

Elgin United Church Council

Minutes of a Meeting

6 March 2022, 12:50 pm

Approved at EUCC Meeting May 3, 2022

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, JoAnne Fletcher, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Andrea Thompson, Jim Earl, Pat Greenhorn, Sandra Smith, Adrian Overdulse, Joanne McLean, Ted Brett, Roberta McKinney, Cindy Carbino, John Carly

Regrets: Marg Ross, Cathy Ryan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:50 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 all, and expressed his pleasure that we had the ability to meet in-person once again. | |
| 3. | <u>Opening Prayer</u> | Clint opened in prayer. | |
| 4. | <u>Agenda</u> | Two additions were made to the agenda. Add Item 8h Note on Youth and Item 10b Small Halls. While not added to the agenda, Sandra Smith did state that she was hoping someone would take over Broadview magazine subscription administration from her for next year. Pat Greenhorn made a motion, seconded by Joanne McLean, that the agenda be accepted. | APPROVED |
| 5. | <u>Minutes of 1 Feb 22 Meeting</u> | Ted Brett motioned that we accept the minutes. Roberta McKinney seconded. | APPROVED |
| 6. | <u>Business Arising from the 1 Feb 22 Meeting</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The EUC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will now take place, in-person, on 27 March 2022; b. Other events and date changes – will be covered in the Reports section. | All |
| 7. | <u>Reports</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Treasurer:</u> Joanne McLean noted that the February balance was pleasing compared to January. Please see her report (attached) for details. Our next GIC renewal would be in October 2023. | |

EUC received a card plus a donation from the family of Arden Welch, in memorial. It was asked that the donation be used for the need of our choice.

- b. E.O.O.R.C. Rep: Nil report.
- c. Caring and Sharing: See Pat Greenhorn's report (attached). A few volunteers are needed for the St. Patrick's Day lunch
- d. Community Partnership Coordinator: Cindy Carbino reported that the chili dinner was a success, bringing in \$524.30. Thank you to all who contributed food and to those who worked the event.

Next up is a takeout ham dinner that will be held at the Elgin Community Hall on March 26th. We are teaming up with the Elgin Swans for this fund raiser. Mark Sly has volunteered to cook the scalloped potatoes. He is looking to purchase the ham at the best price/value. The baked beans will be prepared by Jason Pyne. Volunteers are required to provide apple and pumpkin pies.

More free-will dinners, perhaps quarterly, are in the early planning stage.

The unit cost of the Easter eggs we have been selling annually has skyrocketed, hence we will not be following that path this year. However, Cindy has been liaising with the RLELC staff regarding the possible joint venture of selling fund-raising Little Caesar's pizza kits, plus with the elementary school selling cheese.

Cindy Carbino

- e. Property: Jim Earl noted that today's leaking roof was an example of the urgency required in addressing our building's repair needs.
- f. Trustees: See the report (attached) submitted by Adrian Overdulve. Adrian motioned that the Trustee's Report, plus a presentation similar to one JoAnne Fletcher is giving us today, be offered to the congregation at the AGM. Ted Brett seconded the motion.

APPROVED

A document required to move forward with the work, listed in the Trustee's report, is the WSIB Clearance Certificate. Jim Earl will ask the contractor for it.

Jim Earl

- g. Vision & Transformation Squad: Sonya and Jessica of RLELC will be presenting an expansion update information session, after worship service, on March 20th.

- h. Youth: Clint reported on behalf of Cathy Ryan. Our area youth group is creating a proposal to receive a \$5,000 grant. They're looking of EUC to support the proposal. Council is overwhelmingly in agreement. Clint will advise her. Clint Halladay

- 8. Communication
 - a. A thank you card was received for our student support donation.
 - b. We sent a condolence card to Rev Takouhi on the passing of her sister Silva.

- 9. New Business
 - a. Council agreed that we will participate in a joint Maundy Thursday service at Portland United and hold our Easter Sunday service. Rev Kathleen Walton will lead both services. EUC won't be having a Good Friday or Sunrise service this year.
 - b. The Small Halls organizers would like to utilize our building for one event, this coming May, on a Friday or Saturday night. Clint will communicate with their representative to get the ball rolling. Clint Halladay

- 11. Discussion

JoAnne Fletcher led us through an exercise to look at the pros and cons of EUC's various options of how we will operate as we head into the future. Wholesome discussions took place.

- 12. Next Meeting

The next council meeting date was not determined. The Council Chair will contact all with a proposed date. Clint Halliday

- 13. Chairperson's Closing Comments

Clint thanked JoAnne Fletcher for helping us to focus and pinpoint our direction. He acknowledged our positive, enthusiastic input plus our adherence to Holy Manners.

- 14. Closing Prayer

Andrea Thompson sent us home with a closing prayer.

- 15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

CARING AND SHARING REPORT

March 1/2022

The Caring and Sharing team, with support from EUC council, had planned to serve a free lunch for the residents of the Elgin Senior's apartment complex on Valentine's Day. Our vision was to lift spirits and show support and caring to those who had been displaced from their homes by last year's fire in the complex.

This proved to be a lengthier process than anticipated, as approval was required from the Board of Directors for the housing complex, and the lunch also needed to be served on a Tuesday or Thursday when the apartment coordinator was present to help facilitate the event.

The lunch has now been approved by the Board, and we have been working closely with Angela Duval, the Senior Coordinator of Community Housing Services for Homestarts. She will be present on **Thursday, March 17** to let us into the building and assist with what will now be a St. Patrick's Day lunch!

Faithfully submitted by Pat Greenhorn

Trustee Report re: Roof

Feb 27 2022

Trustee report for EUC Council meeting

Subject: Quote for Elgin United Church roof.

We did receive and reviewed two quotes for the Church Roof.

The pricing differential for doing the work is close with a couple thousand dollars.

We like to thank both contractors for their submission.

The recommendation from the trustees is to go with Jason Earl for the following reason:

We like to do the work in 2 stages and Jason is willing to do that.

Jason is local as Alain would need overnight accommodation for his crew.

Jim Identified that the South Roof is in the worst shape.

It is believed we have the funds to for doing the south side of the roof. These funds would include a grant (\$25K) we will apply for and expect to get from the United Church.

Before we commit to Jason we need to see a copy of his WISB certificate.

Our recommendation to Council is that we present the following proposal to the congregation:

- 1) Get an agreement to complete half the roof repairs.
- 2) We need to raise the money to finish the complete roof.
- 3) To do this, we will need to focus our full attention on fundraising.

This focus needs to include participation of

- 1) Our Congregation
- 2) Local Businesses



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3) Create a go fund me page to reach as many members as possible.

We will discuss and invite discussion for all fundraising options with Council and the congregation.

We believe that if the congregation is on board and understands the situation, we have a good chance of raising the funds to finish the church roof.

Adrian Overdulve
EUC Trustee chair.