

North Kildonan United Church

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting

Tuesday April 7, 2026

Attendees:	Rev. Susan	Clayton Gording
	Nancy Cosway	Scottie McLaren
	Linda Slade	Carol Barrett
	Sheila Fortier	
	Gay Todd	
	Karen Kearney	

Regrets: Del Sexsmith, Sheron Miller, Val Mikolajek, Marvelle McPherson, Grant McMillan, Paula Thomson

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Sheila Fortier

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda of April 7, 2026.

Moved: Gay Todd

Seconded: Carol Barrett

Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of March 3, 2026

Moved: Clayton Gording

Seconded: Linda Slade

Carried

Correspondence: None

Minister's Report: Oral

Rev. Susan reported on her activities since the last meeting. Most of her time was focused on preparing for the Easter season services and activities.

Treasurer's Report: Circulated/Oral

Reports circulated: NKUC General & MCP-Savings & Chequing Accounts

March 1 – 31st, 2026 and NKUC Actual vs Annual Budget as of March 31 2026

Motion to accept Treasurer's reports: Linda Slade

Seconded: Clayton Gording

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education: Circulated

March was a quiet month with the Sunday School and Youth Group. April, we will be looking to have our spring bowling outing and we will hopefully have some folks available to assist with the cleanup of the garage sale.

Stewardship:

1. Fundraising:

1. Garage Sale

- Much work is now being focused on the Garage Sale, with donations starting to arrive and volunteer recruitment in full swing. Everything, at this point, is on track. Communications sub-committee is preparing for the advertisement and signage component of the sale.

2. Bedding Plant Sale

- The deadline for receiving orders is Sunday, April 5th. While many orders have already been received, we are still a long way from our revenue goal, so we are hoping for a big week coming up.

3. Meat Sale

- We just concluded our first meat sale of the year and the first one with the new management of our supplier. We experienced numerous problems with the order, so we are seeking assurances that this will improve prior to our next sale.

4. Envelope Project

- We are planning another Envelope Project to kick off on Sunday, May 3rd. Our objective is to supplement our revenue stream prior to the summer break.

2. Property & Maintenance

- No issues to report.

3. Proposed change to the start time for Sunday services

- As per the Boards request, we discussed the suggestion to move the start time for Sunday services from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. While we are most sympathetic for persons who find it challenging to make the 10:00 AM, we do have a significant issue moving that back, as we have a rental contact with another congregation, allowing them access to the church at 1:00 PM every Sunday. To move our start time back half an hour would make it very difficult for us to vacate the premises prior to 1:00 PM if we had a lunch or other after-service activities. The Committee of Stewards recommends maintaining our current start time.

4. Electronic Payment Device

- The Stewards are seeking Board approval to purchase a device to allow payment transactions through smart phones. More details will be provided at the Board meeting.

Linda Slade has investigated the use of a “Clover Point of sale device” with the Cambrian Credit Union

Motion made by Clayton to purchase a Clover point of sale for the church

Seconded: Gay Todd

Carried

Communication: Circulated

Peter is planning for the next newsletter to come out at the end of May. He would appreciate receiving any submissions by **May 15th**. It is invaluable to receive information from committees and individuals about events, plans and accomplishments so that the range of “happenings” at NKUC can be shared in the newsletter. Many thanks

M&P: Oral

Jasmine Gregg has offered to assist with office administrator duties when Wilma is on vacation.

Nominating: No report

Outreach and Mission: Circulated/Oral

The Outreach committee will conduct the Earth Sunday service on April 19th.

Pastoral Care: Circulated

Pastoral care continues to be very busy. Visits to persons and telephone calls made to shut-ins and others as requiring multiple tests and procedures, etc. This past month, we have had several people who have had falls, been hospitalized for care requiring multiple test and procedures etc. We also had several members in the congregation whose family members have serious health issues. The prayer list continues to increase. As well, there have been increased request for rides to church as some folks have had to stop driving. In spite of the increase in calls etc. those receiving them do appreciate the same. Thanks to the congregation for providing name of those who may need help.

