

Elgin United Church Council

Minutes of a Meeting

6 December 2022, 7:30 pm

Approved February 7, 2023

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Pat Greenhorn, Ted Brett, Cathy Ryan, Adrian Overdulse, Cindy Carbino, Sandra Smith, JoAnne Fletcher, Joanne McLean, Michelle Knapp, Morgan Wright, Roberta McKinney
Guests – John Carly, Anne Overdulse

Regrets: Andrea Thompson, Marg Ross, Jim Earl

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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. On behalf of Council, he thanked the Swans of Rideau Lakes for the decorative atmosphere of the hall and for catering a delicious turkey dinner.
3. Opening Prayer Clint opened in prayer.
4. Agenda Maureen Bee made a motion to accept the agenda. Sandra Smith seconded. APPROVED
5. Minutes of 4 October Meeting Morgan Wright motioned that we accept the minutes for the October 4th council meeting. Ted Brett seconded. APPROVED

6. Business Arising from the 4 Oct 22 Meeting
 - a. Audio Visual – the new monitor for the back wall, to aid the choir and the person in the pulpit was purchased, installed, and is in use;
 - b. Community Partnerships - Small Halls and the Raisin' the Roof concerts were highly successful. Our artisans' market was well supported. We received \$550 in vendor's fees,
 - c. Property, Snow removal includes Sundays. The furnace inspection is pending;
 - d. Vision & Transformation – We have closed our contract with Katja Briton and all services have been paid for;
 - e. Pastoral Care Ministry – Six of our EUC members completed the course. Planning for using our new found skills will commence in January.
7. Reports
 - a. Treasurer: Joanne McLean reported that Bank statements were not yet received. RLELC rent has been on time. Building our Future United campaign has started well and funds are being received regularly. We have \$50,358 (including the grant) in our balance as of November 30, 2022 for the Building Our Future United campaign. Overall, we're doing well financially.
 - b. Sharing and Caring: Pat Greenhorn told us that the Foodbank Goodie Bags are being prepared on December 12th.
 - c. Community Partnership Coordinator: Cindy Carbino was pleased to announce that our online auction was a great success, raising \$1,920. EUC is holding a Children's Christmas party on December 11th, organized by Alex Price. There's already 16 registered for the party!
Monies raised by other recent events include; Craft Vendors' fees \$550, Donation from SWANs \$200, Small Halls \$429, Concert \$767.
 - d. Property: Clint reported that the septic main line was replaced on October 27th by Sullivan Plumbing. An EUC work party cleaned up the affected property and sidewalk the following Saturday.
 - e. Trustees: Adrian Overdulse gave us a roof update and explained that the contract with Forestland Carpentry has been cancelled, via registered letter, as per our Congregational meeting December 4th. New request for interest has been issued.

8. Pastoral Charge Supervisor The Pastoral charge supervisor, JoAnne Fletcher, congratulated council on a productive and positive year of service and discernment. She looks forward to continuing to journey with council and the congregation in the coming year.

9. Communication a. Several Get Well, Thinking of You, and Thank You cards, plus telephone calls were made this month.

10. New Business b. Roberta McKinney will be the candle lighter for the Christmas Eve service.

A joint service will be held on New Year's Day at 10:00 at EUC. Four Elgin members will share on the four themes of Advent and how they can be practiced throughout the year.

11. Next Meeting Our next council meeting is planned for February 7th, via Zoom.

12. Comments of the Chair Clint thanked us all for a very successful 2022 and is looking forward to great things in 2023.

13. Closing Prayer Mark sent us home with a prayer.

14. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:20.