

NORTH KILDONAN UNITED CHURCH  
MINUTES OF THE UNIFIED BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 3 2023

<b>Attendees:</b>	Rev. Susan Reed	Karen Kearney
	Linda Slade	Marvelle McPherson
	Gay Todd	Clayton Gording
	Ron Fortier	Scottie McLaren
	Heidi McIlwain	Del Sexsmith,
	Sheron Miller	Grant McMillan,

**Regrets:** Val Mikolajek

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Scripture and Prayer:** Del Sexsmith

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to accept agenda Oct 3,2023 with one addition, concerning the Search Team.

Moved: Gay Todd

Seconded: Marvelle MacPherson

Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes of Sept 5, 2023

Moved: Clayton Gording

Seconded: Sheron Miller

Carried

**Correspondence:** None

**Minister's Report:** Oral

Appreciated covenanting service!!

Rev. Susan continues to get orientated and meet the congregation.

Flourishing workshop attended by approximately 80 people. Workbook will be available for resources in the future.

New group of ministers will continue to meet regularly.

Rev. Susan continues to be open to any suggestions the congregation might have might have.

**Treasurer's Report:** Circulated/Oral

Reports circulated: General and MCP Savings and Chequing Accounts Cash Flow Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending Sept 30,2023, projected vs 2024 budget draft and 2023 actual vs budget

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Linda Slade

Seconded: Scottie McLaren

Carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Christian Education:** Circulated/Oral

We have had a good start to Sunday School/Youth Group this year. Some adjustments have been made to our grade groupings. Numbers of children and youth have been excellent since the start of Church in the fall. Thank you to Maria Lindsay and Wilma who have provided leadership for our elementary age children and Grant who has our grade 6 and older group. We look forward to the return of Sheron Miller to the leadership group.

There will be no Youth group/Junior youth on Sunday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be provided for the younger children.

The children and youth will be assisting with candle lighting and scripture reading on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Stewardship:** Circulated/Oral

Fund raising:

Quiz night -October 28<sup>th</sup>- plans are well underway for this important event and tickets are being sold. Our goal is to sell 18 tables of 8 for a total of 144 guests.

Donations for the silent auction are being collected by Richard Miller.

Morden's chocolates sale: Orders will need to be in by November 12<sup>th</sup> with pick up being the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>.

FundScrip- planned for November 2023.

### **Financial:**

The current status of our Special Appeal is \$7010.00.

### **Property and Maintenance:**

New laptops computers for Rev. Susan and Wilma were purchased and configured by Lev Kearney.

### **Stewardship Campaign:**

The campaign will run from October 15<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Work is underway to prepare the packages.

Motion made by Clayton Gording to use funds from the Major Capital Projects fund to purchase two new chairs for the office, for Wilma and Rev. Susan's office to a maximum of \$200.00 each.

Seconded: Marvelle McPherson

Carried

Rev. Susan will put out a letter of introduction to the congregation in the weekly newsletter.

### **Communication:** Oral

Newsletter being published December 10<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for submissions Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **M&P:** Circulated/Oral

Ministers Services Agreement/Job Description signed off by Rev. Susan, Del Sexsmith (Board Chair) and Karen Kearney (Secretary) at the last Board meeting of Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.

M&P met with Rev. Susan September 24<sup>th</sup>. It was good to connect and check in.

- Rev. Susan starting to identify people and names.
- She has appreciated the support she has received from Wilma, Heinz and Joanne.
- Has already made contact with other ministers and informal monthly “get-togethers” expected to be a regular occurrence.
- Has immersed herself and attended events; Community Outreach and Social Justice and gathering at Camp Morgan at the Brady Landfill
- Pastoral visits are happening
- Weekly Bible study to begin

We will meet again in the New Year or as needed.

#### **Nominating:** Circulated/Oral

The committee met September 4, 2023, to initiate identification of possible vacancies in church committees and to discuss who might be approached to fill those vacancies.

Members of the Nominating Committee will contact the chairs of the various committees to determine their vacancies. The volunteer list generated during last year’s Stewardship Campaign was one of the tools used to identify possible new volunteers.

The next meeting will be called in late October to assess the results of these enquiries.

#### **Outreach & Mission:** Oral

School supply collection was very successful thanks to the congregation.

Food collection for Thanksgiving and world collection day is the next event.

#### **Pastoral Care:** Circulated/Oral

The Pastoral Care Team are still doing their visits and calls as appropriate and/or needed.

No changes from last month, but there are a few people with colds now.

We will put out masks for availability of those in the congregation who wish to wear them during the service.

#### **Worship Committee:** Circulated/Oral

- “Then let us sing” new UC of Canada Hymn book received
  - Study group begins Wed. Oct 14
  - Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> tentative date for Baptism
  - Nov 12<sup>th</sup> service of Peace & Remembrance
  - Blue Christmas Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Decision made to advance Advent services to Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and have Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve service at 4 pm with no morning service on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion was had about resuming the holding hands for the final hymn of the service. Will be discussed again next month in the Worship committee meeting.
- The Worship Committee to look at an action plan process for “passing of the peace”.

#### **UCW:** Circulated/Oral

Meeting was held on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

Donations and allocations discussed and decisions were made.

Ideas for upcoming meeting programs were shared with members.

Karen Kearney has agreed to be the Board representative with Sheron Miller as backup.  
The UCW bazaar will be held Nov 18<sup>th</sup> from 10: a.m. until noon. Set up will be Nov 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30.

Coffee and fellowship shared.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM May 2, 2023 MINUTES**

Remit #3: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within the United Church of Canada.

A discussion and explanation was held to help the Board members clarify the meaning of remit #3 before we voted.

Motion made by Sheron Miller to accept this remit.

Seconded: Grant McMillan

One no vote, one abstention.

Carried

Karen Kearney will e-mail the vote response for NKUC Board Members to the United Church of Canada.

An item about this remit will be put in the newsletter for the congregation.

Motion was made by Gay Todd to disband the Search Team on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at the Covenanting service for Rev. Susan

Seconded: Barry McPherson

Carried

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A thank-you was extended to Heidi for all her work leading the Search Team as well as during the last 2 years when Del could not be in attendance due to family matters.

**Date of Next Meeting: Nov 7, 2023**

**Process of Gratitude:** Rev. Susan Reed

Board members were invited to share a moment of gratitude for what they are thankful for.

**Adjourned: 8:30**

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Del Sexsmith (Chair)

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Karen Kearney, Secretary