

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
February 15, 2005
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PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The February meeting of Elgin Presbytery, held at Central United Church, was constituted as a court of the church by Rev. Hugh MacDonald. A quorum was present.

WELCOME AND OPENING WORSHIP

Rev. Matthew Penny and June Warren of Central welcomed presbyters to the February meeting. Opening worship was lead by Wendy Noble, staff associate, Central United Church.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Kay Chamberlain, Barb Dawson, Joan Day, Bonnie Graham, Roberta Dillard, Sherry Johnstone, Glenda Macmillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Jean Mitchell, Ellen Palmer, Donna Penhale, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Ken Willson.

Clergy: Janess Binns-Landell, Jim Evans, Don Graham, Roger Landell, Janet Laughren, Hugh MacDonald, Don Macpherson, Matthew Penny, Kelvin Toffelmire, Elgin Rintoul, Jim White
Staff Associates; Andrea Caughill, Wendy Noble

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Diane Macpherson, Kevin Johnston
Conference Staff:

Regrets: Nora Brooks, Deb Graham, Rev. John Brown, Doug Andrews, Nora Brooks, Bob Karn,

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roberta Dillard was introduced as the new rep from Union, Rev. Elgin Rintoul and Mrs Rintoul

CORRESPONDENCE

IN	SUBJECT
2005-21 General Council	Thank you to presbytery Enthusiasts
22 St. John's, Springfield	Request to sell the Springfield Manse
23 Fingal United Church	Request for Sunday School Curricula Seminar
24 General Council	Re:80th Anniversary of United Church
25 Algoma Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
26 London Conference Hospital Visitors	Re: Visitors program

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sherry Johnstone presented the Final Statements as of December 31, 2004.

It was moved and seconded to receive the treasurer's report stating a bank balance of \$1,964.32.

CARRIED

PEARCE WILLIAMS CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Director, Andrea Caughell gave update of past and coming events:

Cooking class with chef Chuck Stover

-44 YOUTH ATTENDED February Freak out

-94 people attended the Valentines's Dinner

-interviews for summer staff will be conducted

-March Break Camps

-Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7 a.m. March 27, 2005

-Fish Fry - April 3, 2005

-logging of woods has netted \$25,000

WORKING UNITS MEET

WORKING UNIT ON MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting were approved. The minutes of the executive meeting February 2, 2005 were received for information. Correction to Executive minutes page 2005-6 was noted.

Pastoral Relations Chair, Peter McNaughton to contact Central United Church re Joint Needs Assessment Committee.

REPORTS

OVERSIGHT REPORT

Oversight visits to be made to Suburban and Pearce Williams Christian Centre in April and May.

Rev. Don Graham reported that the JNAC committee at Richmond/Malahide has been disbanded.

EDUCATION AND STUDENTS

No report.

SETTLEMENT

no report.

PENSIONS

No report.

INTERNSHIP

No report.

EDUCATION AND STUDENTS

Conference Interview dates — March 5, 2005 , June 11, 2005

NEW BUSINESS

A recommendation was suggested to invite Karen Evans, CAW rep to Presbytery meeting in April or June to speak to presbyters about the Union that some clergy have joined.

A General Council rep to be invited to a meeting at a later date to present National Church's perspective on the Union.

(Rev Roger Landell, Chair)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)

MOTIONS AND DECISIONS

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery approve the updated version of the constitution of Central United Church dated January 2005. **CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be April 19, 2005, 6:45 p.m. Union United Church.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Rev, H. MacDonald, Rev. R. Landell-co chairs)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)

WORKING UNIT ON MISSION

Annual reports are to be handed in.

Correspondence

At. John's United, Springfield sent letter from Congregation with a motion to seel Manse in Springfield. The money to be invested and the interest to pay housing allowance to minister. It was moved and seconded to grant permission to sell the manse with information coming to presbytery

CARRIED

Central United Church sent letter requesting an amendment to the constitution of the congregation. It was moved and seconded to amend constitution to arrange for the admission of persons into full membership and the reception of new members.

CARRIED

letter from Fingal United congregation and Sunday School requesting a Sunday School Curriculum workshop Presbytery wide. Presbytery to look into this with a committee of Diane Macpherson and Roberta Gillard.

Financial Report

Andrea Caughell asked what happens to the \$500 still in the Youth Account from the 2004 budget. Sherry Johnston explained that it stays in the account.

It was moved and seconded to accept the report as presented (Appendix #1).

CARRIED

Youth Report

Andrea gave report on events of the Youth Council

November – Youth retreat at Lambton centre

24 hour fast with money raised going to Hurricane Relief 2004

February Freak Out - Conference wide

April Adventure grades 4-8

April Youth Forum - Conference wide

There are Youth events every month lead mostly by Youth, however, the February Freak out receives more assistance from adults.

The Youth Work (council) give the opportunity to connect with other Youth in Presbytery and an opportunity to grow. The Council also works to connect with Church where they may not normally participate.

Letters from some of the Youth Council participants were read. They want Presbytery to understand that the council is definitely needed for the Youth of Elgin to grow and help them grow in faith. The Council for High School Age youth with some participants in grade 7 and 8.

There was discussion of how funds were spent, and how many hours are allocated for this job. The setup for Elgin is the same as Kent and Lambton. This could possibly be separated from PWCC with a separate worker.

A committee of Barb Dawson, Diane Macpherson , Kevin Johnston, and Andrea Caughell was formed to gather information and make suggestions about the future of the Council.

Appendix 4

The executive decided that 2 people needed to deal with this. Rev. Peter McNaughton and Rev. Hugh MacDonald have completed the job.

Stewardship

Bonnie Graham asked that the M & S objective forms for each pastoral charge be sent in to her by March 1. If you did not receive one, ask your UCW , the forms were sent to them.

Jean Mitchell thanked the Charges who made or exceeded their objectives. London Conference reached their goal, while 97% was reached by National Church.

Resources for the 80th Anniversary are available. The Theme is "Dare to Be"

Tsunami Relief for the United Church is \$118,073.

"Stewardship - what is it " was read by Bonnie Graham.

Communication

Kelvin reported that secretary, Ellen, is "on-line" at elginucc@start.ca

Please send information to her in the body of the email, not as an attachment because her phone lines are slow.

Rev. Hugh MacDonald Chair

Roberta Gillard, Secretary