered the Christmas hampers to our two selected families on December 17th. Thank you to Kara, Sydney, Kasey and Logan who helped deliver and Richard Miller who assisted with the driving. The families were overwhelmed with the incredible amount that we were able to provide and were very appreciative of the gifts that they received. Thank you to our amazing community of faith for all of their donations. Classes resumed on January 7th after a two-week holiday hiatus.

Stewardship: Circulated/Oral

Fundraising:

Garage Sale – Heinz Goetz has agreed to chair the Garage Sale Committee

Dates of the sale will be April 26th & 27th

Bedding Plants – tentative final order date is April 7th and the plant pick up date confirmed on May 16th, 2024

Meat Sale - the next meat sale final order date is March 17, 2024 (providing the supplier is still available to us, as the company has been sold)

Financial:

As of December 31st, the status of our Special Appeal is \$8240.00
We ended 2023 in a positive position, however our net cash flow was down \$9658.00 from 2022

Property and Maintenance:

The recording device for our security camera is failing and will likely need to be replaced shortly at a cost of \$275.00

Stewardship Campaign (final report):

49 pledge forms were returned out of a possible 129. The results are as follows

Total dollars pledged	\$72,146
32 PAR offerings carried over	<u>\$27,178</u>
Total Amount	\$99,324

Communication: Oral

Next newsletter will be at the end of February.
February 18th is tentative deadline date for articles.

M&P: Circulated/Oral

Staff has 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 Committee is meeting with Rev. Susan on January 14th after the service.

Meetings will be scheduled with our contractors/staff in the next few weeks.

Nominating Committee: Circulated/Oral

A draft Nominating Committee Report for the AGM has been prepared and sent to the board and committee chairs for their review. Once this is complete, it will be submitted for inclusion in the 2023 Annual Report

Outreach & Mission: Oral

Committee is meeting on Sunday January 14th.
Pancake breakfast date pending.

Pastoral Care: Circulated/Oral

The Pastoral Team was very busy in the month of December.

Blue Christmas- 11 invitations were extended to families who had lost a family member this past year inviting them to the Blue Christmas Service. We heard from all the families except one whose relatives live in the country. Several of the families had members attending the service, others were out of the country, were ill, and/or had previous arrangements with family members (early Christmas).

They were all most appreciative of the invite.

The Pastoral Care team carried out their Christmas visits to all the shut-ins and

again, much appreciated.

The shut-in list was increased in December and many thanks to the team for taking on new folk in need of a visit or call.

Many thanks to Rev. Susan for her guidance and support and to the members of The Pastoral Care Team namely Heather Boroski, Kathy Bertouille, Karen Kearney, Heather Schaub, Marlene Dziad, Sheila Fortier, Barb Welton and Barrie McPherson.

Worship Committee: Oral

Rev. Susan reported that the last meeting was focused more on Christmas details. Peter Latimer has written a drama for Sunny Sunday on January 28th. Snacks will be served following the service.

Decision will be made about the date for the Ash Wednesday service as it falls on Valentine's day this year.

UCW: Circulated/Oral

A meeting was held on December 11th 2023.

Thanks to Rev. Susan for joining us.

A very thought-provoking Christmas devotion was presented in the sanctuary by Heather Boroski, Hildy Tonn and Betty Clark with MarieAnn playing the Christmas hymns before the program, as well as accompanying us while we sang. Thanks to our members who organized and participated.

Some very challenging Christmas word games happened afterwards with prizes awarded 😊

Lots of conversation, laughter and stories shared. Some tasty goodies were provided.

We are blessed to have this group of women in the UCW at NKUC.

Next meeting will be held January 15, 2024 at 1:30

The Hospitality Committee has agreed to take over the funeral lunches. Members of the UCW will assist them

BUSINESS ARISING FROM December 5, 2023 MINUTES

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Rev. Susan reported on the United Church of Canada Centennial Celebration Plans.

“June 10th, 2025 marks 100 years of the United Church of Canada. Plans are already underway and a “Centennial Celebrations Committee” is in place.

One of the new Centennial Projects is the new hymn resource and licensing system, called “Then Let us Sing.”

There is a Worship service planned to kick off a year-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary. It will take place at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto on June 9th of this year and will also be live streamed. More details will be shared as

Rev. Susan gets them.

NKUC also received a book last week, which is about the Centennial. It is called “The Untied Church of Canada: Unfettered for 2025 Celebrations.” Rev. Susan is has not a chance to read the whole book yet, but has flipped through it. Each chapter celebrates a different aspect of Ministry in the United Church of Canada and the last couple of chapters speak specifically about some hopes for centennial celebrations.

The vision for the celebrations in 2025 is that they will happen in clusters. They suggest 3-6 congregations, but NKUC is already part of a cluster of 7, through The T’BJIGGN group, which might be a logical cluster for us to consider.

There are very many other events planned and all will be shared as more information comes forth.

It is hoped that each congregation will pass a motion at their Annual Meeting, next year 2025 to participate in the 100th anniversary celebrations and announce the make up of their clusters.”

Date of Next Meeting: February 6, 2024

Closing Prayer: Rev. Susan Reed

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Del Sexsmith (Chair)

Karen Kearney, Secretary