



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

**Elgin United Church Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**June 28, 2018 7:05 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Centennial Room**  
**(Approved as amended – September 18, 2018)**

In attendance: Rev Takouhi, Ed Speers, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Ted Brett, Joanne McLean, Sandra Smith, Carl Leggett, Clint Halladay, Jim Earl

Regrets: Roberta McKinney, Pat Greenhorn, Marg Ross, Brian Blowes, Charalee Smith

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Chair, Ed Speers, there being a quorum present.
2. Welcome & Opening Prayer: Ed opened in prayer and noted that we are pleased to the business of the congregation.
3. Agenda: Joanne has an addition for new business, which she passed to all present. Rev Takouhi has a new business item regarding the purchase of DVDs from another pastoral charge. Motion by Clint Halladay and second by Ted Brett to accept the amended agenda. APPROVED.
4. Minutes of Council Meeting 1 May 18 and Budget Meeting 15 May 18 : Clint noted that Item 7A should not state that the Council member was absent due to sickness, just Nil Report. Motion by Jim Earl and second by Carl Leggett to accept both minutes. APPROVED.
5. Correspondence: Letter from Propane Levac – will be addressed in New Business. Country Roads Clinic request for the use of our kitchen for workshops on July 10 and Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – will be addressed in New Business.
6. Business Arising from Minutes of 3 October 2017 & 11 February 2018:
  - a. Budget Bookkeeping Adjustments – Some of the money in the Building Fund was going to be transferred to the General Fund (\$12,000). Motion by Mark Bee and seconded by Jim Earl that the transfer take place. APPROVED ;
  - b. 2018 Budget Goals – We re-confirmed that our goal is \$7,000 for M&S and \$2,000 each for Dental Issues Group (DIG) and Food Bank, as per the AGM approvals. Jim Earl suggested that we need to come up with a more realistic goal, we're very unlikely, based on the first half of this year, to come close to these goals. Discussion ensued. We will leave the budget goals unchanged for 2018;
  - c. Temporary 2018 Budget Approval – A fundraising goal of \$10,000 was suggested by Jim Earl. Exact costs (budget amount) for this year's building projects isn't firm yet.

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Contractors' estimates haven't been received. We're looking at using fundraising for major projects. There are still funds for minor operating expenses (\$2,600). Jim noted that we need more than just a property costs campaign, but also youth program fundraising, and a music ministry campaign. He stated that if we target specific goals, as opposed to general extra fundraising, people are more responsive. Take note that next year's assessment will go up by \$2,500 and went up last year by \$1,800. Jim also suggested that campaigns should be staggered. We should prioritize things we want to do and utilize the memorial fund. Jim believes we need to form a committee to tend to the proposed campaigns. He mentioned Heather Gribben and David Alderdice as potential persons to approach, based upon past participation. Ed Speers asked Jim to help organize a team. The PAR has gone up to \$3,075 per month. Jim Earl moved that he would form a committee to start working on an integrated capital campaign for the next three years, to start up in September and report to the next council meeting, after September, on the formation and committee's progress. Joanne McLean seconded the motion. APPROVED;

- d. The Budget presented at the AGM was introduced as a draft. Amend the substitute musician total in the budget, adding \$300 Music Director plus Supply. Motion to approve the budget (from the Budget meeting) was made by Joanne McLean and seconded by Clint Halladay. APPROVED 1 Abstention.

