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Kimberley Shared Ministry
Council Meeting, Tuesday, 19 September 2023

Agenda

1. OPENING

a) Welcome - Kathy Desbiolles

b) Additions for the Agenda? Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: ...moved, seconded that the Agenda be approved as presented/as amended. Carried.

c) Opening Prayer and Reflection - Rev'd Alwin Maben

2. MINUTES

Minutes from July - Kathy Desbiolles

MOTION: ... moved, ... seconded that the July Minutes be accepted as presented. Carried

3. REPORTS

a) Minister's Report - Rev'd Alwin Maben

b) Treasurer's Report (plus Finance Committee) - Linda Johnson

MOTION: ... moved,seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried

c) Committee Reports -

- Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship (Diana Semenchuk)

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- Property and Maintenance (Terry Thompson)
- Worship (Carol Andrews)
- Communications (Gerda Mann)
- Personnel Relations Committee (Lois Lafaut)

MOTION: ... moved,seconded that the Reports be accepted as presented. Carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 100th Anniversary - It's a Wrap! - Kathy Desbiolles
- B. Shared Ministry Workshop (August 26) Review - Kathy Desbiolles

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kootenay Cluster Nov 3-5 2023 Gathering in Cranbrook and Kimberley plus visit by Moderator The Rt Rev Dr Carmen Landsdowne - Alwin Maben
- B. Supporting Healthy Communication Patterns Within KSM - Kathy Desbiolles and Catherine Ripley

THE GRACE: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more. Amen.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Next Council meeting - 1:00 pm, 14 November 2023

PARKING LOT ITEMS:

1. "Emergency Preparedness: Working Together- Community in Action"
2. 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.

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2) Minutes

**KIMBERLEY SHARED MINISTRY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023**

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair Kathy Desbiolles

Vice Chair Catherine Ripley

Treasurer: Susan Baker

Secretary Roberta Seifried

Pastoral Care/

Outreach/Fellowship Diana Semenchuk

Personnel Relations Lois Lafaut, Gerry Semenchuk

Worship Carol Andrews

Property & Maintenance Terry Thompson

Communications Gerda Mann

Members at Large Barbara Thompson

Clergy: Rev. Alwin Maben

Guests: Mikaela Smith, Ryan Smith

REGRETS: Linda Johnson

OPENING: Kathy Desbiolles called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed all attending.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Kathy Desbiolles, seconded by Diana Semenchuk the agenda be adopted with the following changes:

- Communications report will be given after the opening prayer.
- Personnel Relations report will be given following New Business.
- Congregational meeting minutes will be accepted at a congregational meeting rather than at a regular council meeting.

Motion carried.

OPENING REFLECTION & PRAYER:

Rev. Alwin Maben opened with a motivational story highlighting “Speak the Truth” following with prayer.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

(Submitted by Gerda Mann) Report circulated in the July 11, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

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Ryan and Mikaela Smith were available to answer questions concerning the upgrade to the network and live streaming. Ryan advised the new system would be installed and operational by September 1, 2023. Jim Andrews will continue doing the e-newsletters for KSM. Ryan and Mikaela Smith departed from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Roberta Seifried, seconded by Carol Andrews that the minutes of the Council Meeting held May 9, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

MINISTER'S REPORT (submitted by Rev'd Alwin Maben) Report circulated in the July 11, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Susan Baker thanked Rev. Alwin for contact during her surgery, very appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT (submitted by Susan Baker) Report circulated in the July 11, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Susan will have to withdraw funds from the investment fund for the purchases from the Communications Committee, Outreach, Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee and the Property & Maintenance Committee.

MOTION: Moved by Terry Thompson, seconded by Gerry Semenchuk that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (submitted by Terry Thompson) Report circulated in the July 11, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

The Church Bell will be installed this year, the location to be determined. The bell tower may not be stable to house the bell so may need to be installed in front of the building on the grass. The Committee will decide location. The ramp access is still being pursued.

PASTORAL CARE, OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (submitted by Diana Semenchuk) Report circulated in the July 11, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Dishwasher is presently installed.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (report submitted by Carol Andrews) Report circulated in the July 11, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley

Carol Andrews displayed a copy of the book "Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action" which will be the Fall Study Book.

