

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The February meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at St. Paul's Aylmer United 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 February meeting.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Donald Carroll, Jane Cox, Kay Chamberlain, Jane Cox, Barb Dawson, Wayne Ferguson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Roberta Gillard, Sherry Johnstone, Bob Karn, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Jean Mitchell, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Joe Richards

Clergy: Jim Evans, Don Graham, Roger Landell, Janet Laughren, John Brown, Henry Marissen,
Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Diane Macpherson

Conference Staff: Bev Robinson

Regrets: Jung-Hee Park, Janess Binns-Landell, Joan Golden, Don Macpherson,

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 2007-16 to 2007-19 dated February 20, 2007 as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Executive minutes dated March 7, 2007 pages 2007-21 to 2007-22 were not available for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN
2007-28 Wendy Noble
29 London Conference
30 General Council
31 Huron/Perth
32 Sheryle Steadman

SUBJECT
Thank-you
Program Asstnt. Support to local ministries
Seeds of Hope
Position for Youth Minister
Teller for Conference Annual Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2007- 33 General Council	Political Killings in Philippines
34 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
35 London Conference	Pre-conference workshops
36 London Conference	Dinner Theatre
37 Oxford Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
38 London Conference	Two Contract Positions
39 General Council	Taize, Montreal, for young adults
40 London Conference	Bulletin Insert Queen's College
41 London Conference	Five Oaks - Youth Connection
42 General Council	Connex Issue 10 now available
43 London Conference	Annual Meeting Registrations
44 London Conference	New Conference Nominations process
45 Maya Landell	Thank you
46 London Conference	Audited Reports
47 Malahide Richmond	Letter re: their status
48 Sherry Johnstone	Resignation as treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance to March 19, 2007 of \$598.26. See Appendix #1 **CARRIED**

WORSHIP

Rev. Don Graham, minister of St. Paul's, Aylmer United Church, led in devotional time together.

UNIT REPORTS**UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION**

Communication --- a two hour discussion on who we are as a presbytery is to be held soon
Joe Richards is the new web master for Elgin Presbytery.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Marriage Policy Workshop to be held at Grace United church Saturday March 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pearce Williams Christian Centre— 20 acres of wet lands at Pearce will be managed by Ducks Unlimited.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery recognize sources of capital funding for Pearce Williams Christian Centre. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Pearce Williams Christian Centre apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for capital funding and on going projects to \$10,000 for new rugs and kitchen flooring

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT (cont'd)

It was moved and seconded to table the motion re: Ontario Trillium Foundation **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery give \$15,000 to Pearce Williams Christian Centre to replace carpeting and flooring in the kitchen. **DEFEATED**

It was moved and seconded that Pearce Williams Christian Centre of Elgin Presbytery apply to United Church of Canada for a Capital Assistant Grant of \$4,000 for Pearce Williams Christian Centre. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Doug Lee and Bev Robinson act as scrutineers **CARRIED**

Tabled Motion

It was moved and seconded that Pearce Williams Christian Centre apply to Ontario Trillium Foundation for capital funding and on going projects to the amount of \$10, 000 for new rugs and on going projects. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed. **CARRIED**

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Education and Students–Richmond / Malahide have hired a LPMIT who will be under the authority and care of Oxford Presbytery

Oversight –no report.

Internship – No report

Settlement –no report

Pensions - no report

Pastoral Relations – Southwold Pastoral Charge have had five yes replies and 2 no replies to the letter sent to various churches in the area to attend a “town hall” type meeting April 3, 2007 at Frome United Church. Two reps from each of those churches are invited to attend the meeting.

Springfield - It was moved and seconded to accept the JNAC report from the Springfield Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to declare a vacancy on the Springfield Pastoral Charge effective July 1, 2007. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery approve the request for three quarter time ordained minister for Springfield Pastoral charge. **CARRIED**

Sparta / Union — Rev. Henry Marissen to be the second presbytery rep along with June Warren to the Sparta / Union Joint Search Committee.

Malahide / Richmond — Education Sight approved pending the Pastoral Charge forming an Ministry Personnel committee.

Straffordville / Port Burwell ---- Joint Needs Assessment Committee working their report. Rev. Henry Marissen is weekend supply minister and the Pastoral Charge supervisor for the charge.

Rodney – going to settlement committee for a minister

Dunwich – Diane Macpherson is student minister serving the Pastoral Charge until June 30, 2007. JNAC anxious to get going – no rush until September 2007

Manse inspections to be done at Union and Shedden.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION (cont'd)

It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Barb Dawson, LPMIT, to Central United Church July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Terms ---- Full Time (40 hours per week)

Salary	\$28,545
Housing Allowance	12,009
Telephone (basic telephone costs)	456
Financial support for study	<u>1,476</u>
Total financial remuneration	\$42,486

Secretarial assistance defined as — 1 part time office support staff and all other terms of the manual

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Bev Robinson, conference office staff person reported – workshop “worship Matters” June 14-16 at Western , cost #130.00; Conference Youth Forum meets in April at PWCC; Children at Conference will be meeting at Keneserie Camp: Young Adults at Conference is for ages 18 -30 years of age; nominations process to Conference committees can be done on line – check web site and hit nominations; SWELL worship service is at Wesley Knox, London: Karos happens the last week in August at Five Oaks: Connections camping conference meets at PWCC in 2008; workshop day for new reps to conference happens May 24, Blenheim United Church 9:30 to 4:00 cost \$50.00; Dinner & Theatre May 24, Thamesville United Church, –dinner \$12.50, Play \$7.50 Other Business — It was moved and seconded to accept with regret the request of Sherry

Johnstone, as the treasurer of Elgin Presbytery

CARRIED

Deb Graham agreed to be a Teller at Conference Annual Meeting.

It was noted that if you donate to United Way, you can name your charity, and Pearce Williams is on the list of charities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held on April 17, 2007, Pearce Williams Christian Centre with supper at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting

(Bob Karn Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)