Worship Committee: Circulated/Oral

Business arising:

1. Feedback of Worship services: Communion went well: speaker Marlene Britton very interesting: AGM went well: Ash Wednesday well attended.
2. Palms being picked up Sat March 28.
3. Good Friday readers (10) will use various stones. Cross and windows will be covered. Following service church will be decorated for Easter.
4. Maundy Thursday service at Grey Street United Church at 6:30

5. Easter morning breakfast – Jen baking gluten free hot cross buns. Regular hot cross buns and fruit tray will be picked up on Sat April 4th. Juice, plates, cutlery & serviettes have already been purchased. Hospitality will make coffee.
6. Communion will be served Easter Sunday Team B

New Business:

1. WC duties and responsibilities reviewed as per AGM
2. Floral guidelines and Communion preparation guidelines will be reviewed at April meeting
3. Discussed suggestion from AGM that time of service be changed to 10:30 or 11:00. Concerns raised as meetings take place following the services and other church comes at 1:00 p.m. Are there other options such as live streaming, survey if people would come at different time or come to another optional prayer day.
4. April 12 Holy Humor Sunday
5. April 19th Earth Day – OM&S leading service (Susan away)
6. May 31st Regional gathering in Selkirk. Susan, Peter and Sheron are attending. Region creates service. Peter will go over service and add NKUC normal service parts. Gay, Jen & Krista will lead service.
7. Celebration Sunday June 7/26
8. June 14th Susan away. Peter will lead the service.
9. Next meeting April 28th instead of 21st due to garage sale.

UCW: Circulated/ Oral

UCW meeting was held on March 16,2026

We welcomed some new members.

The executive had met to discuss issues related to the UCW meetings and events and those issues were brought forward to the members and discussed amongst us, as how to proceed. Donations to various charities from the UCW funds were discussed and voted on. Our meeting in April has been cancelled due to the schedule for setting up the garage sale and limited space for meeting.

Next meeting May 11th, 2026

Coffee, tea, snacks and fellowship were shared following the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Towards 2035 survey:
Several members have taken the on-line survey.
2. Time change for Worship Service:
Pastoral care committee sent a report of the comments shared by members of the committee and it was distributed to the Board members.

There was much discussion about ideas on how to solicit information from the whole congregation. Information to inform the congregation about the process for deciding on the time change will be put in the weekly news.

Communication about the decision on the time change will be announced in church. Discussion will carry on about offering, if any, alternatives for those members of the congregation who wish the time to be changed. The congregation members who made the suggestion will be thanked for the ideas

3. MCP Proposal and Basement renovation:

Clayton's report on the Major Capital Projects and the decisions made was circulated to the Board members and discussed in detail at the meeting. These are the highlights of that report.

- The Siemen's Room should be repainted with thought given on how to preserve the youth handprints on the wall.
- The Youth classroom will be moved into the current Nursery room. Some of better toys will be kept on the shelves in the event they are needed. The carpet in the nursery will be replaced. The current youth classroom will be converted into a full storage area.
- The MCP committee was concerned about the presence of asbestos in the ceiling in the main area of the basement if it was to be removed. A 2016 report indicated that the ceiling does not contain asbestos. MCP has not explored what options might be to replace the fiber, but a rough estimate to do the whole job including removal and replacement of lights would be in the \$30,000 to \$35,000 range. The reason the fiber was originally installed was to improve the acoustics for both the sanctuary and for the basement areas.

It was suggested that the Board conduct a cost-benefit analysis to determine if our current and future use of the basement justifies this expenditure at the present time.

Motion was made by Clayton Gording to accept the M.C.P. report

Seconded: Scottie McLaren

Carried

It was also mentioned that the Youth are interested in the changes in assisting in any way that they can.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Date of Next Meeting: May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Board orientation will be after the meeting

Closing Prayer: Rev. Susan Reed

Time Adjourned: 8:10

Sheila Fortier (Chair)

Karen Kearney (Secretary)