

**Elgin United Church Council**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**5 July 2022, 6:40 pm**

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Pat Greenhorn, Jim Earl, Ted Brett, Cathy Ryan, Adrian Overdulve, Cindy Carbino, Sandra Smith, JoAnne Fletcher

Regrets: Andrea Thompson, Marg Ross, Roberta McKinney, Joanne McLean

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.

1. Territorial Acknowledge-ment We acknowledge the traditional and ancestral lands upon which we meet and recognize and acknowledge our responsibility to foster right relations.
2. Welcome Clint welcomed all and thanked them for being here.
3. Opening Prayer Pat Greenhorn opened in prayer.
4. Agenda Pat asked that an item 10F "Music" be added. Pat Greenhorn made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Jim Earl seconded. APPROVED
5. Minutes of 3 May 22 Meeting Cindy Carbino motioned that we accept the minutes. Maureen Bee seconded. APPROVED
6. Business Arising from the 3 May 22 Meeting Grants: The youth grant goes to Country Roads (CRCHC) as they administer it. This was for the regional youth and was granted by EOR Vision and Transformation team. RDHS is using \$1,000 for motivational speakers. \$2,000 is the discretion of NLYC. \$1,000 to Foley Mountain & township libraries, \$1,000 to five feeder schools for snack buckets & rec equipment.  
  
We will consider applying for a grant for 2023
7. Reports
  - a. Treasurer: No report.
  - b. E.O.O.R.C. Rep: No report.
  - c. Caring and Sharing: Pat explained that a pastoral care training course, in Ottawa and online as well, will be available this autumn. We are looking at training for a group. Ongoing training and support

would be provided by the Pastoral Care Team Lead. There was some discussion regarding a job description for volunteers (Pastoral Care Visitor) for a pastoral care team.

The positions would involve visiting members of the Elgin United Church community to provide supportive and caring visits in either a home or care facility environment. Pastoral care is a ministry of presence offered by active listening (focusing on the other person) and can involve prayer and offering support and guidance.

It was tabled for review and future discussion.

- d. Audio Visual: No report other than we still have an older flat screen television to give away. Clint pointed out that the piano has a new home and EUC has received a \$250 donation from its new owners.

- e. Community Partnership Coordinator: Cindy Carbino exclaimed, "We're ready to roll!" in reference to our Elgin Days participation. Working with the RLELC, 105 burgers plus 72 smoked meat sandwiches will be available (thank you to Morgan Wright for the donation of the smoked meat and for preparing it). Six bakers are already confirmed for our bake sale. Helpers should be at the church, on July 9<sup>th</sup> for 8:00 am. We're raffling off gift baskets as well. We have a float for the parade. The mayor is setting up a table on our church grounds for a Ukraine fund raiser.

- f. Property: See Jim Earl's attached report.

Clint pointed out that no record has been maintained of holders of keys to the EUC building. Council agreed that we should have new locks installed in the front door and new keys be distributed and registered/signed for. Clint will commence action on that this coming week.

Clint Halladay

If the nursery school has no use for the stage and window curtains, we'll dispose of them. Clint will speak with Sonya about them this week.

- g. Trustees: Adrian Overdulse mentioned that he had found an error in the roof replacement quote from Jason Earl, discussed it with him and all is now good. We need \$110,000. We have \$70,000 committed, including an anonymous \$20,000 donation match. The HST rebate would total \$8,000.
- h. Vision & Transformation Squad: Pat told us that an RLELC expansion open house occurred two weeks ago. All spaces for this autumn are full (15 new spaces, 28 in total). Consultant Katya is departing

soon. The squad will meet again with her, before she goes.

- i. Youth: Cathy Ryan told us that a Christian Education workshop is being looked at for this autumn. Ukeleles are available for use. A button-maker was purchased to use for fund raising and awareness.

Alex Price, on behalf of EUC, presented our annual bursary to RDHS student David French.

**8. Communication**

- a. A condolence card was sent to longtime EUC member Linda McFadden, on the passing of her husband Earl.
- b. Get well cards were sent to Annette Clark, Mary Carbino, Karen Myers, and Diane Haskins. All are now home and doing better.  
Sandra Smith asked that we send a Thinking of You card to Marion Steacy. Pat Greenhorn will do it. Pat Greenhorn
- c. We received a Thank You card, with some of the kids handprints on it, from the RLELC.

**9. New Business**

- a. Coffee Time – Council agreed that we weren't ready to start up coffee time before/after worship services yet. Clint will mention it in our e-news and on Sunday mornings to gauge the congregants' comfort level. Council will re-visit this item in the fall. Clint Halladay
- b. Concerts - Small Halls Concert – Our preferred date is October 14<sup>th</sup>. Clint will inform the organizers. Shawn McCullough with Morgan Wright and Graham Lowe will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a \$300 cost to pay Shawn McCullough's band. Morgan and Graham are performing free of charge. Cindy Carbino, and her team, will sell tickets as part of fund raising. Cindy Carbino
- c. Speaker Series – Andrea Thompson has volunteered to conduct a workshop focused on Pastoral Care. Pat suggested contacting Mayor Arie Hogenboom to speak on Affordable Housing. Andrea Thompson  
Pat Greenhorn
- d. Begin Planning Pastoral Care Ministry – See Item 7C above.
- e. Fundraising Campaign – A motion was made by Pat Greenhorn and seconded by Adrian Overdulse to title our initiative, "Building our Future United". APPROVED

JoAnne Fletcher will contact Cynthia Sparring, in JoAnne's congregation, to ask for her experience and guidance.

We have a small fundraising committee now consisting of Cindy Carbino (Chair), Maureen Bee,





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Pat Greenhorn, Morgan Wright, Michelle Knapp, and Adrian Overdulse. APPROVED

- f. Christmas in July – Pat Greenhorn motioned and Ted Brett seconded that we present honorariums of \$75 each to Morgan Wright and Jamie Burt for their musical offerings in the worship service.
- g. Music - Pat remarked that we need to make a commitment to Morgan as our new music director and for facilitating our choir. JoAnne Fletcher suggested he should be cared for by M&P and should be discussed by the OB. The OB Chairperson and M&P Chairperson took note.
10. Next Meeting The next council meeting is scheduled to take place in person on Tuesday, August 30th at 6:30 pm.
11. Closing Comments Clint noted that we got a lot done and thanked JoAnne for her advice throughout the meeting. He noted these are exciting times and that all we do is touching our community. He thanked all who will be decorating for Christmas in July.
- JoAnne suggested, for future council meetings, that discussion topics go to the top of the agenda and reports wait until the last meeting. Please send your reports to all council members ahead of time. This would benefit all. By September, please think of how you feel about finding a minister.
12. Closing Prayer JoAnne Fletcher sent us home with a prayer.
13. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Property Report:**

1. Janitor: Kim Donnelly has not provided expected services. Will contact Margo Welch re services.
2. Lawn care: Damien Benson expressed an interest and has his own equipment but I have been unable to establish a working communication. Therefore I invested in a 22" Ryobi electric mower that is stationed in the Bell Tower Room for the team of Clint, Pat, Mark and myself to use.
3. The Centennial Entry Porch requires a new outdoor carpet.
4. No Storm windows have been opened. The Centennial windows are the only ones that can be opened. Latches are worn and sometimes the screens have to be removed to properly open or close.

Jim Earl