

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The November 16, 2011 meeting of Elgin Presbytery was held at Union United Church. The meeting was constituted as a court of the church by Chairperson Rev. Diane Macpherson. A quorum was present.

WELCOME

Chairperson, Rev. Diane Macpherson welcomed presbyters to the June meeting of Elgin Presbytery and opened the meeting with prayer.

Introductions: Terry Lanning, rep for Central United Church, John Martyn, Sparta United Church, Rev. Cordell Parsons, Fingal United.

Announcements: Fingal Poinsetta Bazaar, December 3 (last bazaar due to closing June 2012), St. Andrew's Candles of Hope November 27, 2011 7 p.m., Union /Sparta Crafters Bazaar

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Roberta Gillard, Deb Graham, Terry Lanning, Ellen Palmer, Charles Beckett, Don Paige, Ruth Karn, Marilyn Mitchell, Glenda McMillan, Don Miller, Karen Auckland, Mary Johann, Ruth McCutcheon, June Warren, Joe Richards, and Donna Penhale

Clergy: Don Macpherson, Don Graham, Henry Marrison, John Brown, Joan Golden, Cordell Parsons, Diane Macpherson, Jim Evans, Ethel Miner Clare,

Students Serving a Pastoral Charge- Laurie O'Leary

Regrets:

Conference Staff-

Absent: Jo Ann Day, Adrian Neil, Bill Vander Veeken

Staff Associates - absent- Barb Furneaux

Students- Anne Loucks

AGENDA

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

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the presbytery minutes pages 2011-39- to 2011-42, dated September 20, 2011.

CARRIED

Executive Minutes Extra Meeting pages 2011-37 dated September 20, 2011 for information

Executive Minutes pages 2011-44 to 2011-47 dated October 18, 2011 for information.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

The Visioning Committee reported on the presbytery event held in October. Forty Three people attended and all participated in the visioning for churches.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN

2011-280 PWCC
281 J Rypma
282 Anne
283 M. Stevens
284 M. Stevens
285 M. Stevens
286 K Marwood
287 Ken Presbytery
288 Kent Presbytery
289 Anne
290 J. Gould
291 R. Gillard
292 P. Kukadia
293 P. Kukadia
294 London Conference
295 PWCC
296 London Conference
297 Sparta United Church
298 Emmanuel College
299 Kent Presbytery
300 London Conference
301 M. Stevens
302 M. Stevens
303 Union United Church

304 Fingal
305 Straffordville United Church
306 Shedden United Church

SUBJECT

You and Your Church Linear Workshop
Take Five at Five Oaks
Making Most of Retirement
Support Global 2Q Youth
Share Widely – Green Audit
CIDA Update for Kairos
Nicaragua Weather Update
Presbytery Executive Minutes
Minutes of Covenanting Service
Re-Launch
Conference archives to-do List F/A Elgin
Farewell Service Cowell United Church
Appointment of Executive Secretary
Visitation & Funeral Rev. Geo. Cox
Hope Book
Financials to date
Anne Loucks – granted permission
Agreement to Purchase & Sale
November Con-ed Newsletter
Presbytery Minutes
Spirit sightings
November message to M&S Enthusiasts
Gan E Network
Re: process to separate from Sparta United Church
Request for re-appt Rev. Cordell Parsons
Permission to sell Manse
Permission to sell Church

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATION

Cowal United Church will be closing and farewell service will be held

FAITH FORMATION--- no report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery that upon the sale of church properties or disbanding of congregations the amount of assessment for the following 3 years for Elgin Presbytery will be given to Elgin Presbytery at the time of disbandment or sale. This motion will be effective as of November 15, 2011. **CARRIED**

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (cont'd)

Agreement and Purchase of Sale for the Sparta United Church and Manse was received on November 3, 2011 and a request to rescind the Agreement and Purchase of Sale for the Sparta United Church was received on November 13, 2011.

F & A will meet with the board of Straffordville United Church re- process to sell the manse.
F&A will meet with the board of Bethany United Church in Shedden re- process to sell the church.

F&A will meet with Dunwich Pastoral Charge concerning the sale of a church on the charge.
F&A will be a meeting with treasurers of churches in Eglin Presbytery on November 28, 2011

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed and circulated showing a Bank Balance of \$19,242.07 (See Appendix #1) **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed Budget for 2012 (See Appendix # 1)

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery change the method of assessment for London Conference portion of our assessment to 1,88% of line 40 with Elgin Presbytery portion to be based on resident members.

CARRIED**MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION**

INTERNSHIP--- no report

PENSIONS--- no report

EDUCATION AND STUDENTS ---no report

OVERSIGHT--- visit to be made to St. Paul's Aylmer by Don Macpherson and Terry Lanning
Visit to Suburban Pastoral Charge to be made in the new year by Deb Graham and Terry Lanning.

PASTORAL RELATIONS--- Rodney to form Joint Search Committee

Straffordville re-their request for Sacrament Elder--- It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery authorize John Brown to obtain Sacrament Elder workbook, talk to Doug Andrews and have Doug work through the workbook and when completed, a recommendation be made to London Conference for Doug to be a Sacrament Elder. **CARRIED**

Richmond / Malahide Pastoral Charge sent letter requesting Pastoral Care.

PEARCE WILLIAMS CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Pearce Williams Christian Centre Information Brochure "Called to Grow". The brochure explains their plans for the future.

The Linear Giving Workshop was successful.

The Pearce Williams Board of Directors only has 4 members. Presbytery reps are encouraged to join the board.

Registrations for summer camp 2012 need to be in before December 12 to be sure to get a free Tee shirt.

CONFERENCE REPORT

"Preventing Sexual Abuse" booklet available at the Conference Office.

Conference Division of Communication and Public Relations need people to fill the following positions: Web site, Paper, Public Relations, Resource Centres and a Chairperson. Volunteer is the spirit moves you.

It was moved and seconded to receive all reports.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Jim Evans led the discussion on Remit 4 --- frequency and time of Conference Annual meeting. It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery vote YES to Remit 4. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that a special meeting of Elgin Presbytery be held to deal with Remit 5A and 5B.

It was moved and seconded that the motion be amended stating date and time of meeting to be November 30, 7 p.m. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that a special Meeting of Elgin Presbytery be held to deal with Remit 5A and 5B on November 30, 7 p.m. **CARRIED**

The Booklet of history of Elgin United Churches to be updated.

Theological Reflection was given by Diane Macpherson

NEXT MEETING

The next Presbytery meeting will be held **January 17, 2012, full court at 6:30 p.m. Place -- Talbotville United Church Ministry Personnel and Education to meet at 5 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

(Diane Macpherson, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)