

Kamloops United Church Council Circle

March 21, 2023

*Present: (In person) Derm Strong, Gail Wichmann, Carole Hutchings, Doug Scorrar, Nina Johnson, Chair: Marcia Julian, Rev. Dr. Michael Caveney, Florence Ballard.*

*(via Zoom) Jan Vint, Emily Vutev, Carol Sparkes.*

*Regrets: Jayne Martin*

Called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Acknowledgement was made of our status as uninvited guests on the traditional and unceded territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc, and a statement made confirming KUC's status as a 2Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Affirming community of faith. The candle was lit for Christ in our midst. Marcia read a Lenten Prayer from *If Darwin Prayed* by Bruce Sanguin, followed by prayer.

Core Ministry Report - Thrift Shop

Florence reported on the transition of the Thrift Shop from UCW responsibility to staff administration. The daily teams meet regularly which has been very beneficial. Implementation of a "back room" team has been a big improvement. Specialty teams like the "sheet ladies" are increasing sales. LGBTQ Shopping Night is going very well.

**Motion** to approve the agenda, moved by Nina, seconded by Carole H. **Carried.**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of March 7, moved by Chris, seconded by Gail. **Carried.**

Adoption of the minutes of January 17 tabled for further review.

Focus on Governance

We are in compliance with the Code of Conduct and the Task Group Principles.

The Management Team provided examples of compliance for EL5, and EL2.

What are you hearing?

Thanks to Jan for speaking to potential new ministerial position during the March 19 service. Concerns and kudos were shared from the feedback to the proposal.

There was praise for the Affirming service, and the pizza and tarts.

### Administrative Reports

**Next meeting will be rescheduled to Monday, April 17 at 4:30 on Zoom.**

Florence reported on progress with the lift. Tomas leaves PITStop and the new coordinator, Jill Bharo, takes over.

### Committee Reports

M & P – nothing to report

PMRC – nothing to report

### Old Business

- 1) Discussion of keeping vision alive and living into it.
- 2) Nominating Committee will report at the AGM

### New Business

1) Concerns re: privacy issues and the increasing use of video and associated images. Michael suggests that it is sufficient to post a statement at events and services regarding the possible use of images captured. Such a statement could also be posted in the bulletin, and on the PowerPoint screen. Thank you to the Pastoral Care Team for raising this question.

2) AGM agenda was previewed.

3) Portable Amp – Nina has asked about acquiring a portable amp for use at the Labyrinth events. Florence reported that KUC has an Amp (inherited from the former OK Presbytery). Florence will communicate with Rob Gretsinger about the details. Some “enhancements” will be required.

Marcia gave a fond and gratitude-filled farewell to Council Circle member, Nina Johnson. In particular, it was acknowledged the huge part played by Nina in the Visioning process and discernment of the results. Many thanks Nina! You will be missed.

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., moved by Carol S, seconded by Derm. **Carried.**

Michael led a closing prayer.

Recorded by: Chris Dolson

Chair: Marcia Julian