MOTION: Moved by Gerda Mann, seconded by Lois Lafaut that the Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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A. 100th Anniversary Workshop/Celebration - Kathy Desbiolles Kathy Desbiolles advised that plans are progressing, a power point will be provided In the sanctuary, displays of memorabilia will be in the hall, and a Musical Presentation will take place at 4:00 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

A. One year review of KSM Agreement - Kathy Desbiolles This took place at the Congregational meeting held June 11, 2023

B. Bishop Lynne's Parish Event - Wednesday August 23, 2023 - Kathy Desbiolles Bishop Lynne will be here for the whole day, but travelling to Cranbrook to stay that Night. A Potluck lunch will be held and Rev Alwin will take care of dinner for Bishop Lynne. There will be a workshop as well as a hike. It was discussed as to the focus of the workshop with possible options being "How to grow a faith community/how to Better use our buildings for more Outreach". We need to celebrate our SHARED MINISTRY.

PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT No report submitted

Louise Welsh will be resigning from the committee, which will leave 4 people on the committee. At the May meeting, Council accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Relations Committee to reappoint Rev. Alwin Maben and to share that at a Congregational meeting in June. The term mentioned was two years, when it was actually to be three years (to take us to Rev. Alwin's 75th birthday) Rev. Alwin departed from the meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Lois Lafaut, seconded by Barbara Thompson that we renew Rev. Alwin Maben's appointment for 3 years from Oct 1, 2023 to Sept 30 2026 Motion carried. One abstention.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting closed with the Grace.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10

Next Council meeting Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm

PARKING LOT ITEMS:

1. "Emergency Preparedness: Working Together - Community in Action"
2. United Church Remit - Kathy Desbiolles and Rev'd Alwin Maben will study the Information on Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization. The vote will take place by March 2024

3) Reports

a) Minister's Report (Submitted by Rev'd Alwin Maben)

I have no idea how, but the summer is almost over! And now we are almost experiencing the changing colors that the season of Autumn brings each year. The changing of Earth's seasons prepares us for changing times and changing seasons in our own lives as we continue our ministry in God's vineyard.

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It has, in fact, been a busy summer. No shortage of meetings. As you all know we were busy preparing for Archbishop Lynne's visit, which in the end turned out to be a Workshop on Shared Ministry that she led along with Kathy Davies, and with Fernie and Invermere shared ministries joining us. To me that was a good workshop that needs to be followed up from time to time. The unfortunate thing is that those who don't attend do not get the benefit of such workshops. Thanks to all those who worked hard for making this workshop possible.

The highlight of this summer was the "Celebration" -- 100 years of history and the first year as Kimberley Shared Ministry. I think the two-day event went more successfully than we expected, and my grateful thanks to all those who worked so hard, putting their heart and soul into making it such a success. But the challenge to remain and witness as a Shared Ministry, in my humble opinion, still continues.

As part of my continuing education I'm looking forward to attending Western Intercultural Ministries Face-to-face Educational program to be held on October 19-21, in St. Albert. As a member of the Executive, we are working hard on this program which will address the issues of Interculturalism and decolonizing the church.

Our Outreach services at Pines and Garden View Village continued during the summer. I am glad that Samantha Bloomfield has joined the current team of Val Bromley and Thea Hendriksma. My grateful thanks to them for their help and support.

Occasional house visits are happening and some people have also visited us in our home. I also did a hospital visitation to give communion, and I continue to reach out to people through emails, phone calls, text messages, etc.

During this time period, I also conducted a Celebration of Life service for Sandy and Mike Whitney and then a Celebration of Life and Inurnment service for Annette Macdonald.

My grateful thanks to Catherine Ripley and Eileen Dean for organizing the Fall Study on "Truth and Reconciliation." I thought our first session went well and pray that we will benefit from this study to make reconciliation with our First Nations people a possibility and apology a reality. I am also looking forward to the Contemplation sessions that Catherine Ripley is hosting on Saturdays as a complementary approach to this study.

