

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 @ 9:30am via Zoom

Present: Linda Stronski, Kim Baird, Barb Dejeet, Linda Hamon, Nancy Hazen, Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, Charlotte Hoy, Jane Dawson (Host)
Absent: Connie Tabbert, Sharon Hinton, Arlene McKibbon

Co-President Kim B. welcomed everyone with a morning blessing: *May the blessings of this day radiate through your smile, be helpful through your hands and shine through your heart.* The Acknowledgement of the Territory was read. Everyone shared life happenings.

Opening Worship was led by Co-President Linda S. Linda's devotion "Living the Resurrection" Is It Really Over? came from the book Dipping Your Toes by Janet Stobie.

Business

- Minutes for Feb 2 2021 are noted that they were approved via e-mail
 - Business Arising
 - Paperwork for the change of signing authorities is in the works
 - Barb D. circulated the revised bursary policy received from Karen Valley however Barb feels that it does not reflect current practices. Barb recommends that a bursary working group be set up to review and update the policy. By consensus, a team was struck consisting of Barb Dejeet, Charlotte Hoy and Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle.
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Kim Baird reviewed the financial statement as of March 31, 2021 as per our proposed 2021 budget. Our current balance is \$12,638.68.
A discussion was had as to the Areas/Presbyterials/ Local Units sending in their annual assessment fees. Consensus around the table was yes. It was strongly felt that as members of the UCW organization, financial support is important to continue our work. It was also noted that not all levels of the UCW, because of Covid and limited, if not to, fundraisers that past donations may not be on par this year, however it is encouraged that they give what they can this year.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report

MOVED by Barb Dejeet

SECONDED by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle.

CARRIED

- **Area/Presbyterial Reports**
Four Rivers – no AGM set, however report book will be emailed out seeking approval of the actions for 2020
Ottawa – not much happening at the moment; their executive has not replaced the position of President since Pat Ashton moved to Calgary. Communication to their local Units have continued and hope to have an executive meeting in the near future.
Seaway Valley – executive have met several times over the past year with their next executive tentatively scheduled for April 26th. Lines of communication to their Local Units continue. June gathering, with a short annual meeting is in the works for Tuesday, June 8th.
Upper Valley – no report
MOTION to support the Areas/Presbyterials of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW to hold and approve their 2019 & 2020 annual reports by any means possible, including Zoom and Emails.
MOVED by Barb Dejeet; **SECONDED** by Nancy Hazen **CARRIED**
- **Leadership Day/Mid Week** – Charlotte Hoy reported that our next Leadership Day will be held in the fall. If we are able to meet in person, the topic would be on Affirming.
- **Mission & Service** – Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle reported that she received an email from Rev. Trisha Elliot, our regional M&S liaison asking if she could arrange to meet, via Zoom, UCW members from our Region to roll out a new M&S Mother's Day campaign. Trisha reported that M&S donations Canada wide is down approximately 12% and would like to reach out to us, as UCW women, given our strong support over the years. After some discussion Carolle with contact Trisha and ask that she forward an email or poster which we will then circulate and those interested in learning more about the Mother's Day campaign will register for the Zoom meeting.
- **Nominations** – Barb Dejeet reported that most of the executive positions have been filled. Thank you to Arlene McKibbon, one of our members at large, however due to personal reasons Arlene will not be continuing in this role. We will be looking for a new member at large from the Ottawa and Seaway Valley Area.
- **Resources** – Nancy Hazen there was nothing much to report except the first NUCW edition of Keeping In Touch is out. Note: with the changes at General Council the production of this newsletter is now being done entirely by UCW volunteers. We are encouraging everyone to circulate it with their Areas/Presbyterials.

- EOOD UCW AGM – May 5, 2021 via Zoom
 - Responsibilities for agenda items:
 - Opening Worship – Four Rivers; In Memorium – Kim Baird
 - Treasurer’s Report for 2019, 2020 and Budget 2021 – Kim Baird
 - Entertainment/Skit – Seaway Valley; Leadership Training – Charlotte Hoy
 - Summer Event – Kim Baird
 - National UCW 60th & Grants – Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle
 - Nominations – Barb DeJeet
 - Swearing in of Executive – *Linda S. confirmed NUCW Pres. Beulah Hayley*
 - Book Review – *Linda S. confirmed Pat Gilmore attendance*
 - New Business at AGM - **MOTION** that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW agree to embark on an educational/discernment process of becoming an Affirming Region
 - Report Book – all reports from executive members and Area/Presbyterials are due by Wednesday, April 14th. Please email your reports to Secretary Connie Tabbert, and Co-Presidents Linda Stronski and Kim Baird.
Given this past year and a half, activity has been slow or next to nil, however we hope to have a short report for the report book.
- Summer Event – Kim Baird reported, sadly it will be via Zoom this year. It will be a one-day event on Saturday, July 24th from 9:30am – 3:30pm. Our Moderator, Right Rev. Richard Bott has confirmed his attendance and will address the members in the afternoon. For the lunch break it was suggested that we go into break rooms to allow for more fellowship amongst the members in smaller groups. Barb D. has agreed to do the opening or closing worship. Carolyn Ruda and Kim B. will work on the one-day agenda and circulate it to all.
- Statistical Reports – Local UCW’s membership reports are to be forwarded to Secretary Connie T. by the end of April. If any of the Areas/Presbyterials Presidents cannot find the email report from Kim B. please let her know and she will resend it.
- NUCW 60th Anniversary Banners – A banner representing EOOD UCW is needed for the UCW 60th. Continuing In Hope – *Hope for the UCW, Hope for the Future, Hope for the Church and Hope for the World*. Details for the banners available for interested people. Interested members are Barb. DeJeet, Linda Hamon, and Sharon Hinton (through Kim B.)

Benediction – Linda S. closed the meeting with a reading and a blessing.

MOTION to adjourn

MOVED by Barb Dejeet and **SECONDED** by Charlotte Hoy

CARRIED

Next EOOD UCW Executive Meeting – Tuesday, Sept 7, 2021 @ 9:30AM