

## PRESBYTERY MINUTES

### CONSTITUTION

The April meeting of Elgin Presbytery was held at St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by acting Chairperson Joan Golden. A quorum was present.

### WELCOME

Rev. Don Graham welcomed us to Union United Church.

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Jane Cox, Barb Dawson, Wayne Ferguson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Roberta Gillard, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Ellen Palmer, Donna Penhale, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Cindy Earhart, Joe Richards

Clergy: Joan Golden, Don Graham, Roger Landell, Wendy Milliken, Jung hee Park, Ethel Miner-Clare, Troy Van Ginkel, John Brown, Harry Marissen, Brenda MacMain, James White  
Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral - Diane Macpherson

Conference - Bev Robinson

Regrets: Jean Mitchell, James Evans, Janess Binns-Landell, Don Macpherson

Introductions- Devon Person, Gary Calvert, Debbie Jarvis, Mary Johan, Trisha Van Gorp, Tera Gavey

Absent – Rev. James Izawa, Rev. Elgin Rintoul. Barb Furneaux Doug Andrews, Nora Brooks, Kay Chamberlain, Jo Ann Day, Bob Karn, John Martyn, Don Page, 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 2008-22 to 2008-25 dated March 18 , 2008, as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Presbytery Executive minutes pages 2008-27 to 2008-29 dated April 2, 2008 were received for information only.

### BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Correction was noted regarding absence of Pensions report in the minutes – now corrected.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

| <b>IN</b>                              | <b>SUBJECT</b>                               |
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| 2008-60 London Conference              | Conference Executive Minutes                 |
| 61 Don Macpherson                      | Re:Yarmouth Centre Manse                     |
| 62 Glenda McMillan                     | Re:Member at Large                           |
| 63 London Conference                   | Staff Positions Available in General Council |
| 64 Pastor Troy Van Ginkel              | Re: Concert at Central                       |
| 65 Annett Skillings                    | Register on Line for Conference Annual       |
| Meeting                                |  |
| 66 London Conference                   | London Conference Nominations                |
| 67 Sparta /Union                       | Minutes of congregational meeting            |
| 68 General Council                     | Statistics Form Report                       |
| 69 General Council                     | Congregations Encouraged to go Green         |
| 70 General Council                     | Church membership to participate in          |
| National Organ & Tissue awareness Week |  |
|  | April 20-27, 2008                            |
| 71 Five Oaks                           | “The Greening of our Faith” event May 9-11   |
| 72 General Council Executive           | R:Directors & Officers Liability Insurance   |
| Application                            |  |
| 73 Yarmouth Centre United Church       | Re: sale of manse                            |
| 74 Union United Church                 | Re: sale of manse                            |

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

It was moved and seconded to receive the Treasurer’s report to April 15, 2008 stating a bank balance of \$11,822.47. See Appendix # 1 **CARRIED**

**WORSHIP**

Rev. Don Graham led in a worship service “The Skills of Leadership”.

**REVIEW AND VOTE ON DRAFT OF CONSTITUTION WITH BEV ROBINSON**

A lengthy discussion on he draft proposal of the Elgin Presbytery Constitution and many questions were asked of Bev Robinson.

Each page of the document was discussed and changes made as presbyters proceeded through the document.

It was moved and seconded that the vote on the document be by ballot. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Bev Robinson and Roger Landell be the scrutineers for the vote. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery accept the Draft Document as amended.

Counted ballots YES - 25 NO - 1 **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed. **CARRIED**

## **UNIT REPORTS**

### **UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION**

Local Arrangements — need two pulpit chairs from local churches for display at Conference Annual Meeting in Aylmer on May 23-25, 2008.

### **UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

### **UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION**

Internship- No report

Pensions - No report.

Education and Students – Barb Dawson, and Wendy Noble to be interviewed by London Conference Guidance Committee on April 25, 2008

Pastoral Oversight – No report

Settlement - meets at Riverside United Church May 13-14, 2008 to settle students to be ordained on May 24, 2008

Pastoral Relations

Southwold Pastoral Charge investigative committee to meet on April 25, 2008 to tell congregations of their findings for the Pastoral Charge.

Malahide Pastoral Charge – will be requesting permission for George Walker, LPMIT, to do the sacraments.

Straffordville- Joint Search Committee in place.

Rodney – Still need appointment form and to see police check for Brenda Mac Main and need to grant their request for reappointment for July 1, 2008 when we receive the forms.

Roger Landell to attend the Conference MPE upcoming meeting.

Letters have been received from Yarmouth Centre United Church and Union United Church requesting to sell the manse in each community.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery grant permission to Yarmouth Centre United Church to proceed with sale of the manse. Appraisal value, a map layout of the property and what they are going to do with the money from the sale to be approved by Elgin Presbytery.

**CARRIED** It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery grant permission to Union United Church to proceed with sale of the manse. Appraisal value, a map layout of the property and what they are going to do with the money from the sale to be approved by Elgin Presbytery .

**CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Presbyters expressed their thanks to Doug Lee and Deb Graham for their year long job of working on the Local Arrangements Committee for the Conference Annual Meeting.

London Conference is looking at a change in the way the assessment is being done– this will mean an increase in our Elgin Presbytery assessment to London Conference. Please be aware of this when discussed at the Annual Meeting on May 23-25, 2008.

**NEXT MEETING**

The June 17, 2008 Presbytery meeting will be held at Grace United Church beginning at 5:30 p.m. with dinner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting closed with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)