

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The November meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at St. Andrew's United Church, St. Thomas. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Joan Golden. A quorum was present.

WELCOME

Carm Hutchison, welcomed presbyters to the November meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Bev Robinson, staff from Conference office, And Cindy Earhart, presbytery treasurer were introduced to the court.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Donald Carroll, Jo Ann Day, Barb Dawson, Wayne Ferguson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffen, Roberta Gillard, Doug Lee, Glenda Macmillan, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Joe Richards, Sherry Johnstone, Cindy Earhart
Clergy: Joan Golden, Roger Landell, Wendy Milliken, Don Macpherson, Troy Van Ginkel, Henry Marissen, John Brown

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral -

Conference Staff: Bev Robinson

Regrets: Jung-Hee Park, Don Graham, James Evans

AGENDA

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

CARRIED

WORSHIP

Joan Golden and Jo Ann Day from St. Andrew's led in a time of worship to open the meeting.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2007-64 to 2007-67 dated October 16, 2007 as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Presbytery Executive minutes pages 2007-69 to 2007-72 dated November 7, 2007 were for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

The covenanting service offerings were discussed: 1. donated to the Peace Fund. 2. Students Fund, 3. Suggestion from person being covenanting. It was moved and seconded that the

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES (cont'd)

offerings from the covenanting services should go to the suggestion from the person being covenanted.

CARRIED

Abstention - Terry Lanning

CORRESPONDENCE

IN
2007-182 Kent Presbytery
183 London Conference Office
184 Kent Presbytery
185 General council

SUBJECT
Presbytery Minutes
Invitations to the Bridge
Presbytery Executive Minutes
Gen. Sec. Direction/ JNAC Implementation
section 429 - Incorp Ministries

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$2338.46 dated November 19, 2007

CARRIED

Presbytery Budget setting for 2008

It was moved and seconded that the proposed 2008 Elgin Presbytery Budget with amendment be set at \$45, 334.70

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to amend proposed 2008 Hospital visitors budget to \$2,361,00 and the travel allowance to \$690.00

CARRIED

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE 2008

Deb Graham, Local Arrangements committee chair for Elgin Presbytery reported that plans are well along the way for the Annual Meeting next May. The Golf Tournament is to be held on the Saturday with fees going to PWCC. Cost for all meals will be \$56.00. Sunday will be a BBQ and ordination will be on Saturday evening.

UNIT REPORTS

UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

The Christmas Gifts of Hope Book is available on line: check to see if there is a project your congregation can support.

Congregations have received a letter with the Mission and Service 2008 objective form. Theses are to be filled out and sent directly to National Office by March 15, 2008.

Joan Golden, chairperson and Ellen Palmer, secretary have seen the Police Check for Cindy Earhart.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

EPYC met on November 10 at PWCC – a great time for the youth. They chose to support various projects from the Hope Book

All Mission Support Grants applications are to be accompanied with the church charitable status number.

Joe Richards gave the Financials for Pearce Williams Christian Centre:

Pearce Williams Christian Centre: Current Bank Balance \$3,828.52

Accounts receivable \$1,787.96

Actual Bank Balance (Operating Account) \$ 5,616.48

Actual Bank Balance (Capital account) \$ 4,671.36

Actual Bank Balance (Trust Account) \$ 7,242.36

Joe will be writing for various grants for the centre in the next few weeks.

UCW— Presbyterian Executive continue to meet monthly at St. Mark's United Church. Plans are in place for the Presbyterian Annual Meeting to be held on February 26, 2008.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Internship- No report

Settlement-No report

Pensions – Hazel Sims reported that she has been making calls and will be visiting retirees in the near future.

Education and Students—it was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery renew the Lay Preacher's License for Bob Karn for the year 2008.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Bursary Gifts of \$500.00 for 2008 and Christmas gifts of \$100.00 be given to Wendy Noble, Barbara Dawson, Diane Macpherson.

Pastoral Oversight – No report

Pastoral Relations –. It was moved and seconded to transfer Lori Stewart, Diaconal Minister from Elgin Presbytery to Sturgeon Creek United Church, Winnipeg Presbytery. **CARRIED**

Straffordville Pastoral Charge needs presbytery reps by January 2008

Southwold Pastoral Charge will be going to their congregations on December 16, 2007 with results of their study of the direction for the Pastoral Charge.

Dunwich Pastoral Charge needs JNAC presbytery reps by January 2008

NEW BUSINESS

Bev Robinson, Conference Staff, visited each of the three presbytery units during their unit meetings to discern our concerns for the health of Presbytery. Some of the concerns she found include:

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| No training for presbyters | -not a friendly group |
| Lack of survival mode | -no joy / fun just hard work |
| Lack of support for educational events | -lack of support at covenanting services |
| No sense of mission | -no out of the box thinking |
| What's our responsibility as presbytery reps | |
| Ways to do work – just do it differently | |

It was moved and seconded to enter into a visioning beginning with a retreat day in January 2008 and add sessions as necessary. **CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING

The January 15 , 2009 Presbytery meeting will be held at Talbotville United Church beginning at 6 p.m. with dessert and coffee.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)