

Elgin United Church Council
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
March 11, 2018 1:10 – 1:45 p.m.
Sanctuary

In attendance: Marian Steacy, Mary Carbino, Charalee Smith, Jane Simpson, Karen Myers, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Ed Speers, Pat Greenhorn, Leighton Coatsworth, Joanne McLean, John Carley, Ted Brett, Sandra Smith, Jim Earl, Deborah Jodoin, Paul Simpson, Elizabeth Wright, Barb Rowat, Jim Rowat, June Smith, Cathy Ryan, Sharon Halladay, Clint Halladay, Rev Takouhi

Regrets:

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by the Chair, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.
2. Opening Prayer and Tribute to the Deceased: Rev Takouhi lit the Christ Candle, spoke of Jesus' telling us that He is the Light and we must shine also. She then read the roll as a tribute to those of our members who passed on in the last year.
3. Agenda: Paul Simpson motioned and Deborah Jodoin seconded that the agenda be accepted.
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4. Discussion of Reports: All reports were considered moved by the committee chair/presenter and a seconder was required for each report. Following discussion of all reports, the Chair will call for approval of the Annual Report:
 - The minutes of the last AGM, 19 February 2017, were authored by past council secretary Heather Gribben. John Carley seconded that they be approved;
 - The Note from the Chair was presented by Clint Halladay and seconded by Ted Brett;
 - The report of the Christian Youth and Young Adult (CYAYA) committee was presented by Charalee Smith. She reiterated her appreciation for Council's continuing support and Pat Greenhorn's help. Seconded by Sandra Smith;
 - The South Crosby Public School Breakfast Program was presented by Cathy Ryan. The committee is always looking for new volunteers. Joanne McLean seconded the presentation;
 - The Elgin Music Annual Report was submitted by Jim Earl. The Chair of Council commented on our excellent music program, Second to None! A major thank you to all involved. The submission was seconded by Charalee Smith;

- The Property Report was submitted by Jim Earl and seconded by Sandra Smith. Sandra then thanked Jim for “stepping into the breach” and made note of Paul Simpson’s strong support as well;
 - The Membership and Sacraments report was authored by Roberta and Alex McKinney. Paul Simpson seconded the submission. Rev Takouhi commented that she is encouraged to see the blessing of newcomers;
 - The Audio Visual Report was penned by Marg Ross and Brian Blowes. The Chair gives cudos to the AV team and is impressed by the enhancements to our church services. He noted that we are receiving a good amount of hits on our You Tube postings. This is Outreach! Maureen Bee seconded the submission;
 - The Elgin and District Cooperative Nursery School (EDCNS) was submitted by our nursery school liaison Jim Earl. John Carley seconded; and
 - The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Joanne McLean. There will be adjustments to the report – take off \$800 from PAR. Anyone wishing to make their offerings by PAR (Pre-authorized remittance) can talk to Joanne McLean, Sandra Smith, or Ted Brett. Change the “Interest Earned” line from \$82 to \$137. Our remittance to our pastoral charge increased from \$51,000 to \$52, 800 because of upcoming sabbatical and pulpit supply costs. Because of the very cold winter, heating bills rose. We are \$3627 in the black. A couple of generous memorial donations helped, but remember that small increases by many people works! This budget is still a draft because of the missed council meetings due to poor weather. It will be addressed at the next council meeting.
5. Vote for the Annual Report: The call for the approval of the annual report was approved.
6. Elections/Aclamations:
- Chair of Council: Ed Speers volunteered and was acclaimed;
 - M&P: Maureen Bee will continue on the committee. Clint Halladay noted that Mary Lynne Alderdice was brought on board during the past year;
 - Sharing and Caring Coordinator: Vacant; and
 - Social Coordinator: Vacant.
7. Remarks of the Outgoing Chair: Clint thanked ALL for their ongoing support. He expressed his admiration that we are a small but vibrant, dynamic group always moving forward. He stressed that we should constantly communicate amongst ourselves. As we move into a new governance structure and welcome new council members, Clint ended with a story of Maria and the Seven Wonders of the World. Her wonders are not physical objects, they are to Hear, to See, to Think, to Feel, to Touch, to Be Kind, and to Love.

8. Welcome of Incoming Chair and Remarks: We welcome Ed Speers as the new Chair of Council. Ed humbly accepted his role. He is impressed with our mission and feels our love. He talked about stepping out of the boat and keeping afloat!
9. Closing Prayer: Rev Takouhi offered our gratitude to our outgoing Chair Clint Halladay and welcomed Ed Speers to the Chair. She closed the meeting with a prayer.
10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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