

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The January meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at Central 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 January meeting.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Jane Cox, Barb Dawson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Sherry Johnstone, Bob Karn, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren

Clergy: Janess Binns-Landell, Don Graham, Joan Golden, Roger Landell, Don MacPherson, Peter McNaughton, John Brown

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Diane MacPherson

Conference Staff: Peter Kingsbury

Regrets: Jim Evans, Janet Laughren, Jung-Hee Park, Roberta Gillard

INTRODUCTIONS – Rev. Henry Marrison was introduced to the court. Rev. Marrison is retired and now living in St. Thomas.

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 2006-72 to 2006-75 dated November 21, 2006 as printed and circulated. **CARRIED**

Executive minutes for January 2007 were not available for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN
2007-01 London Conference
02 Kent Presbytery
03 General Council

SUBJECT
Conference meeting minutes
Presbytery minutes
Foresight Issues

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN
2007-05 General Council
06 General Council
07 Conciliation Services
08 Kent Presbytery
09 General Council
10 London Conference
11 Gerald Taylor
12 General Council
13 Maya Landell
14 Diane Macpherson

SUBJECT
Residential Schools Update
Jim Sinclair Appreciation letter
15th Summer Training Institute
Presbytery Minutes
Tom Broadhurst re: statistical forms
Youth Forum Information
Re: JNAC reps for Straffordville
2006 Statistical Forms
Thankyou for Christmas gift
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TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$2,257.60

CARRIED

WORSHIP

Barb Dawson LPMIT, along with presbytery rep from Central, June Warren, conducted a short worship to begin the meeting.

DISCUSSION

Presbytery Chairperson, Bob Karn, led a discussion regarding the lack of presbyters and clergy now in Elgin Presbytery to do the work of presbytery. All were given a list of vacancies for offices of presbytery and asked to prayerfully consider taking one of these offices.

UNIT REPORTS

UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

Presbytery Picnic will be held at Pearce Williams Christian Centre on June 3, 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.

Doug Lee is looking into the web site.

Year Book Statistics are due February 28, 2007, multi -point charges by March 9, 2007.

Mission and Service gifts for year 2006 are due February 1, 2007. The Mission and Service Fund Objective forms from each pastoral charge are due by March 1, 2007 or sooner.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Elgin Presbytery Youth group raised \$711.00 in their Walk of Hope in December.

The February Freak Out event is a no go for this year.

February 4, 2006 there is a youth event at Riverside United Church, London, with Overseas Personnel Bill and Karen Butt as guests.

April is London Conference Youth Forum at Pearce Williams Christian Centre.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT(cont'd)

Pearce Williams Christian Centre Corporation Annual meeting will be held on February 26, 2007

World Outreach — “Building for Peace” event will be held at Lambton Centre on March 17, 2007.

March 24, 2007, place to be announced will be day for developing a Marriage Policy.

Check United Church web site for support and action projects.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Education and Students — It was moved and seconded to appoint Diane Macpherson to the Dunwich Pastoral Charge for one year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007. **CARRIED**

Abstention - Don Macpherson

It was moved and seconded to renew Doug Andrews Lay Preachers License for one year.

CARRIED

Maya Landell and David Mitchell have passed their final Conference interview – ordination service will be Sunday morning May 27, 12 noon at Ridgetown.

It was moved and seconded that we approve the recommendation of Elgin Presbytery Education and Students that Glenda McMillan be available and approved to accept an appointment as a Staff Associate would such an appointment become available. **CARRIED**

Wendy Noble, Ministry Based Ordination Process student, continues working on credits for her course.

Barb Dawson will be starting her second year as a Lay Pastoral Minister in Training.

Pastoral Relations– Southwold Pastoral Charge are in investigative process.

Pensions – Hazel Sims will continue contacting pensioners in Elgin presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Henry Morrison be transferred from Kent Presbytery to Elgin Presbytery. **CARRIED**

Oversight Committee— the committee will be making the tri annual visit to Dunwich Pastoral charge this spring. Rodney oversight report is forth coming.

Pastoral Charges are reminded to bring Annual Reports to Don Macpherson for February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

dates and places for Presbytery meetings are as follows:

February 20, 2007 - First United Church

March 20, 2007 - St. Paul's , Aylmer

April 17, 2007 - Pearce Williams Christian Centre

June 19, 2007 - tba

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held on February 20, 2007, First 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)

