

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The September meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at Grace United Church, St. Thomas. 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 September meeting.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Donald Carroll, Barb Dawson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Roberta Gillard, , Bob Karn, terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Glenda Macmillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Jean Mitchell, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren

Clergy: Jim Evans, Joan Golden, Don Graham, Roger Landell, Don Macpherson, Wendy Milliken, John Brown, Henry Marissen,

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral

Conference Staff:

Regrets: Jung-Hee Park, Joe Richards, Diane Macpherson

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

NOMINATIONS

Joan Golden was nominated for the position of Chairperson of Elgin Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that nominations cease.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Joan Golden be Chairperson of Elgin Presbytery for the year 2007-2008.

CARRIED

INSTALLATION OF CHAIRPERSON

Bob Karn, past Chairperson, installed Joan Golden as the Elgin Presbytery Chairperson for the year 2007 - 2008.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2007-43 to 2007-47 dated June 19, 2007 as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Presbytery Executive minutes pages 2007-50 to 2007-52 dated September 5, 2007 were for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

<u>IN</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
2007-117 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
118 Oxford Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
119 London Conference	Ontario Elections Concerns
120 Five Oaks	Church School Leaders Event
121 London Conference	Other Election Concerns
122 London Conference	Lay Worship Leader's Course (Oxford)
123 Rev. Peter McNaughton	Re: transfer to Toronto South Presbytery
124 Elaine Wilson	Re: presbytery secretary address
125 London Conference (Carol Hockey)	Re: retirees marriage numbers
126 London Conference	Daily Bread's Hungry City election move
127 London Conference	Good story about teens
128 London Conference	Ways Anger Management Groups
129 London Conference	Health Care Issue - Current Election

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$2,278.26 dated September 17, 2007 **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that the Job Description for Presbytery Treasurer go to all churches in the presbytery with contact person's name. Deadline for applications is October 16, 2007.

CARRIED

UNIT REPORTS**UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION**

Two copies of the Mandate magazine have been sent to each congregation. These are resources to be used for church groups for study.

Sarah Shepard of the National Office is looking for the next Mission Theme for the years 2009 to 2011. If you have an idea for the theme pass it along.

The United Church of Canada's Sexual Abuse Policy is now in effect. Copies of the policy are in each congregation.

This is a reminder that M & S remittances are lagging to the National Office.

A resources list for churches / charges with contact people is to be put on an XL spread sheet.

The list needs to be updated each year.

Presbytery needs a back up plan for a presbytery treasurer.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Barb Dawson and Joan Golden are planning Youth events for this fall. September 30, 2007

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT (cont'd)

at St. Andrew's "It's Time", program for grades 7 & up and an event at PWCC November 3, 2007.

October 14, 2007 is the Annual Roast Beef Dinner at PWCC in Pearce Hall.

Long House News letter was available for presbyters to take to their congregations.

PWCC financials show a deficit of -\$15,352.84. Grants and monies from groups are forth coming.

Summer Camps were great---numbers of kids was equal to 2006. Summer camp success is measured by the number of trips to hospital with injuries – this year there was only 2: a camper and a staff personnel. Neither was serious.

Applications for grant money are now being formulated by Joe.

Check the BLOG on the Pearce Williams web site for all the happenings at PWCC.

Poverty and health issues are concerns we can press our provincial candidates about during the election campaign.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Pensions – No report

Internship- No report

Settlement-No report

Education and Students– It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery confirm the status of Wendy Noble as a candidate for Ordained Ministry. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery confirm the status of Barb Dawson as a Lay Pastoral Minister in Training.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery on recommendation of its Education and Students Committee which has completed it examination of Diane Macpherson , recommend this Candidate for ordination to the Conference at its next annual meeting

Abstention – Don Macpherson **CARRIED**

Pastoral Oversight – A letter has been received from Rev. Bill Steadman re: M & S funds questioning whether congregations are using the M & S Funds to run their local churches.

Pastoral Relations –The manse information sheet for the Straffordville pastoral charge has been completed and can be sent along with Vacancy request.

A Joint Search Committee for Straffordville needs presbytery reps.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery appoint Rev. Dr. Henry Marissen to the Straffordville Pastoral Charge effective September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Category – Retired Supply

Part time appointment – 20 hours per week

Financial Remuneration for the appointment

Salary	\$18,473.00
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Housing	6,000.00
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Basic telephone	600.00
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Financial support -study and book allowance	<u>600.00</u>
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Total	\$25,673.00
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UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION (cont'd)

And all other requirements of the manual

Part 13— Terms appended to this record between the appointee Rev. Dr. Henry Marissen and the Straffordville - Port Burwell Pastoral Charge:

Part 3 of Terms – Financial Support for study is to be reimbursed upon submission of receipts

Part B - #4 – The appointee and the Pastoral Charge agree to ask Elgin Presbytery's permission to waive the 90 day clause, if necessary. **CARRIED**

Sparta / Union appointment forthcoming

Marjorie Smith does not wish to transfer her membership to Elgin Presbytery.

Marjorie Smith does wish to waive the 90 day clause of her appointment at Central United Church, St. Thomas.

It was moved and seconded to approve the call for Rev. Troy Van Ginkel, ordained minister, category E, to Central United Church, St. Thomas starting October 1, 2007. This is a full time position.

Financial remuneration for the Call

Salary	\$40,000.00
Housing	12,000.00
Financial support for books and study	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$56,200.00

And all other requirements of the manual

A police records check has been seen. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to request a transfer for Rev. Troy Van Ginkel, ordained minister, from Winnipeg Presbytery, Manitoba & North Western Ontario Conference to Elgin Presbytery, London Conference effective October 1, 2007. **CARRIED**

Covenanting Service for Rev. Wendy Milliken, Springfield Pastoral Charge, will be held on October 14, 2007 at 3 P.M.

A Welcoming and recognition service will be held for George Walker, LPMIT, Richmond / Malhide Pastoral Charge will be held on October 21, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond church. Dunwich Pastoral Charge JNAC committee can start on their first profiles and presbytery reps will be appointed at a later date.

London Conference Annual Meeting 2008 will be held in the East Elgin Community Centre in Aylmer. The local arrangements committee will be recruiting volunteers from our presbytery to help with all the jobs that need doing. Join in the fun of being a very hospitable presbytery.

It was moved and seconded to receive all reports. **CARRIED**

A Visioning Exercise for Elgin Presbytery is to be arranged by the executive. Chairperson, Joan Golden to contact Bev Robinson for a date.

NEW BUSINESS

Presbyters to hold Rev. John Brown in their prayers during his illness.

Prayers are to be said for General Council – many have lost their jobs and portfolios.

United on Line – pro active petition to the General council to rethink their decisions.

NEXT MEETING

The October 17, 2007 Presbytery meeting needs a host church to volunteer to hold the meeting with supper starting at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, secretary)