

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The January meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at Talbotville United Church. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Joan Golden. A quorum was present.

WELCOME

Pastor Don Macpherson welcomed us to Talbotville United Church.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Jo Ann Day, Barb Dawson, Wayne Ferguson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffen, Roberta Gillard, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Ellen Palmer, Donna Penhale, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Joe Richards, Cindy Earhart

Clergy: Jim Evans, Joan Golden, Don Macpherson, Janess Binns-Landell, Henry Marissen, John Brown

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral - Diane Macpherson

Conference Peter Kingsbury

Regrets: Jung-Hee Park, Roger Landell, Wendy Milliken, Troy Van Ginkel, Bob Karn, Jean Mitchell, Ethel Miner-Clare

AGENDA

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

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2007-74 to 2007-77 dated November 20, 2007 as printed and circulated with corrections.

CARRIED

Presbytery Executive minutes pages 2008-02 to 2008-04 dated January 9, 2008 were for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There are 45 people registered for the visioning Day at Pearce Williams on January 20, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN	SUBJECT
2008-10 General Council	Remits
11 London Conference	Direct Mailing to each Pastoral Charge
12 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
13 London Conference	Document "For the Bible Tells Me So"
14 Barb Dawson	Thankyou note

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN
2008-15 General Council

16 London Conference

SUBJECT

Admission & Readmission to United
Church of Canada

Re: Reports to Conference (Presbytery
Chair)

MINISTERS TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR ADMISSION FROM OTHER
DENOMINATIONS TO THE ORDER OF MINISTRY IN THE
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA 2008

NAME	DENOMINATION	RECOMMENDING PRESBYTERY
Carl Nelson Emke	Baptist Convention of Ont & Que	Niagara
James Grant Ravenscroft	Roman Catholic Church	Edmonton
Make Fushii	Japan Baptist Convention Church	Vancouver South
Scott Kerr Hunter	Baptist Convention of Ont. Que.	Montreal

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$4,232.91 dated January 15, 2008

CARRIED**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE 2008**

Doug Lee reported plans are on schedule for the Annual Meeting of London Conference to be held in Aylmer at the Community Centre. There will be a draft agenda on February 6, 2008.

Volunteers from our presbytery are being sought for various jobs to be done at the annual meeting. If you feel so inclined please let the committee know.

WORSHIP

Don Macpherson, Hazel Sims, and Diane Macpherson led in worship.

UNIT REPORTS**UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION**

Congregational Statistical forms will be mailed the end of January. They are to be returned to National Office --- single point charge by February 29, 2008; multi-point charge by March 10, 2008.

The Info Pac comes to congregations four times a year and will be mailed to you very soon. It has lots of worship ideas for your congregation to use.

Mission and Service forms received by each congregation last November are to be filled out at your Church Annual Meeting and returned to National Office by February 29, 2008.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Kerri Graham, St. Paul's United church, Aylmer is a member of the planning committee for Kairos 2008. This year London Conference will be hosting this event and will be held on August 24-29. The event is for young adults ages 18 -30 years old. Cost is \$375.00 . Child care will be provided. Kerri showed video of a previous event and encouraged us to tell young adults in our congregations to attend — check the web site Kairos2008.ca.

February Freak Out will be held on February 1 -3 at Pearce Williams Christian Centre.

Middlesex and Kent presbyteries are hosting the event. Cost is \$75.00

UCW Elgin Annual Presbyterial Meeting will be held on February 26, 2008. Theme is “Spirit Within”, cost is \$12.00 for the day.

UCW London Conference Presbyterial Annual Meeting will be held April 27-28, 2008 in Chatham.

Westminister weekend guest speaker will be Rev. Heather McLean.

Summer Event at Siloam United Church will be held on July 19 with Rev. Kristiana Charlton as the guest speaker.

Check the Display Board for information — document re: proposed legislation on Parma Care. Christian Peace Makers – see web site for info

Today is deadline to apply for the trip to Mocambique.

PWCC Report — the auditor is working on financial books —note camp is still in the black.

Registration forms for summer camp will be ready in the very near future. Camp fees are \$240 for regular camp and \$250 for wilderness camp.

PWCC Annual General Meeting will be held February 22, 2008 at Central United Church.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Internship- No report

Settlement-Meets March 28, 2008 riverside United church from 10 -2 , bring brown bag lunch.

Pensions – Hazel Sims is finishing calls to retired ministers, clergy spouses and other church employees. Report will be ready by end of January 2008.

Education and Students – It was moved and seconded to renew Doug Andrews Lay Preachers Licence for a year. **CARRIED**

Pastoral Oversight – No report

Pastoral Relations – It was moved and seconded to transfer Janet Laughren to Hamilton Presbytery, Hamilton conference without appointment . **CARRIED**

Southwold Pastoral Charge approaching Fingal re: three point charge.

Dunwich Pastoral Charge needs JNAC presbytery rep.

It was moved and seconded to appoint Rev. Jim Evans as presbytery rep to the Straffordville Pastoral Charge Joint Search Committee.

Rev. John Brown reported that Diane Macpherson received word that she will be ordained at the Annual meeting of London Conference in May 2008. Diane thanked presbytery for their support during her years as a student.

Wendy Noble's learning goals have been received.

All forms for Barb Dawson are in order.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination forms will be available for the next presbytery meeting.

Nominations include :Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer
Unit Chairpersons

The Bridge, centre fold pages in the Observer, wish you to share the joys (in your congregations) with them so they can be included in the next edition.

Check with St. Paul's Aylmer for Women's Renewal Day, and Marriage Course dates for these events.

NEXT MEETING

The February 19, 2008 Presbytery meeting will be held at Central United Church beginning at 6 p.m. with dessert and coffee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)

