

Elgin United Church Council
Minutes of a Meeting
30 August 2022, 6:30 pm
APPROVED OCTOBER 4, 2022

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Jim Earl, Ted Brett, Cathy Ryan, Adrian Overdulse, Cindy Carbino, Sandra Smith, JoAnne Fletcher, Joanne McLean

Regrets: Pat Greenhorn, Andrea Thompson, Marg Ross, Roberta McKinney

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement We acknowledge that we are gathered here on the unceded land of the First Peoples of Turtle Island. We acknowledge the harm that was done, is being done, to our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters by the Settler Community. And so, we now pledge to do better, and we humbly commit ourselves to the just pursuit of Truth and Reconciliation. For Christ's help with this promise to the First Peoples, we pray. Amen
2. Welcome Clint welcomed all and thanked them for being here.
3. Opening Prayer Clint opened in prayer.
4. Agenda Add Item 7J, Worship. Maureen Bee made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Cindy Carbino seconded. APPROVED
5. Minutes of 5 July 22 Meeting Adrian Overdulse motioned that we accept the minutes for the July 5th council meeting. Sandra Smith seconded. APPROVED
6. Business Arising from the 5 July 22 Meeting Pastoral Care Ministry training commences September 19th, on Monday evenings, and continues for 9 weekly sessions. So far, we have 5 EUC members confirmed and 2 pending.
Audio/Visual: The old flat screen television has found a new home.
Property: Both front locks have been changed and a key register created.
RLELC: The lease with RLELC has been signed. The post-dated cheques for the upcoming first year's rent have been received by our Treasurer.
Coffee Time: Congregants are in no rush to re-commence yet.

7. Reports

- a. Treasurer: See Joanne McLean's attached report. The HST rebate has not been received yet. Joanne received a card of thanks, addressed to EUC, from David French who was this year's RDHS recipient of the EUC bursary.
- b. E.O.O.R.C. Rep: See Ted Brett's attached report.
- c. Caring and Sharing: Clint reported that Rev Harry Seeley's funeral was held at EUC on August 5th.
- d. Audio Visual: No report.
- e. Community Partnership Coordinator: Cindy Carbino outlined upcoming events. BBQ Beef takeout dinner, in cooperation with the Elgin SWANS, takes place at the Elgin Community Hall on September 24th at 4:30 pm. No pre-sales. There will be 150 servings sold. Festival of Small Halls will be held at EUC on October 14th. Our second annual Vender and Craft Fair is scheduled for October 15th. The rain date is October 22nd. This event will take place at 300 Hartsgravel Road. So far 19 vendors/crafters are confirmed. We have room for a maximum of 25 spaces. Adrian wondered if we might sell smoked meat sandwiches, as well as hot dogs and baked goods. He'll discuss the possibility with Morgan Wright. Concert featuring Sean McCullough plus Wright & Lowe takes place October 22nd. Cindy mentioned that she is exploring the idea of either a spaghetti or a chili free-will offering dinner. The idea of a Feast of Stephen dinner, for November, was briefly discussed. We tabled further discussion for the next council meeting.
- f. Property: See Jim Earl's attached report. Please note that Pat Greenhorn's name should also be mentioned as a grass cutter for this summer. Council members brought up their appreciation for the new cleaner's fastidiousness. Trustees are awaiting an inspection/quote, from Tom Sullivan Plumbing of Perth, for the septic pipe replacement.
- g. Trustees: Adrian Overdulve spoke on the Building Our Future campaign. The letter penned by Pat, is ready to be mailed out tomorrow to our congregants. The letter is to be posted on our Facebook page on September 12th. A newspaper article, with building photo(s) will be submitted for printing approximately September 19th.

