

The Eastern Ontario Ottawa Region United Church Women met Oct. 6, 2020 via Zoom. Present were: Jane Dawson (host of meeting), Barb DeJeet, Kim Baird, Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, Charlotte Hoy, Linda Hamon, Linda Stronski, Nancy Hazen, Pat Ashton and Sharon Hinton, Connie Tabbert

Co-president Kim called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m., gave the welcome and read from Spiritual Reflections for Women with some readings.

We all gave a brief outline of what's been happening in our lives.

Nancy provided the opening Worship with two readings, from Monologues on Biblical Women. Second reading was called Death That Helps Us Love.

Linda S. read the acknowledgement of land.

BUSINESS

MINUTES...Moved by Barb DeJeet and seconded by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle to accept the minutes of June 2, 2020. Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Kim

All dues have been paid.

Barb questioned if the M&S given at church can be recorded for EOOR. If it is not recorded as a UCW donation it will not be recorded for EOOR UCW.

Note: UCW donations to M&S - if they are part of a UCW women's personnel envelope giving or the UCW's units M&S contribution, or if the United Church receives M&S from a UCW gathering day. it is recorded, by church, by UCW and when Carolle receives the sheet that has the National UCW M&S figures in it, it also listed M&S donations from all the congregations added together and the same for UCW units in each Region. So recording it as a UCW donation to M&S, at the National level M&S givings are recorded by Regions UCW.

Area Presbytery Reports... Let Linda and Kim know when the dates for AGMs are.

LEADERSHIP/MIDWEEK

Charlotte said Jane provided a leadership workshop on structure for reading the psalms. Framework...take a psalm and write your own psalm. Amazing what people wrote. Opportunity on how to look at psalms, how to write psalms, tools to carry on in your own life. November 4, 1 hour, 9:30 a.m.

Kim suggested Games for Bible Study, possibly January or February.

M&S

Carolle said not much is given. It's important to keep giving. She said with Pandemic, M&S will "probably take a hit this year."

Philanthropy may not exist or go into another portfolio once restructuring is done.

Linda S suggested people remember there are Gifts for Mission.

Charlotte noted there has been no promotion for Gifts for Mission yet, and she's not sure who to contact to get the promotional materials.

NOMINATIONS

Barb advised that Kim and Linda are co-presidents and Kim is to be replaced in the spring. Linda S reminded everyone that once Kim steps down, she will be the lone chair and a vice-president will be sought.

Kim questioned if anyone has given thoughts to becoming Vice-president.

Barb suggested it be someone from the East side, so "we keep it balanced."

Barb noted someone is needed for Archives.

Kim noted the members at large are Arlene McGibbon and Linda Hamon. There are no terms for their length. Barb will continue to reach out to Arlene.

RESOURCES

Nancy said nothing to report. Broadview has some good articles.

SUMMER EVENT

Kim said moderator confirmed attendance. It may have to be done virtually. Date is July 23, 34, 25, 2021 in Cornwall, ON. Same as last year. Barb to do the reflection for the Sunday.

Jane left at 10:40 a.m.

NUCW FALL MEETING

Linda noted it was different meeting on Zoom all week. When the business was done, it was enjoyable when we met in person. Using Zoom, I was glad when it was over. Nice to see friends from across the country. Linda – didn't feel renewed and refreshed this year.

Kim – usually there’s more done after the meetings during fellowship time; people are able to talk more freely, with Zoom meetings you can’t do that. Changes are happening. Info pack is no longer going to churches.. NUCW will only take over the Keeping in Touch that came in the info pack not the whole info pack.

Carolle – agreed. No opportunity to rehash. Everything just stays in your head.

Carol Owegi is UCW support staff at head office and is the one who will receive the Life membership forms, process them and send out the pins.

NUCW Special Anniversary Project – Women for Change, Zambia – as of April 20, 2020, \$23,055 was raised and sent out \$19,475.

Kim reported on a contentious issue on how to get recognition for UCW. A motion was carried at the NUCW meeting asking General Council to support having NUCW be a constituent and have power to be recognized as part of United Church of Canada. Even though this motion passed at this meeting it may not hold water.

Concerns are we are not recognized as UCW at the table – how do we get recognized?

Linda S approached EORC Regional council are the UCW recognized as a UCC group; the answer was yes, same as our UCC camps.

Each church send delegate to council.

Get women to sit – be part of decision making.

Kim – let them know who you are when you get to microphone, let people know that we are part of the UCW organization.

Nancy commented that there would be less churches if UCWs stopped.

60TH Anniversary NUCW, July 11- 15, 2022, Sydney, NS

Register and pay and be done online preferably. Registration cost has not been finalized. There is a bus being arranged through EORC UCW. UCW members may apply for financial help with expenses through the Dorothy Amos Fund or Agatha Kaasa Grant to a maximum amount of \$400.00. Sydney, NS, \$400. July 11-15, 2022.

HOW TO KEEP CONNECTED

Website, need contributions to it. Newsletters? Emails? Regional website through Anita.

Linda S – like to put contact info on website.

Other information could include Thursdays In Black, Women for Change Zambia

Connie is to do up a Christmas message from co-presidents.

Other

Barb – great to see everybody.

Linda H. – 54th wedding anniversary.

Kim – thank you for joining. Safe journey to Pat as she leaves for her new home in Calgary to live with her son.

Carolle – it would be nice to do a zoom communion meeting.

Linda S. provided the benediction.

NEXT MEETING – Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m., Zoom

ADJOURNMENT – 11:25 a.m. Moved by Connie Tabbert

Carried