

**Elgin United Church Council  
Minutes of a Meeting  
4 January 2022, 07:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting**

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, Rev Arlyce Schiebout, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Ted Brett, Jim Earl, Marg Ross, Cathy Ryan, Pat Greenhorn, Sandra Smith, Adrian Overdulse

Regrets: Joanne McLean, Andrea Thompson, Cindy Carbino, Roberta McKinney

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.

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| 1. | <u>Territorial Acknowledgement</u>                | We acknowledge the traditional and ancestral lands upon which we meet and recognize and acknowledge our responsibility to foster right relations.  |                  |
| 2. | <u>Welcome</u>                                    | Clint welcomed us and he thanked all of us for making the time for this important meeting. He reminded us of our covenant to conduct council business in the spirit of Holy Manners.   |                  |
| 3. | <u>Opening Prayer</u>                             | Rev Arlyce opened in prayer, asking for God's guidance through the Holy Spirit and that we be helped to help our community.  |                  |
| 4. | <u>Agenda</u>                                     | Pat Greenhorn made a motion, seconded by Maureen Bee, that the agenda be accepted.   | APPROVED         |
| 5. | <u>Minutes of 7 Dec 21 Meeting</u>                | Jim Earl motioned that we accept the minutes. Pat Greenhorn seconded.  | APPROVED         |
| 6. | <u>Business Arising from the 7 Dec 21 Meeting</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A reminder from Clint that Annual Reports are due to Annette Clarke (EPPC Secretary) no later than 18 January 2022;</li> <li>b. RLELC Expansion – the expansion meeting, which was to be held 4 Jan 22, was cancelled. A new date for the meeting has not been determined yet.</li> </ul>  | Committee Chairs |
| 8. | <u>Reports</u>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>Official Board:</u> Rev Arlyce spoke of the good representation at the OB meeting. The Board went through the covenant to conduct OB business in the spirit of Holy Manners. Draft by-laws of the OB were reviewed.<br/>The OB Chairperson and Secretary positions are to be alternated between Elgin and Portland, whenever</li> </ul> |                  |

possible. There is an EUC member who is willing to stand for the Chairperson position. OB is working on someone from PUC to fill the Secretary position.

- b. Treasurer: Joanne McLean informed the council secretary that she didn't have anything to report for this meeting – she is working on the year end. She will have that complete plus hopefully the 2022 Budget for the February meeting.
- c. E.O.O.R.C. Rep: Ted Brett reported that there was nothing new to report this month.
- d. Youth Update: Cathy Ryan related that Four Rivers Cluster met again, via Zoom, on December 23rd, for an evening of "Virtual Escape Room" with the focus on the Christmas story. Numbers were low, but enthusiasm was great! Unfortunately, Landsdowne youth were not able to participate due to internet problems.  
The next event scheduled is on January 29<sup>th</sup>, in Portland, if Skate the Lake is able to happen what with the recent rise in COVID cases. The plan is to invite neighbouring youth for skating, sledding, and snowshoeing. PUC has already been approached about sponsoring the event, with the help of Pauline French. If we can't go forward with that event, we will be hosting further Zoom meetings.  
Applications, to the the EOORC Transformation team, is in process for funding for future youth events. The deadline for applications will be in March. Online art classes, ukulele lessons, etc are being considered.  
A team of six has been assembled to move forward at the YAYA, Regional Level to hire a new staff person to take over the organization of the Camp Awesome program in Ottawa, which is a summer VBS program. It will open up new opportunities and time for Dana Ducette, Youth and Young Adult Minister, to expand her role out to Four Rivers and to Upper Valley & Seaway (former presbyteries) which the Region sees as a step forward in meeting the needs of more young people.  
Pat Greenhorn inquired what resources might be available for children's Christian Education. Cathy will call Dana Ducette to determine if we have a list of available material for take-home packages for families. Rideau Pastoral Charge just created Christmas packages, for 2 to 12 year olds (age appropriate), that were picked up or delivered to homes along with activities. An Easter package might be a great follow-up and could be expanded to include Elgin young people.
- e. Community Partnership Coordinator: Clint, reporting for Cindy Carbino, told us that all upcoming events,

that were described in the December report, remain in the planning stage. More to follow.

- f. Property: Please see Jim Earl's attached report which informs us of the details of the new EUC custodian hiring and of roof repairs

Trustees: Adrian Overdulse received a response from the admin assistant at Cleroux Restorations. Adrian will call the proprietor next week. There was some discussion on the roof repair requirements. Sean Price had mentioned to Adrian that he would supply tin roof materials at cost only. Trustees will discuss all options, including available grants, at their next meeting. Adrian will report back to Council at the February council meeting. Elgin trustees would like a Joint Trustees meeting with the Portland trustees, with the goal of naming a Joint Trustees Chairperson. This should occur within the next few weeks.

Adrian Overdulse

Vision & Transformation Squad: Please refer to Item 6b above.

9. Communication

In-person service cancellation notifications, Christmas message and Activities Update, and Christmas Greetings were distributed to our congregation by email and/or Canada Post;

Pat Greenhorn sent thank you cards, on behalf of EUC, to all of our auction donors.

10. New Business

In-person Resumption Plan: Mark Bee made a motion that In-person worship services be cancelled until further notice, given the exponential rise in COVID and variant transmission. Further he suggested that we regularly review this decision at our monthly council meetings. Ted Brett seconded the motion.

Clint will communicate this decision to all congregants.

APPROVED

Clint Halladay

10 Next Meeting

The next EUC council meeting shall take place, via Zoom, on 1 February 2022 at 7:00 pm.

11 Closing Comments and Prayer

Clint noted that this was one of our shorter meetings and that we covered several good points. He drew attention to our dedication and diligence. He applauded us and looks forward to 2022 being a banner year for EUC!

Rev Arlyce shared that she is trying to retire for the fourth time! EOORC is looking for a replacement supervisor to

our charge. She thanked us for our hospitality, our support, our dedication, and our energy. The entire council heartily thanked Arlyce for all that she does for us!

She sent us home with a closing prayer.

12. Adjournment      The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

EUC Council Meeting  
Property Report

Jan 2 2022

1. Custodial:

Kim Donnelly, Crosby, was referred to me. First contact was Dec. 10. On Dec. 18 I was able to have a conversation with Kim when she expressing an interest. On Dec. 22 we met for a site assessment. Contract details will be established following a first cleaning.

Kim has fond memories of the Nursery School Program that her children attended. She knows Debbie, the teacher/caretaker and suggested she would contact Debbie and offer some much needs custodial support on her time....

2. South Sanctuary Roof:

Dec.29 4 pieces of shingles were found on the ground. Jason Earl was onsite the next day and replaced 6 shingles. No invoice yet

I reviewed with him the advice from Cleroux Restoration that steel was required rather than shingles. Jason agreed to revise last summer's \$35,000.00 estimate for a comprehensive roof replacement accordingly. This roof must be replaced in 2022. Jason already has bookings into late spring.

I've asked Adrian to have trustees meet and propose moving forward with this project with an immediate booking.

Jim