

North Kildonan United Church

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Attendees:	Rev. Susan	Grant McMillan
	Paula Thomson	Clayton Gording
	Linda Slade	Del Sexsmith
	Sheila Fortier	Marvelle McPherson
	Val Mikolajek	
	Karen Kearney	

Regrets: Scotty McLaren, Sheron Miller, Gay Todd

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Sheila Fortier

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda of February 3, 2026

Moved: Marvelle McPherson

Seconded: Del Sexsmith

Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of January 6, 2026

Moved: Clayton Gording

Seconded: Paula Thomson

Carried

Correspondence: None

Minister's Report: Circulated/Oral

Here are a few other-than-the usual things of note since our last meeting:

I was very grateful to the M&P Committee and to the congregation for some time away from work in January to attend to some personal matters. I am especially grateful to Peter Latimer and Gay Todd for putting together and leading the worship service on January 11th.

We postponed the January re-start of the Wednesday morning study group for two weeks, until I was back to work. We are now two weeks into a series based on Joyce Rupp's book "The Cup of our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth". Our group has become a smaller group, with some folks ill, others away and others no longer able to join us regularly. But the group is committed to continuing, at this

point at least. We are always open to other folks joining us either periodically or regularly.

Our January service at Kildonan Personal Care Centre was rescheduled due to my absence and then cancelled on the rescheduled date due to extreme cold and poor road conditions. We hope to be back as usual this month.

I was happy to be able to be involved in our Sunny Sunday drama again this year and am grateful to all those who were part of the service and lunch, amidst extreme weather.

The pastoral load has felt especially heavy lately, with some major pieces going on for folks. I continue to be grateful for all the work of Marvelle and the whole pastoral care team to stay in touch with folks and keep me in the loop regarding priorities and needs.

We are headed quickly towards Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday, on February 18th and leads to Easter Sunday on April 5th. (Lent feels early this year, but will be even earlier next year, with Ash Wednesday falling on February 10th and with Easter in March) Much of my time now and over the next couple of weeks will be spent on planning for the Lent and Easter seasons

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

Thank-you and blessings to each of you.

Treasurer's Report: Circulated/Oral

Reports circulated: NKUC General & MCP-Savings & Chequing Accounts Cash flow statement of receipts and disbursements for the month ending January 31, 2026

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Linda Slade

Seconded: Clayton Gording

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education: Oral

Youth were involved in Sunny Sunday Service skit.

Youth winter outing being planned.

Pancake brunch held by the Youth group will be on February 8th following the service

Stewardship: Circulated/Oral

Fundraising:

1. Garage Sale

- The Stewards are recommending that we move the official start of the garage sale up to Thursday, April 23rd from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.
- Recruitment of volunteers will commence shortly.
- Large item donations can now be received and placed in our storage container.

2. Bedding Plant Sale:

- The new Glenlea Order Form for 2026 has been received and work is now underway to update the NKUC form
- While we have not received the final date for placing our order, we anticipate that it will be early in April. Sales will commence before the end of February.

3. Comedy /Musical evening:

Bruce Clark has confirmed that April of 2027 will work for him, so we will prepare to make those arrangements.

Property and Maintenance:

- Snow removable required three times in January.
- A new microphone was purchased to improve the sound quality from the podium.

MCP Proposal:

- The Committee of Steward have reviewed the MCP proposal with respect to the basement renovations and support MCP recommendations.

M&P: Oral

Nothing to report

Nominating Committee: Circulated/Oral

The Nominating Committee has completed our calls and contacts and submitted our final report to Wilma for publication in the Annual Report. A copy of the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is attached to this report. A reminder that this is submitted for information only as only the Congregation can approve the motions and slate of nominees at the annual Meeting March 1st. There are several notable vacancies which our committee will work to fill once we reconvene in the Fall. It is hoped that the constitutional review will have been completed by that time as this will clarify terms for certain positions on the various committees of NKUC.

Outreach & Mission: No report

Communications Committee: No report

Pastoral Care: Circulated/Oral

Pastoral Care continues to be very busy. Visits to persons and telephone calls made to shut-ins and others as required have increased.

This past month, we have had several people who have had falls, been hospitalized for care requiring multiples tests 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 requests 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.

Worship Committee:

Report from TGJIGGN group about a possible cluster Maundy Thursday event to be happen.

Ash Wednesday service will be held at NKUC.

Looking to update worship manual.

Two members of the Worship Committee stepping down.

UCW: Oral

No meeting was held in January 2026. Decision was made to cancel the February meeting. Next meeting will be March 16, 2026, at 1:30.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Towards 2035 next steps:

Del suggested we look at updating the Strategic plan that was revised 2015 to 2018. It did not get reviewed in 2019 due to COVID. Will look at revising the strategic plan as part of next steps 2025. Leave for now until the new board installed.

Rev. Susan suggested the Board members watch the video from the information sent to NKUC. She will forward to the members. Further conversation to occur.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 Discuss requirements and assignments for the Annual Meeting:

Rev. Susan will open the Annual meeting.

Karen Kearney will be the secretary.

Sheila will ask the congregation if anyone had any questions about the individual reports contained in the Annual Report.

A question box has been set up in the Narthex for the congregation to put questions in ahead of the annual meeting.

There will be a closing prayer and our Choral benediction.

- 2 Board training:
Heidi McIlwain has agreed teach the Board training again.
- 3 Next newsletter expected to go out at the end of February. Peter is asking to have submissions by February 20th including a note regarding the Annual Meeting.
- 4 Prairie to Pine Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May: Peter is asking if we have any issues we want raised at their AGM. He indicates that they are in the process of preparing an agenda and would like that to reflect the concerns of the faith communities throughout the Region.
- 5 Discussion regarding a “Sacrament Elder”
NKUC may consider at a later date, but feel our needs are currently met through the pulpit supply process.
- 6 Good Neighbours:
Hazel an Outreach coordinator for this group has reached out to Rev. Susan, to see if NKUC have any interest in collaborating with them in the community. No specifics were given.
Outreach Committee to be asked to look into this request further. Rev. Susan will respond back to the request with regards to our follow up.
- 7 Do we need a process regarding cancelling church in the event of inclement weather?
Discussion held with regard to this suggestion. No further action required at this time.

Date of Next Meeting: March 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Susan Reed

Time Adjourned: 7:50

Sheila Fortier (Chair)

Karen Kearney (Secretary)