Finally, as some of you are already aware, KSM along with Cranbrook United Church will be the host for the forthcoming Kootenay Cluster Faith Festival to take place on November 3-5, 2023. We have had two planning meetings so far. The Moderator of the United Church of Canada, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, will be coming to this

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Gathering. Apart from leading two sessions and a public meeting on Saturday in Cranbrook, she will be worshipping with us and preaching in our church on Sunday – November 5 th. We need all the support to make this program a success. Thanks to those who have agreed to serve on this planning committee. I encourage everyone in the congregation to sign up to attend this weekend. All are welcome. Look out for the online registration announcement.

The challenge and work ahead is plenty. May the Love of God, in the grace of Christ and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be our light, guide and strength.

b) Treasurer's Report (Submitted by Susan Baker)

During the month of August \$10,000 was transferred from the operating investment fund to the chequing account to cover expected expenses for new audio-visual equipment and installation of the church bell. However, those items have not yet been submitted for payment (audio-visual) and/or completed (church bell), thus leaving a balance of \$16,571 in the bank account as of August 31. I have taken all fundraising except for the cookie walk and Purdy's from the cash flow and I think that we will require an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 from the operating investment before the end of the year.

We are coming up to budget time. I would ask all committee chairs to start thinking about what they plan for next year and to provide those numbers to me early November at the latest.

See attached exls file "KSM August 2023," which contains Balance Sheet, YTD, Budget versus Actual, 2022 to 2023, Cash Flow

INVESTMENTS

- The balance of the GIC's at the Royal Bank of Canada as of June 30, 2023 is \$100,223.39. I think they send out quarterly statements, so not sure of current balance.

See attached pdfs -- Investments: Legacy, Operating)

c) Committee Reports

OUTREACH, PASTORAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP REPORT (Submitted by Diana Semenchuk, notes by Barb Streich)

We have met twice since the July Council meeting --on August 14 and more recently on September 11. The following is based on the September minutes when Donna, Barb, Alwin, Ruth, Jan, Carol, Val, Dianna, and Judy were in attendance. REGRETS: Lois, Jill,

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Joy, Thea, Louise, Jackie. Alwin opened the meeting with a prayer. The agenda and minutes from August 14 were approved.

No prayer shawls have been distributed since our last meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (i) **100 th Celebration weekend** – all festivities went very well. Excellent attendance both days. Seventy-two people attended the luncheon after Sunday's church service.
- (ii) **Growing a Caring Community** – It was recommended that the Council update the church membership as soon as possible so this group can address visitation and communication with members that are unable to attend church services and events.
- (iii) **Appliances – Dishwasher** – instructions have been posted in the upper cupboard above the dishwasher. It has been very useful especially for our larger functions in the upper hall. Diana is awaiting Sommer Electric billing. Donna raised concerns over the location of the new, upper hall fridge. Diana will forward the concerns to the building committee. Jill will contact Junk Fellas to remove the downstairs, old stove. The purchase of a new stove will be considered after its removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) **September Outreach Donations** - \$500 each will go out tomorrow to Selkirk and McKim Schools for their Food Cards and Breakfast programs. (The Youth Centre donation will be given out in November.)
- (b) **Labelling of upstairs cupboards/drawers** –Diana will ask Linda J. to make a master diagram/list for the upstairs kitchen with appropriate labelling of cupboards and drawers.
- (c) **Fundraisers** – The Chocolate Purdy's Fundraiser will be dropped as there is a new store opening in Cranbrook. The Cookie Walk event for December is under review. Alwin introduced a "Thanksgiving" Auction option that will be further discussed at our upcoming meetings. A Mini-Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 24 after church. Jan will announce this at church on Sunday, September 17. Sign up will occur then. Cost \$5 per person. A soup and bun lunch is planned for after the tournament at the church. Val, Judy and Jan have volunteered to make soups. Buns will be ordered.
- (d) **Budget for 2024** – This will be discussed at our October meeting.
- (e) **United Church Moderator Visit** – November 3 -5, Kootenay Cluster Event. Most of the festivities will be hosted by the Ktunaxa Interpretation Centre and the Cranbrook United Church. ...the Sunday, November 5 th Church Service (11:00 am) will be held at our church [with the Moderator preaching]. A potluck luncheon would be hosted by our church from 12-1:30 pm. Kathy Davies is organizing the details of this event. More details to come.

PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Terry Thompson, Chair)

No meetings held, nothing exciting to report!

