

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The April meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, on April 21, 2009. 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 April meeting. .

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Don Miller, Jo Ann Day, Cindy Earhart, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Roberta Gillard, Mary Johann, Ruth Karn, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Jean Mitchell, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, June Warren, Joe Richards

Absent: Doug Andrews, Nora Brooks, Donald Carroll, Wayne Ferguson, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Don Page, Donna Penhale

Regrets: Ken Verrell, Tom Charlton, Jane Cox

Clergy: Jim Evans, Don Graham, Joan Golden, Roger Landell, Wendy Milliken, Ethel Miner Clare, Diane Macpherson, Don Macpherson, Troy Van Ginkel, John Brown, Henry Marissen

Regrets: Jung Hee Park, Brenda MacMain

Absent: James Izawa, , James White

Staff Associates - absent- Barb Furneaux

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Laurie O'Leary

Absent: George Walker

Conference Staff: Peter Kingsbury

Introductions— Rev. Bill Vanderbeeken, Ruth Karn

AGENDA

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

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the presbytery minutes pages 2009-10 to 2009-12 dated February 22, 2009 as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

The executive minutes pages 2009- to 2009- dated March 4, 2009; Ministry Personnel Team Minutes pages 2009- to 2009- dated March 24, 2009; executive minutes pages 2009- to 2009- dated April 1, 2009 were received for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN	SUBJECT
2009-43 General Council	Easter/ Pentecost Postings
44 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
45 General Council	Learning in Community Grant
46 General Council	Re: Changes to Management Structure of General Council
47 M. Stevens	M&S Fund Year to Date Survey
48 Betsy Anderson	ConEd at Emmanuel College
49 Global and Ecumenical Relations	Seeking Mission Theme 2011-2013
50 Five Oaks	Streams of Faith with Lois Wilson
51 London Conference	Living the Hope
52 London Conference	Racialized & Deaf Guest At General Council 2009
53 Oxford Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
54 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
55 General Council	Call for Mission Theme and Proposals
56 General Council	From: General Secretary: Management Structure
Update	
57 Straffordville	Letter to Clarify Travel and Manse Utilities

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed and circulated. See Appendix #1-0409. **CARRIED**

WORSHIP

Members of the Worship Team led the presbyters in a short worship.

INSTALLATION OF CHAIRPERSON

Rev. Troy Van Ginkel was installed as the new Elgin Presbytery Chairperson for the year 2009-2010 by Joan Golden Chairperson who presented Rev. Troy Van Ginkel with symbols of the office, a gavel and a stole.

Rev. Troy Van Ginkel's first job as the new chairperson was to thank Joan Golden for her work over the last two difficult years as the presbytery worked through a new constitution for the presbytery. A parting gift was presented to Joan.

TEAM REPORTS

ANIMATION TEAM

Posters will be made available for the presbytery about the Presbytery PotLuck Picnic in the Park June 6, 2009 12 noon to 3 p.m.

WORSHIP

No report.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

The team is working on plans for the Picnic in the Park, June 6, 2009.
The name tags for each presbyter will be re done making the lettering larger.

JUSTICE TEAM

The team members asked if there were presbyters interested in part 2 of the Rural Workshop “Alive and Kicking” to be held again in the fall. If a number are interested the planning and leadership team will schedule a day for it to happen in Elgin Presbytery. Please let the team members know if you are interested.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL TEAM

Settlement — the conference Settlement committee meets May 5-6, 2009; there are 4 settlement charges and 4 students in our conference. Across the country there are 83 pastoral charges wanting settlement and only 56 candidates available to fill them and half of those candidates have conditions to their settlement placements.

Pensions – no report_____

Education and Students – Janess Landell to purchase the presbytery ordination gift for Barb Dawson. Laying on of hands will be done by now Chairperson, Joan Golden.
Student Wendy Noble has her conference interview in the spring not the fall.

Pastoral Oversight—Pearce Williams Christian Centre requests an Oversight visit before the Camp can be reaffirmed for accreditation. Rev. Jim Evans and Deb Graham are the presbytery reps for the visit. Two other Pastoral Charges will be having a visit when dates can be set with the minister and the church board.

Pastoral Relations— It was moved and seconded to appoint George Walker to the Malahide Richmond Pastoral Charge from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 according to the terms read but not recorded. **CARRIED**

The manse inspection has been done in the Straffordville manse.

The JNAC is finished at west Lorne. Report being completed for presbytery. They are seeking a half time minister. Rev. Jim white is willing to stay as Sunday Supply until new minister is called.

Rev. Jim Izawa is back to work at the Dexter / Port Stanley Pastoral Charge following his sick leave.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery accept Jung-Hee Park’s request for a change of Pastoral Relations . **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Don MacPherson and Hazel Sims be the presbytery reps on the Fingal Pastoral Charge JNAC. **CARRIED**

If change is needed , Joan Golden is to be supervisor on the West Lorne Pastoral Charge .

Settlement Meeting reps from Elgin Presbytery are Rev. Troy van Ginkel and Mary Johann.

Lori O’Leary is doing the United church Polity course.

SHOW ME THE MONEY TEAM

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Pearce Williams Christian Centre is now a member agency of the United Way. So donations to the camp can be made to United Way.

The summer enrollment is ahead of last year at this time. Bursary applications need to be in by May 15, 2009. Camping Sunday is April 26, 2009. Beef Dinner at the Camp is April 26, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. —call for ticket reservations, price \$25.00 for two tickets or \$15.00 each. There will be a work bee on May 9, 2009, United Day of Caring. May 24, 2009 is camp Open House. Staff hiring going well. A COOK is needed for the summer camps.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held **September 11 - 12, 2009 at Pearce Williams Christian Centre.**

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)

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