

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

GRACE UNITED CHURCH
OCTOBER 18, 2011
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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

WELCOME

The Executive members were welcomed to the Elgin Presbytery Executive meeting on October 18, 2011 by Chairperson Diane Macpherson.

CONSTITUTION AND WORSHIP

The Executive meeting was constituted as a court of the church by Chairperson Diane Macpherson . A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Diane Macpherson, Ellen Palmer, Henry Marissen, Roger Landell, Joan Golden, Jean Mitchell, Glenda McMillan, Roberta Gillard, Jim Evans and members of the worship and trustees committees from Grace and St. Mark's Churches.

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Executive minutes page 2011-30 dated June 14, 2011 and the Executive minutes page 2011-37 dated September 20, 2011 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

IN	SUBJECT
2011-250 –Goderich	Tornado Fund Raiser
251 M. Stevens	Trip to Canada
252 L. Devito	Horn of Africa Update
253 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
254 J. Rypma	Five Oaks Fall Workshops
255 J. Rypma	Five Oaks – Presbytery Announcement
256 London Conference	Opportunities to serve
257 London Conference	Position Conference Exec. Secretary Bay of Quinte
258 London Conference	Conference Executive Highlights
259 London Conference	Churches week of Action for World Food Week
260 B. Anderson	Emmanuel Con Ed Newsletter

261 C. Zakib	New Aboriginal Theological School
262 Rob Broadbent	Home Fire Safety
263 M. Mui	Learning Circles – Lay Worship Leaders
264 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery minutes
265 Sharron Russel	Unified Board Dexter/ Port Stanley
266 London Conference	Centre for Clergy Care
267 London Conference	Dr. John Crossan at Metropolitan United
268 Tanya Cameron	Fall Information
269 London Conference	Letters from Columbia
270 Judy Lewchuck	Workshop-Famine Food Bank & You
271 Kent Presbytery	Marwood Funeral
272 D Graham	Sacrament Elder Request
273 PWCC	Financials
274 Rodney United Church	JNAC report
275 Fingal	Information Re: Sale of Church
276 Dunwich Pastoral Charge	Re: Amalgamation of 3 congregations
277 London Conference	Bay of Quinte CES Posting
278 General Council	General Council Youth Forum Publicity & Process
279 Central United	Review of Pastoral Relations Central and Troy Van Ginkel

INFORMATION FOR PRESBYTERY

The trustees and worship committee members along with their minister, Rev. Jim Evans, came to the Elgin Presbytery Executive to discuss and inform Elgin Presbytery about two motions made and passed at Congregational meeting on September 25, 2011.

- 1) That Sunday morning worship of Grace United Church be at St. Mark's United Church starting the first Sunday in November
- 2) That trustees place Grace United Church building up for sale

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATION

The Moderator will be visiting Middlesex and Elgin on October

The Presbytery Visioning Workshop was held October 15, 2011 at First United church with a good attendance.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Treasurer, Marilyn Mitchell reported that the assessments from the churches are coming in.

A formal letter will be sent to Sparta trustees with a copy to the board regarding their wish to purchase the church building.

Treasurer's Report---- there is no change from the September meeting. Straffordville is behind in their assessment payments.

FAITH FORMATION AND JUSTICE

No report.

MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Executive approve the Joint Needs Assessment Committee Report of Rodney United Church. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Executive approve the Student Supply appointment of Laurie O'Leary to the Southwold Pastoral Charge September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, based on 26 hours per week and all other requirements of the manual approved but not recorded. **CARRIED**

Letter to be sent to Straffordville stating that Elgin Presbytery looks favourably upon their request for the appointment of Doug Andrews as a Sacrament Elder for Straffordville Pastoral Charge and that Elgin Presbytery Education and Students Chair, Rev. John Brown, is seeking out the required training for this appointment with an answer by November presbytery meeting.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery Finance and Administration send letter to Dexter / Port Stanley Pastoral Charge stating approval to eliminate our "Council" and blend its responsibilities with those of our Official Board, for both congregations due to declining number of people who do the work. One combined unit could as easily do the work of three. The trial period is for one year, after which time they will assess its success. It is noted that the Pastoral Charge is in the middle of a Joint Search for ministry personnel. **CARRIED**

Question of concern for Richmond/Malahide Pastoral Charge --how long does Presbytery leave them on weekend supply ministry?

PEARCE WILLIAMS

The monthly financials to September 29, 2011 report the following:

Bank Balance	\$13,393.19	
Accounts Payable		
Dowler Karn	452.84	
Hydro One Office	1,501.96	
Hydro One Pearce	502.07	
Hydro One Rental	262.25	
Swish Mtnc	1,397.02	
Van Pelts	<u>268.81</u>	
	4,384.95	
Actual Bank Balance (Operating Account)		\$9,008.24
Actual Bank Balance (Capital Account)		\$11,533.37
Actual Bank Balance (Trust Account)		\$25,647.44
PWCC INVESTMENTS		
Investor's Group (Capital)		0.00
Investor's Group (Trust)		0.00
CIBC Wood Gundy		0.00
CIBC Investor Services		\$11,188.00

CONFERENCE REPORT

No report

OTHER BUSINESS

Dunwich Pastoral Charge --- the recommendations were approved by the Charge and amalgamation has taken place now known as Dunwich United Church.

Moderator's Visit--- happens October 20. 2011 in Middlesex and Elgin presbyteries
Chairperson Diane expressed on behalf of visioning committee that the visioning day was very successful with a good representation from across the presbyter.
Rev. Henry Marissen announced a Music Night at Springfield United Church November 6, 2011, 7 p.m. with a Praise Quartet.

NEXT MEETING

Location: Talbotville United Church

Time – 1:30 p.m.

December 20, 2011 *(may be rescheduled due to proximity to Christmas)*

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn the meeting

(Rev. Diane Macpherson, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, secretary)