

North Kildonan United Church

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting

Tuesday September 1, 2026

Attendees:	Rev. Susan	Clayton Gording
	Linda Slade	Sheron Miller
	Sheila Fortier	Paula Thomson
	Karen Kearney	Gay Todd
	Val Mikolajek	Carol Barrett
	Del Sexsmith	Scotty McLaren

Regrets: Nancy Cosway. Grant McMillan,

Call to Order: 7:00

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Sheila Fortier

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda of September 1, 2006

Moved: Del Sexsmith

Seconded: Gay Todd

Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of August 4, 2026

Moved: Clayton Gording

Seconded: Val Mikolajek

Carried

Correspondence: None

Minister's Report: Circulated/Oral

-We welcomed quite a number of visitors at NKUC throughout August – lots of folks from the T'BJIGGN cluster, as well as other visitors. Again, this summer, I have heard lots of positive feedback, both about the Church-o-Rama program itself, and also about the warm welcome folks felt they received at our church.

-As I also reported last month, much of my time and energy right now are focused on two things: worship planning, prep and leadership, and Pastoral Care. September is quickly approaching (or here, by the time of our meeting), and we have lots of things planned for worship for the next couple of months. So, much of my time right now is being spent on worship planning for the fall and beyond. For Pastoral Care, the work remains heavy. It's also been a heavy year for the congregation, with the losses and illnesses of many church

friends. We still have a number of people ill, or in hospital, or in times of healing and recovery. We have also sadly had two more deaths recently – Verla Verrier and Kathy Bertouille - with one funeral (for Kathy) upcoming. I am still trying to catch up on home and hospital visits, phone calls, and check-ins with a fair number of folks. As always, if there are particular individuals hoping for a visit or phone call from me, please do let me know, or encourage them to be in touch with me directly.

-I anticipate wider church meetings and clergy gatherings to start up again over the next few weeks. There will also be several covenanting services coming up for new colleagues and for new collaborative ministries, and I will attempt to attend as many of the local services as possible. These will include a service for the new collaboration of the Gordon-King Memorial, Grey Street & Bird's Hill United Churches.

-Also, I will soon be taking my last week of holidays for this year from September 2-9. My colleague the Rev. Patrick Woodbeck will be covering the funeral for me during that time, and the Sunday service will be led by Peter Latimer and Gay Todd, with my gratitude to all of these folks for their willingness to fill in.

-Last note: for the time being, please continue to use my new email address – revsusanreed@gmail.com – as my previous nkuc email still isn't working. And please update my email address on any group or committee email lists you might have. Thank you!

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

Treasurer's Report: Circulated/Oral

Reports circulated: General & MCP Savings and Chequing Accounts August 1-31, 2026

Motion to accept Treasurer's reports: Linda Slade

Seconded: Clayton Gording

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education: Circulated

Sunday School and Youth Group will begin on Sunday September 13th. Based on our current group of young people, all of their grades put then into the youth group this year so we potentially will have a big group of youth. Grant McMillan will continue to be the primary leader for the Youth Group. Karen Miller, Marie Lindsay and Wilma Fehr will have a schedule where one of them will be available to provide leadership to any Sunday School age child who is attending Church and wants to go downstairs.

Our children and youth will once again assist in worship with candle lighting and scripture reading every second month and hopefully will be included in the serving of communion. We plan on continuing with our "fun" activities including our Winter Sledding outing and our spring bowling outing with the potential for some other possibilities. At our first Sunday

back, the group will brainstorm any ideas and suggestions that the group has for fellowship and outreach activities.

We are thankful to Rev. Susan for her continues support and consultation with the Christian Education committee so that our needs are both heard and recognized during both planning and execution of our weekly Worship Services.

Stewardship: Circulated/Oral

1. Fundraising:

Quiz night:

- scheduled for October 16th at North Kildonan Community Club
- Tickets are priced at \$20.00 each and are on sale now
- We are encouraging people to donate prizes for the Silent Auction

Meat Sale:

- Our fall meat sale is currently under way, and order forms are being distributed
- Order deadline is Sunday, September 27th, with pickup of orders on Friday October 2nd.