## 7. Committee Reports

- a. Minister's Musings First and Foremost, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who helped out for the Armenian-Lebanese Benefit Dinner on June 10. I knew what it takes to prepare for a dinner event, but I did not realize the intensity of it, till June 10th. Thank You for all your help. Life is busy at Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge, as we keep up with our everyday needs and planning ahead for the Fall and Winter with the Sabbatical. But everything is coming into place. This Tuesday in a very long time, I had a difficult day. So, I had to bow out from leading VIBE Gatherings on Wednesday, as I needed to breathe, prepare worship service for this Sunday and also update our website with many things and prepare the VBS Daily topics. So, I am so grateful for Sandra Smith and Larry Cochran for leading the VIBE gatherings. Next week, we are doing VBS July 2 – 6, at PUC... So far we have 9 children registered. And we have 7 helpers. Which is great! You already know about my May trip to Washington D.C. for the Annual Festival of Homiletics, but on July 15, after church, I will be doing a presentation of the whole week. The same morning Gracenote will be leading us in music and Alex Price and hopefully a few other youth members will do the sermon. I will be working with them. would also like to remind the council to decide the Fall meeting dates as soon as possible, so that you are able to have a minister present for the meetings. remain humbly because of Grace, Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Incumbent Minister Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge;

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- b. Ministry & Personnel: An M&P insert will be created for the bulletin next week, letting everybody know what's being done for the sabbatical and that a substitute for Norma during her vacation is being looked for. Norma is taking three weeks vacation late July, early August. All is set up for Rev Takouhi's sabbatical and M&P will be doing their best to keep everyone informed. In addition to the previously mentioned bulletin insert, information will also be posted in our church buildings and on the web site.
- c. Audio-Visual/Music: Upcoming events: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, a choral workshop for Rideau Lakes and area choirs. Hosted by Elgin United Church and under the leadership of Darrell Bryan, an accomplished Kingston area music director and choral conductor, affiliated with Queens University and Cookes-Portsmouth United Church. Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the annual Audio-Visual fundraising and musical evening, "Just One of Those Things". Rehearsals are currently underway. Recent Event – Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Soul Purpose took their music ministry on the road providing entertainment for a fundraising dinner at Faith United Church in Kingston.

#### 8. New Business

- a. Request to Place a Clothing Bin Drop Box: Fred Snyder of Canadian Cerebral Palsy had inquired if one could be placed at Elgin United. Due to space limitation, we can't accommodate this request. It was mentioned that we do contribute to our own Clothing Coop. Ted Brett moved and Jim Earl seconded that we turn down the request. Ed Speers will contact Fred Snyder.
- b. Use of Kitchen by Country Roads Clinic: Kate Earl, a nutritionist, proposed that Country Roads Clinic be able to run a class here - cooking/cost-effective eating. Four hours 3:00pm to 7:00pm time period. The kitchen does need a thorough cleaning, prior to the first date. Joanne will arrange to get helpers. Class dates are July 10<sup>th</sup> and Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. Jim mentioned that a team of two people would be needed to ensure the kitchen is presentable the day before and perhaps have tables and chairs in place. Joanne is willing and needs one helper. Ed will help too. This is outreach, rent is not required. Motion to approve their request made by Clint Halladay and seconded by Carl Leggett.  
APPROVED      Rev T will contact them with our affirmative response.
- c. Use of the Church as an Arts and Cultural Events Venue: Ed noted that Merrickville United runs arts and cultural events in their building. They raise funds this way. Do we have an interest in trying something similar? Clint and Ed would like to look into it in the fall and would it be perhaps something for next winter or next spring/summer. Whom could we partner with? Would Merrickville be the first to have discussions with? Would Marg and Brian's contacts not be another productive resource to communicate with? Something for all council members to consider over the summer. Table this for the next council meeting.

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- d. Propane Levac: We received correspondence from Propane Levac proposing to sell propane to us. We currently buy our propane from Stinson. We are very pleased with their reliability and competitive prices. Jim motioned and Clint seconded to refuse the offer. APPROVED No response to this company is required.
  - e. DVDs of Our Services: DVDs may be requested by another pastoral charge. It is believed that they would like the same arrangement as Addison. The representative asking for information, through Brian Bowes, has yet to take it to their Board. Our council will respond affirmatively if a formal request is received by us. Motion by Jim second Clint. APPROVED
9. Remarks from the Council Chair: Ed described last Sunday's service - Marian Cooper talked about her church family taking care of her and her family, Carl spoke of his church family caring for him. Emily and Peter Hoogendyk announced their first child on the way. We are family!
10. Closing Prayer: Rev Takouhi offered the closing prayer.
11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.