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Carol Andrews)

- Met July 25
- recommend use of lay readers for PWRDF and Minute for Mission updates
- four former ministers planning to attend **Celebration**. Three plan to take part in service
- Celebration will be followed by three weeks of **Creation Time** theme
- reminders to use microphone for announcements, celebrations, etc.
- Sept 12 - Oct 10 **Fall Study** on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Theme: Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action. A meditative zoom session on related themes on Saturday mornings.
- Oct 8 - Thanksgiving
- Nov 5 - celebrate all Saints Day and Remembrance Day
- Dec 3, 10, 17, 24 - Advent
- Dec ___ - Lessons and Carols
- Dec 21 - Longest Night Service
- Dec 24 - abbreviated 10:00 am service and 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25 - hope to hold service at Garden View
- Dec 31, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 - Rev Alwin on study leave followed by vacation
- Next meeting - Oct 3

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Gerda Mann, Chair)

1. Purchase and installation of the Streaming Gear and Networking Equipment has been completed, with a total cost of \$4,998.09 (slightly lower than the original estimate of \$5,285). The invoices have been reviewed, approved and forwarded to the Treasurer for payment. We are very grateful to Ryan Smith for completing this project.

2. On August 28, 2023, the “Dream Team” met in order to train volunteers to operate the streaming service and to set the schedule for volunteers from September 3 to the end of the year. The members (volunteers) of the streaming Dream Team are Jim Andrews, Linda Johnson, Allan Sayegh, Kathryn Sinclair, Cynthia Smith, Mikaela Smith and Ryan Smith.

3. Our email address has not been corrected as yet. However, Ryan Smith was hoping to schedule a meeting with Jim Andrews and Linda Johnson last week to discuss the issue in detail and make a final plan moving forward. Once the plan is finalized, he will require approximately two weeks to implement the plan.

PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (No report)

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OLD BUSINESS 4 a) BACKGROUND

REPORT on the 1st YEAR/ 100th YEAR Anniversary Weekend Celebrations (Submitted by Kathy Desbiolles, published in KSM e-newsletter)

From our first planning meeting early in the Spring to the last wipe of the counter on Sunday, the Celebration committee worked hard to bring a fun celebration to the community. And many more people have helped out - that's just what we do in this church!

Saturday's drop-in event during First Saturday turned out to be an afternoon social, with many folks staying several hours! Lots of coffee and cake were consumed, memories jogged by the memorabilia were shared, and attendees spent time catching up with long-lost acquaintances. The video interviews with elders brought a smile to many faces!

If you missed it, don't worry, the memorabilia will stay up for a few more weeks, and the video is available via the church website.

Jeannie, Janice, Margaret, and Arne left everyone humming with a smile on their face after an hour of excellent music to end the day.

Sunday's worship service was a blast from the past, starting with the vintage vestments, the processional to Holy, Holy, Holy!, and the big number of people in the pews - many of whom were dressed in vintage "Sunday Best". I did feel a little sorry for the gentlemen dressed in wool suits as it was a bit warm in the sanctuary, but they did look dashing!

It was extra special to have former clergy (Rev Kim and Rev Christine) take part in the service.

The luncheon was well received, judging by the small amount of leftovers.

I heard many folks reminiscing with visitors - a cherished trip down memory lane!

I can hardly wait to see all the photos Elaine Pickles and Ryan Smith took; a commemorative book will be produced.

Many thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this celebration a success - and you are numerous! We are really blessed to have such a wonderful congregation.

Blessings as we look forward to a bright future, doing God's work in Kimberley.

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OLD BUSINESS 4 B) BACKGROUND

REPORT ON SHARED MINISTRY DAY August 26 (Submitted by Kathy Desbiolles and Catherine Ripley, published in KSM e-newsletter)

On Saturday August 26, over 40 people gathered in the Upper Hall with Kathy Davies (Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church) and Bishop Lynne McNaughton (Diocese of Kootenay). About half of us were from Fernie Shared Ministry, half from Kimberley Shared Ministry, and Rev. Brent Woodard from Windermere Valley Shared Ministry brought some collected wisdom from others unable to attend. It was a rich day of learning and going deeper into what it means to be a shared ministry, fueled by excellent morning muffins and fruit (thank you to those who contributed) and a sandwich lunch generously provided by the Region and the Diocese and arranged by Kathy Desbiolles. Thank you, Kathy!

