

Kamloops United Church Council Circle

May 16, 2023 – minutes

*Present: Derm Strong, Gail Wichmann, Doug Scorrar, Jayne Martin (in-person!), Jan Vint, Carole Hutchings, Braden Sydor, Florence Ballard, Chair: Marcia Julian.*

*Via Zoom: Carol Sparkes, Rev. Dr. Michael Caveney.*

*Regrets: Emily Vutev*

Called to order at 4:36 p.m. Chair Marcia Julian acknowledged our presence on the traditional unceded territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc and re-affirmed that KUC is a 2SLGBTQIA+ Affirming community of faith. Marcia Julian lit the Christ Candle, and shared a prayer and reflection called "Flaming Love" from Bruce Sanguine's book, *If Darwin Prayed*.

Florence reported that the report from Pastoral Care will be tabled until the June meeting, along with the Preschool report.

**Motion** to approve the agenda made by Jan, seconded by Braden. Carried.

**Motion** to approve the minutes of April 17, made by Chris and seconded by Gail. Carried.

Focus on Governance - Management Team

EL9 Grants and Contracts – examples of compliance given in the MT report.

Marcia suggested we renew a focus on the diligence of regularly examining the policy manual; Carole Hutchings will lead the Focus on Governance for the June meeting.

What Are You Hearing?

Jayne reported a concern expressed about hybrid meetings and the loss of social time between the Zoom participants and those attending in-person. It was recommended that we investigate the purchase of an "Owl" camera for hybrid meetings. Grant opportunities will be explored.

The Choir is growing! And Marcia heard from another interested party.

Financial Report

The April financials have been distributed; the news is pretty good. Recovery on space is above budget, as is the Thrift Shop. Wages and benefits are on budget.

### Administrative Report (distributed)

Florence reports that the Lift project is going well, after a setback which was corrected but has impacted the timing with various contractors.

June will be the last Ukrainian dinner. Moving forward, the Valid Dreams organization will be hosting events.

### Committee Reports

M & P (Ministry and Personnel) – nothing to report

PMRC (Pacific Mountain Regional Council) – The focus for the upcoming AGM is racism. Rep. Carole will report on the AGM at our June CC meeting.

### Old Business

Tri-Church update – Reps from the three UCC councils met on May 11. Marcia reported to KUC CC. No commitments made at this time. KUC already has a lot at play with Visioning, a new hire, and the upcoming sabbatical. In September or October, we can reconvene. Hospitality opportunities will be explored to nurture relationships. A joint e-news will be explored.

Selection Committee – Nothing to report; some nibbles, no bites. Deadline for applications is June 9. (That can be extended).

### New Business

May 28 Worship led by Council Circle. (Pentecost). Participants and roles were confirmed and discussed.

Governance Training – Marcia suggests that the training be put off until the fall, in later September, or October. Potentially folks from Mt. Paul and Plura Hills could be invited to get insight into our KUC process.

Michael led us in a Closing Prayer and Grace.

A potluck dinner was then shared!

**Next meeting: June 13, at 4:30 p.m.** In-person and via Zoom.