

**Elgin United Church Council
Minutes of a Meeting
25 September 2019, 7:00 pm
Centennial Room**

In Attendance: Ed Speers, Charalee Smith, Rev Takouhi, Maureen Bee, Jim Earl, Marg Ross, Carl Leggett, Clint Halladay, Ted Brett. Guests: Sandra Smith, John Wright, Elizabeth Wright

Regrets: Mark Bee, Joanne MacLean, Heather Gribben, Brian Blowes, Jane Simpson, Alex Price, Pat Greenhorn

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by the Chairperson, Ed Speers, there being a quorum present.

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer Rev. Takouhi opened the meeting in prayer.

2. Agenda Motioned by Charalee, seconded by Clint to accept the Agenda, as amended. APPROVED
 Add 5 h) – update on FOSH
 Add: New Council Positions
 Reports: Nursery School Update

3. Minutes of Council Meeting 7 Jul 19 Motion made by Maureen, seconded by Carl, to approve the Minutes with the following amendments: APPROVED
 -10c - M&P change wording from “M&P will meet with Rev Takouhi...to further discuss her covenanting with EPPC...”, to “further meeting will be held with Rev. Takouhi.”
 - Meeting Date was September 8 not September 7, 2019

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - a. Fire Safety & Emergency Evacuation Plan - Clint hasn't met with Fire Marshall yet, but will do so in October. Action
Clint

 - b. 2019 Congregational Support Letter to Community & Businesses: Letter to community and businesses needs to be worked on and hopefully out by Thanksgiving. Takouhi will send it out to Char, Ed and Pat and they will work on it together. Action
Ed
Charalee
Rev Takouhi

 - c. Emergency Contact List: TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETING. Action
Pat
Maureen

 - d. Christmas Tree: Ed sent Heather an email to say purchase of new Christmas tree had been approved.

 - e. Property: Rugs for Basement: One was delivered by the Bees and John Carley has donated about 7

packages of foam interlocking floor coverings (about 80 pcs) to be put down.

- f. Letters for Outside Sign: Marg sent quote for the new letters (279 letters and numbers, mixed), cost is \$133.00. Marg will look after purchasing these. Moved by Marg to purchase the letters. Seconded by Carl. APPROVED
Action
Marg
- g. Grant Application: Off the table because we don't qualify.
- h. FOSH: No exact update on numbers but at least 80 tickets sold so far, which is about the average for this area. Clint has responded to questions about sound system. May use ours or theirs. Clint will serve lunch at 1:30. Concert starts at 3:00 will be over by 5:00. Marg, Charalee, Heather, Krista, and Georgie are helping Clint. Clint has been tapped to emcee the concert. Tickets will be available at the door.
Carl: A BIG Thank you to Clint for setting up the FOSH event!! And to everyone who is helping in any way!
5. Committee Reports
- a. Treasurer: See Joanne's emailed report.
- b. Property: Propane Monthly Budget Plan is pending
Parking sign is pending. Action
Jim
- Nursery School:
1. Preschool operating Monday - Thursday
 2. Before and After school program is staying at the public school.
 3. Use of phone line – initially a joint commercial line shared with answering service. Last correspondence from Nursery School had the Chair's cell number being primarily used by them. EUC hasn't been paid for phone for some time. It appears that it's justifiable that they won't. Joanne is concerned by the lack of remuneration.
 4. Elizabeth suggested that perhaps the phone line should be accessible by the Nursery in the case of an emergency.
- c. Keyboard/Piano: Made the change, much more manageable. Piano in centennial room still needs to be disposed of. Char and Jim suggested asking the Public School, High School, and the private school if they're interested in having it donated to them. Jim or Marg will contact the schools. Action
Jim
Marg

6. New Business
- a. New Church Positions 2020:
Need a nominating committee to get the process started - speak to everyone on the list and ask if they want their name to stand. Char made a list of positions in June of this year, and amended it in August. There is a pretty current draft going around.
- b. Nominating Committee: Committee will be Char, Clint and Ed. Rev Takouhi will be a resource for the committee. Action
Ed
Clint
Charalee
- Would like to start discussions by end of October, for nominations at AGM in February/March.
7. Remarks from the Chair
- Regarding Reports: It has been suggested that meetings go on too long. Pat suggested in an email that reports be sent ahead of time, and that everyone review them prior to the meetings, so that they are only discussed if there are concerns or questions. Action
Ed
Charalee
Mark
- Reports need to be funneled through the secretary. Secretary might be tasked the week before to ask for reports. Chair and Co-Chair will make a plan.
- Mark will receive the reports and send to Ed and Char.
8. New Congregants
- Jim wanted to plant a seed: Pleased to receive a number of new congregants. He tries to make sure they sign the guestbook, so we have at least the correct the spelling of their name. Then asks: do you like to sing?
- He suggested a welcome brochure for each new guest congregant. Takouhi will contact Joanne about the EUC brochures. Action
Rev Takouhi
Joanne
9. Next Meeting
- The next regular Council meeting takes place on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 12:30 pm.
- The Budget meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm. rather than October 15th. Ed will chair the Budget meeting rather than Charalee as stated in the Minutes from September 8th.
- Note: Ed is away from January to April, 2020
12. Closing Prayer Carl Leggett sent us home with a closing prayer.
13. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.