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Letters to the broader community will be distributed once a list is put together. Cindy Carbino, Maureen Bee, and Michelle Knapp will action this. Clint will check with the “Copy Shop”, and Maureen will check “Staples” for banner prices. Clint has an editable template of our EUC Info brochure and will commence updating it. The choice of colour for the roof is charcoal gray.

h. Vision & Transformation Squad: Please refer to Business Arising in Item 6 above.

i. Youth: Cathy Ryan informed us that Ella Price and Allison Gibson will be confirmed on Thanksgiving Sunday. An ordained minister is not required for a confirmation ceremony. A new prayer shawl was presented to Alex Price, as the previous one was given to a hospital patient. Four Rivers is looking for Turkey Fair helpers. Cathy has presented this service opportunity to Ella and Allison.

j. Worship: Clint hoped we would do something on Worldwide Communion Sunday to recognize National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Rev Kathleen Walton will be our minister that Sunday. He’ll be in contact with her.

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8. Communication

Four thinking of you, two get well, and two condolence cards were sent by EUC this month.

9. Pastoral Care Supervisor

JoAnne Fletcher reminded us that we have been together with her for 8 months already. She is pleased to note that EUC’s community outreach is stellar. Regional engagement is great. Leadership is excellent. She is impressed with our upcoming pastoral care training. She mentioned that things to review are our finances and arrangements with PUC, worship with PUC, and administration.

10. New Business

a. Rev David Timpson of Delta is fighting ALS and needs to do home renovations to accommodate his needs. Rev Timpson worked with us on our visioning exercise a few years ago. Mark Bee made a motion to send a card and a donation of \$500 to him. Joanne McLean seconded the motion.

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Joanne McLean

b. Choir is back! Practices commence on Thursday, September 15th at 7:30 pm. Morgan Wright will be the EUC Music Director. Michelle Knapp will be the Choir Leader. Both Morgan and Michelle will become interim council members, until the next AGM when

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Maureen Bee

they can be appointed. Remuneration for Morgan has not been discussed yet. Council Chair (Clint) and M&P Chair (Maureen) will meet with Morgan to discuss.

- c. Future Festival of Small Halls (FoSH) date – Council Clint Halladay
agreed that we would be willing to accommodate
another concert on Saturday, November 26th. Clint
will inform FoSH.

11. Next Meeting The next council meeting is scheduled to take place in person on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 pm.
12. Closing Comments Clint thanked us all for our participation and important behind-the-scenes work. Maureen in turn thanked Clint for his steadfast and imaginative leadership.
12. Closing Prayer Cathy Ryan sent us home with a prayer.
13. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at an unknown time (we do know that it was dark out!).

2022 Aug 30th Council Meeting - EUC Property Report:

1. RYOBI 20" electric lawnmower provided for use by EUC. Attempts to hire student Damien Benson failed. Clint, Mark and Jim are doing the mowing.
2. New Fellowship Room ceiling fan switch installed by Jeff Wright (Coopson).
3. Donna Welch replaces Kim Donnelly as Caretaker @ \$30/Hr. Areas serviced are Sanctuary and Handicap washroom. RLELC is responsible for garbage being set out.
4. Two Septic events involving Bryan's Septic were required. One was an electrical issue and the second was a public event overload causing extensive flooding. Clint and RLELC staff did the cleanup. Bryan did not charge for either event. A Letter of Appreciation would be appropriate. Bryan's Septic recommends replacement of the whole system from toilets to tank.
5. Thompson service call for Handicap toilet wax seal failure; managed by Clint.
6. Propane pricing automatically locked in on June 1st each year; current - \$0.909; up \$0.21.
7. New warranty replaced dehumidifier from Duncan's installed in Lower Hall for summer season.
8. Opened Choir Room window for better ventilation for RLELC in Fellowship Room.
9. No Sanctuary window ventilation openings anymore until vinyl replacement are installed due to high ladder requirement for existing heavy storms and the need for caulking to keep bugs out.
10. Thanks to Clint for having new entry locks installed and setting up a list of those possessing keys.

Jim Earl

Elgin rep. EOORC report to Council August 2022.

The region is going back to in person meetings starting with regular fall meeting at Bells Corners United church on Saturday November 5th.

I am still active on the Church Extension committee and do get asked advise on how to apply for grants from churches within the old Presbytery area.

These meeting will remain on zoom because of the distance most of have to travel which I like because all of them are held in Ottawa saving almost 4 hours in driving time.

I am also still on the property committee selling churches and consulting on repairs. At the moment only consulting with one church on their probable sale this fall.

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