The day was divided into six main segments:

- 1) Opening Worship (using a service from the Iona Community)
- 2) A Look at Governance -- things that work, different approaches, possible pitfalls
- 3) Lunch
- 4) Gracious and Grace-Filled Dialogue (Practice)
- 5) Worship and Music -- things that work, different approaches, possible pitfalls
- 6) Closing Prayers.

One main takeaway: Shared Ministries are always evolving, and none of them are exactly the same. For example, the Naramata Shared Ministry (about 50 years old) is taking a look all over again at how they govern themselves, worship, and reach out in service to the world. Our local contexts (whether Naramata or Fernie or Kimberley or Windemere) plus the world are always changing. So, what is our main purpose in 2023? What is most important NOW?

Another takeaway: GOVERNANCE (how we organize ourselves) should always serve the mission -- being God's hands and feet in the world -- not vice versa. The governance elements for all Shared Ministries usually include:

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- an elected council (or committee) (or board) that takes responsibility for the local life of the church,
- a spiritual leader accountable to his or her vocation and call from God, to tradition, to his or her judicatory (i.e. Anglican or United), and yes, to the local congregation (usually a seminary trained person, but sometimes lay),
- wardens/trustees/committee that holds the responsibility for property
- Personnel Committee/wardens that act as a point of relationship between the minister/other employees, and governing council
- Oversight (episcopacy) by the Region and Diocese

And what about WORSHIP, which as Bishop Lynne commented, is so very, very close to everyone's heart and soul? Regardless of whether a Shared Ministry alternates between Anglican and United traditional services (as per Fernie) or has a blended service (as we do and as Windemere does), she and Kathy suggested that the main point of every worship service is to let go of ourselves so as to focus on God and reground ourselves in our purpose. Some underlying principles for "good" worship that emerged from small group discussion included accessibility (being able to hear, see, understand, participate), strong sense of family (community), good engagement with the Word and its connection to daily life, feeling uplifted and full of joy when leaving, sharing and hearing positive news but also the importance of being challenged (transformative), inclusivity....

Again, this is another evolving discussion for KSM -- so what is important to you? What principles are important to you in worship? What might underlie the choice of music, for example? Let's find out together!

One of the hopes of those gathered, is that we can have these Shared Ministry get-togethers more regularly - perhaps yearly to share ideas and resources. As we say in one of our Creeds: We are not alone, we live in God's world. And thanks be to God for a great day on August 26 and for more to come in the future.

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NEW BUSINESS 5 a) BACKGROUND

Kootenay Cluster 2023 Gathering Nov 3-5, 2023

- Congregational Hosts: Kimberley Shared Ministry and Cranbrook United Church
- Theme: Building Resilient Communities of Hope: Justice (Climate, Earth, Social) and Reconciliation
- Scripture: Mathew 5:1-11 The Beatitudes
- Location: Cranbrook United Church Friday / Saturday; Sunday Worship and Luncheon in Kimberley
- NOTE: The Moderator of the United Church of Canada, The Rt Rev Dr Carmen Lansdowne, leading plenary sessions Nov 4, be involved in a public /wider community event on the evening of Nov. 4, and offering the sermon at worship Nov 5.

Draft / Tentative Agenda:

Friday November 3

1:30 pm- 3:30 pm: Organized tour at Ktunaxa Interpretive Centre

5 pm: Welcome table opens at 5pm (registration, nametags, general information available)

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Dinner

6:30 – 8 Opening Worship and Liturgy

8 pm to ??? Dessert and Fellowship

Saturday November 4

9:30 am Arrival

10am- 12 pm: Moderator Presentation #1: Plenary and Breakout Groups

12 – 1:30 pm Lunch!

Plenary 1:30 - 3:30 pm: Moderator Presentation #2: Plenary and Breakout Groups

3:45 – 4:30 pm: Kootenay Cluster Next Steps -- discuss Collective initiatives?

5:30 -6:30 pm– Dinner (perhaps including leaders from the wider community)

7 pm to ??? Wider Community Event with the Moderator

Sunday Nov 5

11am-12pm Worship at Kimberley Shared Ministry

12 – 1:30pm Lunch with Congregations and Moderator,

Offering thanks for the Visit and the Gathering, Closing Blessing