2. Property and Maintenance:

- The new water valve on our main line has been installed.
- Plans are under way to replace the carpet in the youth Sunday School room

3. Stewardship Campaign:

- We are planning to kickoff this year's Stewardship Campaign on Sunday October 11th and have it run through to Sunday November 12th.
- A suggested theme is "Grateful living. Faithful Giving". We are considering a little different format from previous years, in that we would like to encourage some personal testimonials which expand on our theme.

Communication: No report

M&P: Oral

The funeral for Kathy Bertouille will be covered as per Rev. Susan's report. The Sunday service Sept 6th, will be covered by Peter Latimer and Gay Todd

Nominating: No report

Outreach and Mission: Circulated/Oral

Due to family health issues, Nancy Cosway has enlisted the committee to carry on while she is at home. Sheron Miller has assumed the interim chair position.

Our last meeting was May 24, at which time each member volunteered to speak on a Minute for Mission each month until January 2027.

Stone Soup will be held October 18th with the Outreach Committee taking on this responsibility as Grant will be away. The Youth will be asked to assist. A food collection will take place on October 11th and 18th for 1Just City

Pastoral Care: Oral

The committee is still awaiting a chair person for this committee. Members continue to follow up with the congregation as needed.

Worship Committee: Circulated/Oral

Business Arising:

Feedback on summer Worship Services: Pleased with quality of services during Rev. Susan's absences. Great response for Church-o-Rama. Attendees expressed appreciation for our hospitality and quality of service. The 2 soloists during choir's absence added to musical experience. The Summer series Susan presented engaged the congregation. Activity Table was used by children and adults. Discussion about locking door at 10:15 as on 2 separate occasions three people were locked out and doorbell didn't work. Susan will raise with Stewards.

New Business:

1. Readers and candlelighters. Donna recruited volunteers for summer and most of September. Rev. Susan will provide Donna with time and talent forms for up-to-date readers.
2. Sept 13th banners will be switched to orange for Creation Time. Goodies and coffee will be served before the service at 9:30 as well as following service.
3. Sept 20th is Welcome Sunday. Hospitality Committee arranging luncheon after service. Sheron and Karen Miller will set up display tables.
4. Orange Shirt Sunday is Sept 27th. Congregation encouraged to wear orange. Donna will prepare orange ribbons for those who don't have orange shirts. Recognition of the Residential School experience will be honored throughout the service.
5. Stewardship campaign dates to be determined. Possible themes may include testimonials or brief skit.
6. World Communion Oct 4th. Team B to serve elements. Gay to advise Heather & Richard. Peter will explore recruiting 2 more volunteers as Harvey and Mary Benediction may not be available
7. Pet blessing Sat Oct 3rd for living pet, pictures of pets or stuffies. Donna to consult with Grant to see if the school bags could be incorporated into blessing.

8. Oct 11th we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Rev. Susan will verify if Outreach doing a food drive. Stone Soup possibly following Sunday.
9. Remembrance Day Sunday Nov 8th. Defer to Sept meeting.
10. Blue Christmas Dec. 9th. Defer to Sept meeting
11. Pre-developed Services: There are 3 of these services, 2 of which we have used. Peter will create an additional service with a “forgiveness” theme. Rev. Susan will check if there are pre-developed services already prepared that can be adapted for NKUC.
12. Betty Clark requested that NKUC accept her offer of a vase to display on the alter. Agreed to accept this gift to be stored in Worship Committee cupboard.
13. Rev. Susan is taking a week off first week in Sept. Peter and Gay will lead Sept 6th with music theme. Kelly Nord will read Minute for Mission

UCW: Oral

Next meeting will be September 21st at 1:30

BUSINESS ARISING:

Responded to Fort Garry United Church regarding shared ministry email and they thanked us for the response.

Software and email issues for Susan and Wilma -emailed Lev on August 7th and followed up on August 26th. Waiting for response. Sheila will follow up on this.

As already covered in worship, Welcome Sunday will be Sept. 20th. Invite your friends.

Budgets need to be in from committee’s as soon as possible

NEW BUSINESS:

Date of Next Meeting: October 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Susan Reed

Time Adjourned: 7:25

Sheila Fortier (Chair)

Karen Kearney (Secretary)