

**KIMBERLEY SHARED MINISTRY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair	Kathy Desbiolles
Vice Chair	Catherine Ripley
Treasurer	Susan Baker
Secretary	Roberta Seifried
Pastoral Care/Outreach	Val Bromley
Fellowship	Jan Simmonds
Personnel Relations	Louise Welsh
Worship	Eileen Dean
Property & Maintenance	Terry Thompson
Communications	Gerda Mann
Members at Large	Barbara Thompson, Linda Johnson Rev. Alwin Maben

REGRETS: Carol Andrews

OPENING:

Kathy Desbiolles called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and welcomed all attending.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Kathy Desbiolles, seconded by Louise Welsh that the agenda be adopted with the following corrections and additions:

Correction of date on agenda to 14 March 2023

Old Business 4. B. remove workshop from the celebration

Additions New Business B. United Church Remit C. Church email D. Investments

Motion carried.

Linda Johnson will send out a new listing of Church Council and Committee members.

OPENING PRAYER & REFLECTION:

Rev. Alwin Maben shared a video on PIE Day (Public.Intentional.Explicit) and gave a prayer asking for wisdom and guidance as we conduct the business of our ministry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2023:

MOTION: Moved by Roberta Seifried, seconded by Linda Johnson that the minutes of the Council Meeting held January 10, 2023 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

MINISTER'S REPORT:

Report circulated in the March 14 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Rev. Alwin Maben advised that the Sunrise Service on Easter morning would include other churches and Linda will make contact regarding Indigenous participation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report circulated in the March 14 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Baker, seconded by Gerda Mann that a corporate credit card with a limit of \$2000 be obtained and issued in the name of the church secretary, Linda Johnson.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Baker, seconded by Jan Simmonds that we set up on-line banking allowing approved signers to individually issue on-line payments of \$5,000 or less. These payments would only be to vendors pre-approved by the Finance Committee and vendor set-up could only be done by having two authorised bank account signers making the request in person at the local RBC bank.

The following vendors be approved for online payment:

EMPLOYEES: Linda Johnson, Alwin Maben

CONTRACTORS: Custodian - Shelley Barnett Snow Clearing - Branden Fandrich

ORGANISTS: Elaine Pickles, Margaret Mayes, Jean MacDonald

GOVERNMENT: Canada Revenue Agency, City of Kimberley, Work Safe BC, BC Hydro

BANKING: RBC Visa

Motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Baker, seconded by Barbara Thompson that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

PASTORAL CARE, OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE - JAN SIMMONDS

No report this month.

Jan reported that she was impressed with the AGM and that people were being listened to. Also noted was the delicious lunch that was served.

Jan commended Val Bromley for all her work for the Pastoral Care on "Growing a Caring Congregation". This will be a work in progress which can start out slowly and progress.

Meetings have been held for the Anniversary celebration.

PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE - LOUISE WELSH

Report circulated in the March 14 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

The draft letter to Kathy Davies, Pacific Mountain Region and Bishop Lynne, Anglican Diocese was discussed.

MOTION: Moved by Louise Welsh, seconded by Barbara Thompson that the draft letter be sent to the appropriate authorities of the United Church and the Anglican Diocese.

Motion carried.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT - CAROL ANDREWS

Report circulated in the March 14 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Eileen Dean provided the permission form required, for parents with children that are being live-streamed during the services. The Easter schedule was provided, Gerry Lafaut will play the guitar on Good Friday and hot cross buns will be served. Arne Sahlen has offered his services for Good Friday, but there will not be any hymns in the church. The Sunrise service will take place at 7:00 am with the Catholic congregation.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - TERRY THOMPSON

Report circulated in the March 14 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Terry Thompson advised that the insurance claim is still to be determined. The insurance policy is under the control of the Pacific Mountain Region and the Diocese of Kootenay. Kathy Desbiolles will discuss the issue at a zoom meeting being held Friday, March 17, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - GERDA MANN

Report circulated in the March 14 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Gerda Mann reminded the Council to send a report **or** Easter message by **March 25, 2023** for the Easter newsletter being distributed on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.

It was decided that the reading package and the Council minutes should go on the website. Linda Johnson will meet with Jim Andrews to coordinate email addresses for the newsletters.

MOTION: Moved by Catherine Ripley, seconded by Eileen Dean that the Committee Reports be accepted as presented.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Parish Event with Bishop Lynne to be held Wednesday, August 23, 2023

- B. 100th Anniversary Celebration - Kathy Desbiolles advised it will be a 2 day celebration held the first Saturday in September 2023 to coordinate with the Community First Saturday events. The sanctuary will have a display available for the public on Saturday and Sunday will be an old fashioned Church Service followed by a luncheon. They have 6 people on their committee, and have held 2 meetings. They will discuss the celebration of the 1 year anniversary of Kimberley Shared Ministry.

- C. "Emergency Preparedness: Working Together - Community in Action"
While the webinar took place, Kathy Desbiolles and Terry Thompson were not able to access it due to technical issues. When the recorded session has been prepared with additional documents, the Diocese will make it available.
More information on the Life Kits is required from the City of Kimberley.

- D. Self Assessment - The PMCR gave a positive response for our participation in the process. Kathy Desbiolles also sent the information to the Diocese.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A Caring Congregation - A letter from Val Bromley was discussed on ways to Grow a Caring Congregation. Val Bromley and Jan Simmonds are on this Committee and a sign up sheet will be posted for 2 weeks to get parishioners interested in helping. This is an ambitious undertaking but will start by phoning people to let them know we are missing them. Knitters/crocheters/weavers are all invited to make prayer shawls with the wool that is available. After the prayer shawls are blessed they will be draped in the church.

- B. United Church Remit - Kathy Desbiolles and Rev. Alwin Maben will study the Information on Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization. The vote will take place by March 2024.

- C. Church email - Jim Andrews is still working on the new email address, and so far has set up the new website.

- D. Investments - Susan Baker advised that the investments have lost value as the stock market is not doing well. Frontier Capital is our only investment company and Susan would like to diversify some funds, as a GIC at the Royal Bank would pay approximately 4.5% guaranteed return.

MOTION: Moved by Louise Welsh, seconded by Jan Simmonds that the Finance Committee be authorised to move \$100,000 from Frontier Capital to a GIC at the Royal Bank.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting closed with the Grace

Meeting adjourned at 3:05

Next Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm