

Present: Clint Halladay, Reverend Takouhi, Charalee Smith, Jim Earl, Deborah Jodoin, Joanne McLean, Ted Brett, Heather Gribben, Marion Cooper, Margaret Ross, Brian Blowes, Adrian Overdulve, Sandra Smith

Guests: Barb Rowat, Gary Petro, John Carley

The meeting was held in the Centennial Lounge of Elgin United Church, called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Clint Halladay, with a quorum present.

2. Reverend Takouhi opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda - two new items were added to #8 New Business: b. Outreach and church use

c. Cleanup of church office

Motion by Deborah Jodoin, seconded by Joanne McLean to adopt the agenda with the additional items. CARRIED

4. Minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting - no additions or errors

Motion by Ted Brett, seconded by Marion Cooper to adopt the minutes of September 8, 2016 CARRIED

5. Business Arising from meeting September 8, 2016 -

a) Nursery School - Jim Earl reported that the five days per week and use of the Centennial Lounge plan is on hold while staffing issues are being dealt with. Application has been made to the Township for a grant. Duct cleaning and vacuum replacement will depend on the approval of the grant application. Aero Duct Cleaning estimate \$530.

b) Property - Jim Earl reported

i. lawn care - summer students provided the lawn care - \$540

ii. snow removal - Jim Earl is looking for someone to take this on. Must be on call 24/7 and ensure safe access to walkway, propane tanks, sign, and parking spaces in front of church.

iii. big hall downstairs - the work is completed and Jim credits the hard working volunteers for completing the task in a short and cost efficient manner. Total cost was \$250 for paint and primer.

iv. maintenance items - smoke detectors batteries to be changed. Reprogramming of downstairs thermostat. Jim noted the exceptional amount of work that Paul Simpson did when he was property manager.

v. roof - north dormer re-shingled and new vents still needed (\$2400). Leak repair at entrance \$1200. Shingles on the main roof failed due to lack of vents.

Quote estimate for the bell tower - louvers, paint, re-pointing, re-painting - \$5700 Drew Larabie, Alco Construction

Reverend Takouhi noted the possibility of grant funding for this work.

Marion Cooper acknowledged and thanked Jim Earl for taking on the many responsibilities of property management and for doing a wonderful job. This was echoed by council.

vi. auction - Jim listed the items that need to be moved out after the downstairs cleanup -

30 wooden stacking chairs

10 brown chairs

3 alter chairs

7 pews

4 folding tables

Drew Larabie will also sell items and split his proceeds 50/50 with Elgin United Church.

Brian Blowes has agreed to be our auctioneer.

Jim Earl will do the booking of the Lions Hall for November 22 at 6:30 PM

Trustees present, Adrian Overdulve, Ted Brett, Jim Earl, approved the selling of the above noted church items.

Joanne McLean will decide if food will be available for this event.

Motion by Ted Brett, seconded by Marion Cooper that Elgin United Church hold an auction at Elgin Lions Hall on November 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM to sell church items as approved by the Elgin United Church Trustees. CARRIED

- c) Stewardship - the letter for our letter campaign is nearly done and will be sent out when ready.
- d) Caring and Sharing - Deborah Jodoin reported that two devotional books(Margaret Martin and Reverend Takouhi) were given to Kathleen Small in recognition of her unofficial ministry on behalf of the caring and sharing group.

6. Correspondence

- a) Thank you card from the Elgin and Area Heritage Society for the donation of the oak lectern/ podium.
- b) Charalee Smith reported that she has had correspondence from our World Vision child and will be sharing that with the congregation.

7.Reports

- a) Treasurer - Joanne McLean distributed copies of her report. ATTACHMENT #1

Bank Balances	Benevolent	\$671 (Rev Takouhi has cash float \$300)
	GIC	\$16816
	Current Acct.	\$4678 (Joanne has cash float \$300 for events)
Included in current account	building	\$655
	memorial	\$9323
	M&S	\$545
	DIG	\$748
	food bank	\$1011
Outstanding bills - Mountain View		\$211.30
	Koktan	\$203.40

On Tuesday October 25, 2016 Joanne McLean, Donna Bennett, and Sandra Smith met with Ann Marie Frankovitch, CIBC Smiths Falls, to discuss the five GICs which are deposited at CIBC Toronto. She suggested that we leave them at Toronto and we can operate them through Smiths Falls. To do this she needs a letter signed by our Chair giving signing authority for Joanne to sign, along with the signature of either Sandra Smith or Donna Bennett.

Motion by Joanne McLean, seconded by Sandra Smith to cash two GICs for a total of \$6963.16, to be used for operating costs, leaving approximately \$10,000 in GICs.

Discussion followed when concerns were raised about the cashing of the GICs. Chair Clint Halladay called for each person in attendance to voice their concerns/opinion. Concerns about the use of money for the building rather than outreach, questions about the closure of our church (noted that Tom Walton assessed our resources would last another eighteen months), importance of increasing weekly givings, the lack of personnel/volunteers to carry on the work.

A show of hands vote was called with six in favour and three opposed.

CARRIED

Joanne McLean requested council approval to destroy old (greater than seven years) accounting records and envelopes.

Motion by Joanne McLean, seconded by Margaret Ross to destroy accounting records older than seven years and envelopes older than one year. CARRIED

Motion by Joanne McLean, seconded by Deborah Jodoin to leave the remaining GICs in CIBC Toronto and to manage them through the Smiths Falls CIBC. CARRIED

Clint Halladay will address the congregation regarding our money situation and is working on a letter for mail out.

b) Minister's Report

- November 27, 2016 - Light of Christ. Music leadership to be decided. EUC is the third stop. Ten dozen cookies are requested for the event.
- Food bank bags to be prepared with the 6th graders again this year. December 2, 2016?
- Addison United Church has purchased three sermons, to be put on DVD, at \$165 per sermon and a donation of \$25 to M&S in EUCs name. Brian Blowes will facilitate this endeavour.

c) Fundraiser - concert. Margaret Ross reported on the great success of the concert. \$2035 earned minus \$500 in expenses plus \$30 from the sale of six books.

A very big thank you to Margaret Ross and everyone who made this event such a success.

d) Feast of Stephen - November 20. Joanne McLean reported that plans are well underway. Posters, tickets, turkeys ordered, plates, entertainment. Adrian Overdulse has talked with the high school band, Brian Blowes will rent some speakers, etc, Sean and Alex Price will perform as well as Rasa and Michelle Chant.

Tickets are \$20 and to be purchased in advance. Neil Kudrinko will be invited as a guest in recognition of his support of our fundraising events throughout the year.

8. New Business

a) Alternating Joint Services - Clint Halladay noted the excerpt from the Official Board meeting on September 13, 2016

New Business d. Winter Services 2017 - Jan to March

Consider winter alternation between January and February

Benefits of costs were some thoughts

Decision was to take this option back to the individual Council meetings in November

Council will discuss and vote to support or decline the alternation of services and present the result to the congregation.

Council will vote by a show of hands and congregation will vote by ballot.

Official Board explored issues of cost, ride sharing, heating expenses, minister and music director paid as usual. Noted that this suggestion of alternating services is not only about cost savings but also about how the two churches/congregations function together.

Joanne McLean submitted her report from her meeting with Ted Brett and Duncan Pickard. ATTACHMENT #2 Her conclusion is that we would lose money, not save money by going in this direction.

After a lengthy and vigorous discussion, Clint Halladay called for a show of hands vote to consider alternating services in January and February with Portland United Church.

Yes = 4 No = 4 Abstain = 2

Clint Halladay will speak to the congregation November 20, 2016 about the results.

b) Outreach and church use - John Carley spoke about the state of the economy, community, hunger, depression. Asked that people become proactive in church and community and partner to work towards helping people. Use EUC for concerts, speakers, movies, etc. Discussion and consensus to tap into this as we move forward.

c) Church office - Marian Cooper, with help from Donna Bennett, will clean up and sort items in the office.

9. Remarks from the Chair - Clint Halladay thanked everyone for the discussions and work completed during this meeting. He will take this information to the congregation as soon as possible as well as completion of a mail out letter. Will plan to speak to the congregation November 20, 2016.

Next meeting will be called at the discretion of the Chair.

10. Closing Prayer -

Adjourned at 9:20 PM