

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The March meeting of Elgin Presbytery was held at Union United Church. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by acting Chairperson Joan Golden. A quorum was present.

WELCOME

Rev. Rev. Ethel Miner-Clare welcomed us to Union United Church.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Donald Carroll, Wayne Ferguson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffen, Roberta Gillard, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, Cindy Earhart, Tom Charlton

Clergy: Joan Golden, Don Graham, Roger Landell, Wendy Milliken, Ethel Miner-Clare, Troy Van Ginkel, Harry Marissen, Brenda MacMain

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral - Diane Macpherson

Conference - Bev Robinson

Regrets: Jean Mitchell, Barb Dawson, Don Page, Janess Binns-Landell, Don Macpherson

Introductions- Tom Charlton, Brenda MacMain

Absent – Rev. James Evans, Rev. James Izawa, Jung Hee-Park, Rev. John Brown, Rev. Elgin Rintoul. Rev. James White, Barb Furneaux Doug Andrews, Nora Brooks, Jane Cox, Kay Chamberlain, Jo Ann Day, Bob Karn, Terry Lanning, John Martyn, Donna Penhale, George Walker, Marilyn Mitchell

AGENDA

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

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2008-15 to 2008-18 dated February 19 , 2008, as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Presbytery Executive minutes pages 2008-20 stated meeting was cancelled due to weather.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN
2008-35 Kent Presbytery
36 London Conference

SUBJECT
Presbytery Minutes
Conference Dinner Theatre

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2008-37 London Conference	Good News Info for Your Congregation
38 General Council	Aboriginal & Church Leaders Tour
39 General Council	Aboriginal & Church Leaders Tour
40 London Conference	London Conf. Social Justice Network
41 Dunwich Pastoral Charge	Pastoral Charge Profile/ JNAC
42 London Conference	Conference form Re: Retirees / Jubilands
43 PWCC	Financials
44 General Council	“More Franchises than Tim Hortons”
45 PWCC	Financials
46 General Council	Conex Issue #14 available on line
47 M. Stevens	Challenging Empire-a call to Community
48 Oxford Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
49 M. Stevens	Welcoming Differences Flyer
50 London Conference	Godly Play workshop
51 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
52 H. McLean	Planned Giving Updates
53 Norwich United Church	Ideas requested re:volunteer drivers policy

TREASURER’S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to receive the Treasurer’s report to March 18, 2008 stating a bank balance of \$8,268.54. See Appendix # 1 **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to transfer \$723.10 (line 26) Book Store to the General Fund.

CARRIED

WORSHIP

Rev. Ethel Miner Clare, Roberta Gillard, and Wayne Ferguson, Union United Church led us in a short worship.

UNIT REPORTS

UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

Mission and Service Fund 2007: Elgin Presbytery raised \$159,202;

Nationally raised \$29,976,796.

Gift Catalogue 2007: raised \$125,000-----in 2006 \$90,000

Information about our churches needs to be updated on Elgin Presbytery we site — check your church info and send corrections to web master Joe Richards at www.joe@pearcewilliams.org

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE WILL BE SENDING A LETTER TO EACH CONGREGATION ASKING FOR HELP FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Pearce Williams Christian Centre show a negative Bank Balance -\$21,000

Exciting news — Pearce Williams Christian Centre has been approved by United Appeal for \$20,000.

Summer staff hiring is now going on. There is a new three tier payment system for registering kids for camp: camp registration is \$240.00

It was moved and seconded that Pearce Williams Christian Centre Receive \$4,000 from the treasurer with in the next week. **CARRIED**

Check National web site for information with regard to a pastor in prison in the Philippines. –add to your prayer list.

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 –No report.

Education and Students –No report

Pastoral Oversight – congregations need to provide 1 copy of their Annual Report to this committee

Pastoral Relations –

It was moved and seconded to approve request of Malahide /Richmond Pastoral Charge to appoint George Walker, Lay Pastoral Minister from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 according to terms read to the court but not recorded. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to approve, with reservations, knowing the congregation has money to pay for the renovations the request for \$5,000 grant from National Church Funds.

1 Abstention

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to grant Brenda Mac Main licence for the sacraments pending completed paper work.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery recommend that London Conference remove the Straffordville/Port Burwell pastoral Charge from the Vacancy list and that the Pastoral Charge revisit their Joint Needs Assessment. **CARRIED**

VISIONING WITH BEV ROBERTSON

Copies of the ELGIN PRESBYTERY CONSTITUTION DRAFT # 1 were reviewed by presbyters and questions were asked. Following discussion the court was asked to study the draft and **to come prepared to vote** on it at the April 15, 2008 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The April 15 , 2008 Presbytery meeting will be held at St. Paul's United Church Aylmer beginning at 5:30 p.m. with dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)