



Elgin United Church Council, Elgin United Church, 77 Main Street, Elgin, ON K0G 1E0

Elgin United Church Council
Minutes of Meeting
February 11, 2018 12:30 – 12:50 p.m.
Sanctuary

In attendance: Clint Halladay, Carl Leggett, Rev Takouhi, Mark Bee, Sandra Smith, Marian Cooper, Ted Brett, Joanne McLean, Marg Ross, Charalee Smith, Jim Earl, Brian Blowes

Regrets:

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by the Chair, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.
2. Welcome & Opening Prayer: Clint welcomed us and thanked all for attending this short and sweet meeting.
3. Opening Prayer: Clint opened in prayer.
4. Agenda: Agenda accepted.
5. Minutes of October 3, 2017 We will accept the minutes of the October 3rd council meeting at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.
6. Business Arising from Minutes of October 11, 2017: Manse update – We have a new tenant and the rent is being paid on time. The current lease renews in June. Presbytery Grant Opportunity – The Audio Visual (AV) committee has sent a grant application to Presbytery. Equipment purchases to include the video camera, lighting, and sound (speakers). Fundraising Dinner February 18th – The dinner will not take place. Events are taking place in both Portland (Skate the Lake) and in Chaffey's Locks on the same evening.
7. Correspondence: – We received thank you correspondence from the Martin family, for our continued support to them. We received a request from Rideau District High School (RDHS) asking for confirmation that we would be presenting a bursary. We also received a request from St Luke's Anglican Church regarding catering. See new business for RDHS and St Luke's.
8. Committee Reports

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- a. CAYA: Charalee Smith noted that Alex Price will be going to El Salvador in March. Council had already approved \$400 to help her defray costs on this mission. Rev Takouhi has asked Alex's family if there is further need for funds. She didn't receive a definitive response. Charalee thinks that Alex wants to do a fundraising concert, after she returns from El Salvador. Sean Price was still in the church, during this after Sunday service council meeting, and he told us that he paid for the trip on February 10th and thanked us for the help we had already given. He also confirmed that a concert after the fact was envisioned. Joanne McLean suggested that we use some memorial donations (Dave Scotland, Howard Martin) to help. Joanne motioned and Marian Cooper seconded that another \$750 be granted. UNANIMOUS
- b. Audio Visual: AV staffing of back desk is going fairly well. AV still needs help. Lidia Smith has filled in for Clint and it is noted and appreciated! Sandra Smith mentioned approaching the high school again with an opportunity for community service.
- c. Worship Committee: Graham Lowe will lead the Elgin worship service on March 4th. This is the date for the Portland AGM. An evening of storytelling and music about Takouhi's childhood and her coming to Canada is planned for May 5th. There will be a free will offering.

9. New Business

- a. Bursary - Rideau District High School: Ted Brett motioned and Sandra Smith seconded that, as we have historically done, we present a \$250 bursary at commencement. If available, Carl Leggett will be pleased to make the presentation. UNANIMOUS.
- b. Concert on April 22nd: Jim Earl motioned that EUC let a 40 voice choir use our sanctuary for a concert on April 22nd. Carl seconded the motion. CARRIED
- c. Festival of Small Halls: Festival of Small Halls is accepting applications for their event in the fall of 2018. Council agreed for Marg and Clint to complete and submit an application on behalf of EUC.
- d. Catering Request: St Luke's Anglican Church requested that we cater their volunteers' luncheon in March. We regretfully declined. Rev Takouhi will let them know.
- e. Nominations: We're looking for a Council Chair, Catering Rep, Visitation Rep, and an M&P Rep. Jim Earl will approach Graham Lowe to consider the Chair of Council position. Ed Speers is also interested in that position.
- f. Annual General Meeting: The Elgin AGM is scheduled for Feb 25th. A potluck will be held right after Sunday service and before the AGM.



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10. Closing Prayer: Rev Takouhi offered the closing prayer.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.