

Elgin United Church Council

Minutes of a Meeting

4 October 2022, 6:30 pm

Approved December 6, 2022

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

Regrets: 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 (Excerpt from writing by Frayne McCarthy)
2. Welcome Clint welcomed all and thanked them for being here.
3. Opening Prayer Clint opened in prayer.
4. Agenda Add a New Business item – Oct 9th Confirmation Sunday. Maureen Bee made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Sandra Smith seconded. APPROVED
5. Minutes of 30 August 22 Meeting Morgan Wright motioned that we accept the minutes for the August 30th council meeting. Ted Brett seconded. APPROVED
6. Business Arising from the 30 August 22 Meeting None identified.

7. Reports

- a. Treasurer: See Joanne McLean's attached report. Joanne explained that our fuel and hydro are on equal billing. The revenue from the Nursery School rent comes close to covering all of our utilities expenses. We're doing well financially.
- b. E.O.O.R.C. Rep: No report.
- c. Caring and Sharing: Pat Greenhorn expressed a hope to promote Aiding Rural Community Health (ARCH) more, perhaps by designating a percentage of one of our fund raisers. Clint suggested a donation jar at the upcoming Craft Sale as a starting point. During this discussion, we agreed that we'd like to commence physically passing the offering plate the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- d. Audio Visual: Clint told us that they are exploring obtaining a monitor to be placed at the back of the sanctuary so that the choir and music director can view what the congregation sees on the monitor in the front, during worship services. Clint Halladay
- e. Community Partnership Coordinator: Cindy Carbino briefed us on upcoming events. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments for the Small Halls concert on the 14th. Pat and Sandra volunteered. Morgan will help with the backdrop setup/teardown. Pat, Sandra, Morgan
 We have 21 confirmed vendors, with a few more possible, for the Craft Sale on the 15th. Morgan and Adrian will prepare smoked meat sandwiches (estimated 120 sandwiches). Posters for the event have been distributed. The event, as well others mentioned this evening, are also being posted on the EUC Facebook page. The SWANS are selling drinks. Please donate baked goods. The market opens at 10:00 am. Many volunteers
 A full house is expected for the Raisin' the Roof concert, featuring our own Wright and Lowe, plus McCullough & Friends. A donation of sandwiches, punch and coffee was requested. A free will offering will be suggested for refreshments served.
 Tentatively, the EUC online auction will take place the last week of November.
 Letters to the Elgin community will be mailed out next week, regarding donations towards the roof replacement. Approximately \$13,000 has already been received! Cindy Carbino
Maureen Bee
- f. Property: Jim Earl reported that we received our first invoice from our new church cleaner. The average

cost was \$76 per cleaning. All council members are pleased with our new cleaner's work.

We have five areas around our property which require snow removal. We have a volunteer from the Nursery School who wants to help. Lyn Brothers did the majority of our snow removal last year. More to follow on who will receive this year's contract.

- g. Trustees: Adrian Overdulse pointed out that the warranty on the replacement roof will be for 40 years. Cynthia Sparring gave us a funding opportunities account set up with the government of Ontario. We're now on the list for funding. Adrian is potentially looking at the federal government next. Jason Earl will get the roof restoration going in October. Adrian is looking to set up a funding mechanism that will work for us beyond just the roof – fund raising on a broader base. The plumber is coming on Thursday to scope the sewer line and assess the problem and estimate the cost of repairs.

- h. Vision & Transformation Squad: Pat Greenhorn pointed out that with the expansion of the nursery school, we have no more space for further options. Pat will thank our consultant Katja for her service, settle any costs and end our business arrangement.

Pat Greenhorn

- i. Pastoral Care Ministry: Mark Bee reported that eight EUC members had started attending the online Pastoral Care Training course, which will run until the end of November. We meet weekly on Zoom with approximately 36 students from various locations in Canada. Rev Kathy Walton has expressed that she would be pleased to mentor us with our pastoral care ministry.
- j. Youth: Cathy Ryan talked of the upcoming Confirmation of Ella Price (EUC) and Allison Gibson (PUC) which will be held Oct 9th. Cathy spoke of the disbursement of the grant we gave the youth group, both schools including a mental health keynote speaker, helped Lyndhurst turkey fair and more plans.
- k. Music: Michelle Knapp reported that choir practice has commenced. We have eight choir members so far, plus two teens who come out on Thursdays. In the words of Carl Leggat, "it's not church without a choir".

Michelle and Maureen Bee have been cleaning out the Choir Room. Organizing and sorting continues to be needed for items of archival value.

Michelle Knapp
Maureen Bee

Morgan Wright and Ted Brett will review One License to ensure we aren't infringing on any copyrights, if we broadcast live.

Morgan Wright
Ted Brett

8. Pastoral Care Supervisor

JoAnne Fletcher stated that we have to talk about our future together or apart in the Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge. Each charge should have its own profile, helping to identify how we want to proceed. JoAnne will glean the highlights of the survey and present it to each congregation.

9. Communication

Nothing to report.

10. New Business

- a. Council considered the idea of bi-monthly meetings. The first council meeting in 2023 will be held in February and proceed on a two-month cycle. All
- b. Zoom meetings will be considered for the winter months.

11. Next Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled to take place in person on Tuesday, November 1st at 6:30 pm. The December council meeting is slated for December 6th.

12. Closing Comments

Clint thanked us all for our engagement and our ideas.

13. Closing Prayer

Pat Greenhorn closed with a devotional.

14. Adjournment

We adjourned at 8:28 pm.