

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The November meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at St. Andrew's United Church, St. Thomas starting with supper prepared and served by members of the church. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Bob Karn.. A quorum was present.

WELCOME

Bob Karn, Presbytery Chairperson, welcomed presbyters to the November meeting.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Donald Carroll, Jane Cox, JoAnn Day, Barb Dawson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Roberta Gillard, Sherry Johnstone, Bob Karn, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, John Martyn, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Joe Richards,

Clergy: Jim Evans, Don Graham, Joan Golden, Roger Landell, Janet Laughren, Hugh MacDonald, Don MacPherson, Peter McNaughton, Jung-Hee Park, John Brown

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Diane MacPherson

Conference Staff: Bev Robinson

Regrets: Janess Binns-Landell

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2006-63 to 2006-66 dated October 17, 2006 as amended.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Summer Commission Minutes page 2006-49.

CARRIED

Executive minutes dated 2006-68 to 2006-69 dated October 4, 2006 were presented for information only.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN
2006-105 London Conference

SUBJECT
Conference Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2006-106 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
107 Oxford Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
108 General Council	Answer to question re: Emerging Spirit
Campaign	
109 General Council	Re: Bill C-9
110 London Conference	Hospital Visitors Committee
111 General Council	2005 Stats Forms for 2006 Year Book
112 Rev. Peter McNaughton	Request for Change of Pastoral Relations
113 Rev. Peter McNaughton	Resignation as Chair of Pastoral Relations
114 General Council	Consumer Alert

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$1,017.21

CARRIED The Presbytery Executive held a Budget Meeting prior to Presbytery meeting to set proposed Budget for 2007. Proposed Income 2007 \$45,573.00
 Proposed Expenses 2007 \$45,643.00 Making a short fall of \$70.75

It was moved and seconded to accept the Elgin Presbytery Budget for 2007 **CARRIED**

WORSHIP

Rev. Joan Golden, along with the help of three presbyters conducted a short worship to begin the meeting.

UNIT REPORTS

UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

The cost of keeping London Conference Archives at National Archives will be increasing from \$28,000 (2006) to \$53,000 (2007) to \$61,332 (2008). Conference is looking into an alternative method for keeping all of London Conference churches record books. Check the United Church of Canada web site to see what records need to be kept for your particular church.

County wide church picnic– format for the event would be worship service and picnic. Deb Graham would like to know by December 15 if there is enough interest in this event so Pearce Williams Christian Centre can be booked for this event.

Mission And Service Fund – Summary sheet is available to November 1, 2006

Joan Golden and Bonnie Graham are our presbytery team for London Conference M & S along with person from each congregation to be the M & S voice.

Presbytery web site – Doug Lee suggested the process to advertise in congregations for anyone to do web site and possibly update.

Local Arrangements – Doug Lee reported that plans are in preliminary stages moving forward.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Marriage Policy Workshop is to be held.

Hospital Visitors Program receives \$1500 from Elgin Presbytery.

Pearce Williams Christian Centre -- 2007 brochures are being printed.; 25 interviews have been done for next year's staff; Jen Richards will be Summer Director; theme for 2007 camp is "Come and See" ; members of St. Paul's, Aylmer will be redecorating the Long House Youth – "Walk of Hope" by EPYC will purchase gifts from Gifts of Grace - Gifts of Hope with the money they raise from their walk.

"Swell" will be held at Wesley Knox in London

February Freak Out will be held with Kent and Elgin youth

April will be London Conference Youth Forum at Pearce Williams Christian Centre

Faith Formation event at Five Oaks for youth January 26, 2007

World Outreach— Gifts of Grace - Gifts of Hope catalogue is in colour on London Conference web site.

Urgent Action – check web site to send in appeals for this family.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

JNAC from Southwold Pastoral Charge was received for information.

Committee reports-

Education and Students — It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Ministry and Personnel recommend David Mitchell be ordained in May 2007 **CARRIED.**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Ministry and Personnel recommend Maya Landell be ordained May 2007 subject to receipt of Police records check **CARRIED**

Rev Roger Landell abstained

It was moved and seconded to renew Bob Karn's Worship Leader Licence for one year.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Bursary gifts of \$300 each be given to Barb Dawson, Maya Landell, Wendy Noble, Diane Macpherson, David Mitchell in February.

CARRIED

Don Macpherson and Roger Landell abstained.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Christmas Gifts of \$100 each be given to Barb Dawson, May Landell, Wendy Noble, Diane Macpherson, David Mitchell. **CARRIED**

Don Macpherson and Roger Landell abstained.

Internship – no report

Settlement – Conference committee meeting was held and package has been sent to Rodney and Malahilde / Richmond.

Pensions- Hazel Sims received package from General Council with 4 new names to be added to Elgin Presbytery list of retirees.

Pastoral Relations – Malahide / Richmond continue their search for new minister; November 30 is next meeting for the search committee

Sparta / Union are wanting 2/3 time minister.

It was moved and seconded to approve and accept, with regrets, Rev. Peter McNaughton's request for change of Pastoral Relations effective February 14, 2007, and that Rev. Peter McNaughton be retained on the roll of Elgin Presbytery without call or appointment **CARRIED**

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UNIT 111 MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION (cont'd)

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery regretfully accept Rev. Peter McNaughton's resignation as Chair of Pastoral Relations **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery approve and accept, with regrets, the request of Rev. Hugh MacDonald subject to the approval of Pastoral Charge per section 046 of the Manual 2004. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery approve and accept Janet Laughren's request to retire May 1, 2007 with all our best wishes.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery set committee with rep from Bethany and Frome to explore configuration of pastoral charge based on the survey results 1,2,3. Terry Lanning plus one other presbytery rep to be added to the committee. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery appoint Sherry Johnstone as presbytery treasurer retroactive to rise of conference 2006. **CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held on January 16, 2007, Central United Church, St. Thomas, with supper at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting

(Bob Karn Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)

