

**KIMBERLEY SHARED MINISTRY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair	Kathy Desbiolles
Vice Chair	Catherine Ripley
Treasurer	Linda Johnson in lieu of Susan Baker
Secretary	Roberta Seifried
Pastoral Care	
Outreach/Fellowship	Jan Simmonds
Personnel Relations	Lois Lafaut
Worship	Carol Andrews
Property & Maintenance	Terry Thompson
Communications	Gerda Mann
Member at Large	Barbara Thompson, Linda Johnson
Clergy	Rev. Alwin Maben

REGRETS: Susan Baker
Diana Semenchuk
Val Bromley

OPENING:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Catherine Ripley, seconded by Jan Simmonds that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

OPENING REFLECTION & PRAYER

Rev. Alwin Maben opened with a story about trust in God followed by prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Terry Thompson, seconded by Carol Andrews that the minutes of the Council Meeting held July 11, 2023 be accepted as presented.

MINISTER'S REPORT (submitted by Rev'd Alwin Maben)

Report circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Rev. Alwin Maben advised that he had attended Yme Woensdregt's Celebration of Life as well as many others from our parish on September 13, 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT (submitted by Susan Baker)

Report circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

A request to have the amount of change in the dollar value of investments be provided with the report. Linda Johnson will provide in the future.

MOTION: Moved by Jan Simmonds seconded by Barbara Thompson that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

PASTORAL CARE, OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

(submitted by Diana Semenchuk, notes by Barb Streich)

Report circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Jan Simmonds reported on the fund raising for the cookie walk, they need a coordinator and may have to reduce the amount of boxes prepared. The Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser may still happen, even if there is a store in Cranbrook. Mini golf tournament will take place on September 24, 2023.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (submitted by Terry Thompson)

No meetings have been held, and nothing to report.

The bell will be installed before winter.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (submitted by Carol Andrews)

Report circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (submitted by Gerda Mann)

Report circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

Thanksgiving newsletter will be one page only with an offering envelope. Email address change for KSM will be a long process, as it is not a simple procedure.

PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (submitted by Lois Lafaut)

No written report

MOTION:

Moved by Roberta Seifried, seconded by Linda Johnson that the Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 100th Anniversary Celebration - Kathy Desbiolles
"It's a Wrap!"
Report circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.
It exceeded our expectations!

- B. Shared Ministry Workshop - Kathy Desbiolles and Catherine Ripley.
Held August 26, 2023 - review
Report circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Kootenay Cluster 2023 Gathering November 3-5, 2023 - Rev. Alwin Maben
Gathering in Cranbrook and Kimberley plus visit by Moderator The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Landsdowne
Background information circulated in the September 19, 2023 Reading Package from Catherine Ripley

MOTION:

Moved by Catherine Ripley seconded by Carol Andrews that Gerda Mann represent KSM at the Kootenay Cluster meetings in Cranbrook in November.

A letter of resignation was read by Kathy Desbiolles from Rev. Alwin Maben with his last day of work being November 30, 2023. This letter was a shock to Council; deep sadness was expressed. A letter from Council to the congregation will be sent out immediately, with a follow-up announcement after Sunday's service.

Rev. Alwin Maben departed from the meeting.

- B. Supporting Healthy Communication Patterns within KSM -
Kathy Desbiolles and Catherine Ripley.

Council agreed that Rev'd Alwin's resignation emphasizes the need to work on healthy communication within the congregation. Kathy Davies and Bishop Lynne McNaughton will meet with Council via ZOOM to discuss options available for building stronger communication skills and to plan the next steps.

Kathy Desbiolles and Catherine Ripley will attend the next Worship Committee and Personnel Relations meetings on behalf of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Next council meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm

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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
3. Delegates are required to represent KSM at Pacific Mountain Region meetings.