

## PRESBYTERY MINUTES

### CONSTITUTION

The June meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at St. John's United Church Springfield. 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 June meeting.  
Introductions– Rev. Wendy Milliken (new minister to St. John's, Springfield), Don Page (presbytery rep to Wallacetown United Church)

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Jo Ann Day, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Roberta Gillard, Sherry Johnstone, Bob Karn, Glenda Macmillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Jean Mitchell, Don Page, Ellen Palmer, Joe Richards

Clergy: Janess Binns-Landell, Jim Evans, Joan Golden, Roger Landell, Don Macpherson, Henry Marissen, Wendy Milliken

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Diane Macpherson

Conference Staff:

Regrets: Jung-Hee Park, Ken Verrell, Don Graham

### 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 2007-30 to 2007-33 dated April 17, 2007 as printed and circulated. **CARRIED**

Presbytery Executive minutes pages 2007-35 to 2007-37 dated May 2, 2007 and Executive minutes pages 2007-39 to 2007-41 dated June 6, 2007 were for information.

### BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### CORRESPONDENCE

IN  
2007-84 General Council  
85 General Council  
86 London Conference

SUBJECT  
Moderator's Letter  
Statistical Forms not sent in  
Letter to each Pastoral Charge Re: not endorsing Dr. Tallman Marriage Preparation

**CORRESPONDENCE** (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2007-87 North Lea United Church	Re: congregation Viability Project
88 Janess Binns-Landell	Re: Retirement
89 General Council	Re: Canadian Child at Risk of Mutilation
90 London Conference	Mission Interpretation Tour - Lori Stewart and Paul Hagerman
91 General Council	World Refugee Day
92 London Conference	Information on variety of topics

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$3,501.07 dated June 18, 2007 **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to correct Presbytery Executive Minutes Financial Report to read \$3500 from Student Fund to Contingency Fund with balance of \$9,394.25. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to invest the Student Money. **CARRIED**

**WORSHIP**

The worship service was led by Rev. Janess-Binns Landell and Lindsay Traichevich.

**UNIT REPORTS****UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION**

The newly designed London Conference Web Site is more user friendly.

The Mission and Service Fund reached \$3 million; \$148,400 was the amount reached in Elgin Presbytery.

A new campaign "United For Peace" is a national campaign with a goal of \$2 million; Peace Sunday is in November.

We are asked to keep the Moderator in our prayers as he recovers from brain surgery.

The Local Arrangements committee from Elgin is working with the Conference staff with arrangements coming along for the 2008 Annual London Conference Meeting to be held in Elgin.

The Resource Centre in Middlesex Presbytery will be closed for the month of July and open one day a week for the month of August. Local bulletins on special occasions are to be sent to the Resource Centre.

It was moved and seconded that a domain name for Elgin Presbytery web-site be purchased for \$30.00 a year. **CARRIED**

**UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT**

Pearce Williams Christian Centre received \$14,000 for the Bursary Fund and \$17,000 for the General Fund from Townline United Church when they closed this past spring.

One Hundred and twenty people attended the Open House and raised \$400 for Bursary Fund.

The Presbytery wide Picnic was held the same day at Pearce with attendance from 7 churches. Thanks to the PWCC staff for the games for all to join in.

**UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT** (cont'd)

Thankyou to Kay Chamberlain and her helpers for the rhubarb pies that were made and sold at Rosy Rhubarb Festival in Shedden. Great money maker for the camp.

Camp registrations are up from last year.

General Council encourages us to support the Raza Family who are refugees in a church in Winnipeg. The Canadian Government has not always honoured those in what we call a safe place (church) so these refugees could still be arrested.

Lori Stewart and Paul Hagerman are home in London Conference and available for workshops—contact the conference office for dates they are available.

Peace Conference

**UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION**

Pensions – No report

Internship- No report

Settlement- Conference Settlement Committee met in May before Conference Annual meeting and settled Wendy Milliken to the Springfield Pastoral Charge.

Education and Students— copy of marks for Diane Macpherson, Wendy Noble, and Barb Dawson have been received

Pastoral Oversight – report forthcoming

Pastoral Relations – It was moved and seconded to settle Rev. Wendy Milliken to St. John's, Springfield starting July 1, 2007

Terms– 3/4 time (30 hours per week)

Salary	\$22,621.00
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Housing	9,000.00
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Basic Telephone	Basic
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Study and Book allowance	<u>1,200.00</u>
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Total financial remuneration	\$32,821.00	basic secretarial assistance
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and all other terms of the settlement.

A current police records check was completed September 6, 2006 and seen by the conference Settlement Committee or their designates

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Joint Needs Assessment Committee report from the Straffordville Pastoral charge.

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that a vacancy be declared on Straffordville Pastoral charge pending the manse inspection.

**CARRIED**

A Joint Search Committee will be set up in September 2007 for the Straffordville Pastoral Charge.

The Joint Needs Assessment Committee for the Dunwich Pastoral Charge to be formed in September 2007 — the Pastoral Charge can proceed with the first profiles and have them ready when full committee is formed.

Sparta / Union – George Bell is weekend pulpit supply . Peter Kingsbury to be asked to meet with George Bell and the Chairperson of the Sparta /Union Board.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Henry Marissen be presbytery supervisor at Sparta / Union Pastoral Charge **CARRIED**

St. Mark's United church – Rev. John Lindsay is on long term disability. A viability task group  
ELGIN PRESBYTERY **CARRIED**  
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**UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION** (cont'd)

from St. Mark's and Grace are having informal talks.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery accept Rev. Janess Binns-Landell request for retirement from Springfield Pastoral Charge and that she be retained on the roll of Elgin Presbytery. **CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery secretary and one of the 3 chairpersons of the Units and one other from the executive be the summer commission for Elgin Presbytery **CARRIED**

Summer Commission to name a Presbytery Chairperson for the September meeting.

It was move and seconded that the tri chairpersons be in charge for the summer months. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Sherry Johnstone be the acting Presbytery Treasurer until a new Treasurer assumes the job. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that two of four (treasurer and one of the tri chairpersons) sign the cheques for Elgin Presbytery during the summer months. **CARRIED**

Gifts of appreciation were given to Sherry Johnstone, Rev. Janess Binns-Landell, and Bob Karn for their service to the presbytery.

**NEXT MEETING**

The September 18, 2007 Presbytery meeting will be held at Grace United Church starting with supper at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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(Bob Karn - Chairperson)

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(Ellen Palmer, secretary)