

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The February meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at Pearce Williams Christian Centre. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Joan Golden. A quorum was present.

WELCOME

Joan Golden Presbytery Chairperson, welcomed presbyters to the February meeting. Special guests were Kerri Graham, Charles Mc Millan, Samantha Hunt.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Tom Charlton, Don Miller, Jane Cox, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Roberta Gillard, Mary Johann, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Ellen Palmer, June Warren, Joe Richards

Absent: Doug Andrews, Nora Brooks, Donald Carroll, Gord Griffin, Wayne Ferguson, Bob Karn, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Jean Mitchell, Don Page, Devin Pearson, Donna Penhale, Ken Verrell

Regrets: Jo Ann Day, Cindy Earhart, Hazel Sims

Clergy: Jim Evans, Don Graham, Joan Golden, Brenda MacMain, Wendy Milliken, Troy Van Ginkel,

Regrets: Roger Landell, Diane Macpherson, Don Macpherson, Jung Hee Park, Henry Marissen, John Brown

Absent: James Izawa, , James White

Staff Associates - absent- Barb Furneaux

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Laurie O'Leary

Absent: George Walker

Conference Staff: regrets--Bev Robinson

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

WORSHIP

COMMUNITY BUILDING and TRUST

Learning Together

Joe Richards, Administrator Director, Pearce Williams Christian Centre, led presbyters in an exercise in community building and trust by forming presbyters into two teams where each person set a mouse trap then formed them into a circle without having them go off. Some were setters, some gave advice on how to set them, some just watched. Many new skills were learned. We were encouraged to take this exercise back to our churches or other groups that we participate and work within.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Guests Kerri Graham and Charles McMillan who have attended General Council as commissioners from Elgin Presbytery told us of their work they had to do before attending the week long National Church meeting and their work while at the meeting— their committees they were on — long days — lasting memories of their time spent with people from all over Canada at the General Council meeting.

SUPPER

DISCUSSION TIME

Reports from the Teams in answer to the following questions:

What can we celebrate with you?

What can we help you with?

What can we pray with you?

Answers to those questions during the discussion time were recorded on large sheets of newsprint to be tabulated by Troy Van Ginkel, Joe Richards and Joan Golden will report to the presbytery at the next meeting.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2008-72 to 2008-74 dated November 18, 2008 as printed and circulated. **CARRIED**

Minutes from Covenanting service page 2008-75 dated November 30, 2008 and.....

Executive Minutes pages 2008-77 to 200879 dated December 3, 2008 and

Covenanting service page 2009-01 dated January 4, 2009 and.....

Executive Minutes pages 2009-03 to 2009-04 dated January 7, 2009 and.....

Executive Minutes pages 2009-06 to 2009-08 dated February 4, 2009 were received for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

TEAM REPORTS

ANIMATION TEAM

A letter was sent to each Pastoral charge regarding the presbytery assessment paid for the running of our presbytery. Some pastoral charges included it in their annual report.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Brenda McMMain and Glenda McMillan will co-chair this team.

We met recently and discussed issues tat we felt were important to this team. What you would like the team to provide : retreats; resources; days apart; etc.: names of young people who might want to be part of a Presbytery Youth Group: we have a preliminary plan for an event in June to promote Presbytery joining together for fun not just meetings; providing information on events or holding an event for Seniors in the congregations.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM (cont'd)

Information is available about Youth Forum from the conference office

Information is available about Church Sunday School summer programming event April 29, 2009 at five Oaks

We are willing to work with the Justice Team.

Pearce Williams Christian Centre Report: the Annual General Meeting of Pearce will be held at Pearce Williams on March 3, 2009 at 7:00p.m.

Summer staff is now being hired and camp registrations are available.

JUSTICE TEAM

The team has met to discuss their job and had questions to the court as to their tasks as a team.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL TEAM

No report. _____

SHOW ME THE MONEY TEAM

No report.

WORSHIP TEAM

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no further business at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held **April 21, 2009 at 5 p.m. at St. Paul's, Aylmer**

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)