

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW meet via Zoom on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Jane Dawson (host); Barb DeJeet, Nancy Hazen, Linda Stronski, Kim Baird, Sharon Hinton, Linda Hamon, Connie Tabbert
Regrets by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle and Charlotte Hoy

Linda S. opened the meeting with a reading from Sydney Neahon... "Your a Very Special Person"

Everyone said how they are doing... some are knitting, quilting, are happy, have a busy household, reading, personal growth, etc.

Linda S. provided Aboriginal acknowledgement and lit the Christ candle.

Nancy H. provided the devotion ... read from Open Hearts and then read the song Find a Home Here written by Mary-Ellen Kish. The devotion was on affirming and Linda S. said for any church working through becoming affirming, The Affirming Journey Mandate Spring of 2018 is a good reference. She noted the Regional is looking for nominations for the Affirming Committee.

Minutes: Linda H. noted she celebrated 50th.

Moved by Connie Tabbert and seconded by Barb DeJeet to accept minutes of October 6, 2020 as corrected. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Kim

- The 2020 financial statement of EOR UCW was reviewed. Books have not yet been sent out to be reviewed. Kim recommended that the 2021 budget follow the 2020 budget at this point in time
- Moved by Kim Baird and seconded by Nancy Hazen that the 2021 budget remain same as 2020. Carried
- Kim also spoke about the signing authority. Louise Shaw is stepping down, leaving just Kim and Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle. Kim would like someone nearby, makes it easier to get cheques signed. She suggested there be four signing authorities...3 from executive and Carolyn Ruda, a member on the Seaway Valley Area executive. Make it easier and more efficient.
- Moved by Kim Baird and seconded by Connie Tabbert that there be four signing authorities with any two to sign on the Eastern Ontario Outaouais UCW account at Scotiabank. Carried
- Moved by Kim Baird and seconded by Linda Hamon that Louise Shaw be removed as signing authority for Eastern Ontario Outaouais UCW account at Scotiabank. Carried
- Moved by Kim Baird and seconded by Barb DeJeet that Carolyn Ruda, corresponding member, President Linda Stronski, Executive Member Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle and Treasurer Kim Baird be signing authorities on the Eastern Ontario Outaouais UCW account at Scotiabank. Carried

- Moved by Kim Baird and seconded by Sharon H. the financial report be accepted as presented. Carried

Jane Dawson left the meeting....and accidentally kicked us all out.
We were all back, except for Jane, at 10:30 a.m.

Area Reports...most did not have reports.

Barb noted the UCW in 4Rivers was active at Christmas hosting drive-through dinners and bake sales.

Linda S. noted Smiths Falls continues with brown bags and blessings with desserts from Bethel Church UCW.

Sharon H. said her UCW at Johnstown church hosted a bake and craft sale, making over \$3,000 ... which helped them meet some of their commitments to the public.

Linda H. noted that online auctions are popular and Linda S. said they had one and someone donated a pie a month for a year.

Linda S. said valentine's dinner drive-through was cancelled and now there's a take-out ham dinner planned for May. The UCW also sold wreaths this year.

Kim noted her UCW wrote a Christmas letter to the ladies of the church, in the end asking for a financial donation, since there were no other donations needed for the past year.

Kim also noted that the National UCW guidelines were being reviewed and it will be recommended that the "presbyterial" word be removed and the word "area" be use.

Those still using the name "presbyterial" are still able to use it, however within the regions and National UCW everyone will be referred to as "area"

Leadership Day...Linda S. it was well done. She suggested the next one be on the Medicine Wheel. Hills & Shores hosted a medicine wheel program two years ago and it was very interesting. There are all sorts of differing things the medicine wheel can be used for.

MidWeek ... nothing to report at this time

M&S ... Kim said nothing has been sent. If you want your church M&S money to go through UCW, put that on your envelope, and at year's end, the money should be sent to M&S via UCW.

Nancy H. spoke about veterans housing, but Connie had to step away for a moment.

Resources: Nancy had nothing to report as she hadn't received the Broadview paper yet. Kim reads Broadview online and it was very interesting.

Nominations: Barb. Current executive term was to end in May 2020. Due to Covid their term was extended another year Barb reported that we need a Vice-Chair and someone for archives. Vice-Chair should be for two years, unless Linda S. is stepping down after a year since she was only to be here for two years, which technically ends now.

There was discussion and in the end the following nominations will be presented at our EOOD UCW AGM:

Linda S. as president for two years.

Nancy H. as vice-president for two years, unless she decides next year she'd like to be president, then Linda S. will sit as past chair

Kim B. as past-chair, treasurer and nominations person.

Barb D. as Resource.

EOOD UCW AGM... discussion about type, and it was agreed Zoom and in person, if allowed. Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 5 in Smiths Falls.

Kim noted there will be limited business and the reports will be short.

Summer Event: Kim said it's a go with possibly zoom and in person depending on the Covid restrictions. The Moderator of the UC of Canada has agreed to be the guest speaker. If unable to attend in person, will do via Zoom. The event is scheduled for July 23-24-25. If by zoom only, then most likely on probably July 24.

Keeping connected...EOOD UCW's facebook page is Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW. Connie is to do up minutes, send out for approval by the executive, and once done, send to Anita to get on the web page.

Bursary: Barb D. said she is still awaiting the revised policy.

Linda S. noted a gentleman had been looking for funds, but she sent an apology saying policy is being rewritten and would review his request at a later date.

Next Executive Meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.

Connie to prepare devotion.

Benediction – Kim read from Joyce Rupp's Prayer Seeds "The Peace of Life-Giver Be With You. She opened with an adaption of Psalm 84. Closing blessing was a responsive one "I rest in the peace-giver's presence

Adjourn: 11:30 a.m.