

Official Board Regular Meeting
April 19, 2023
Portland United Church

Present: Jim Earl (Chair), Will French, JoAnne Fletcher (Pastoral Charge Supervisor), Clint Halladay, Norma Cummings, Liz Church, Pauline French, Connie Cochran, Katy Gibson

Regrets: Maureen Bee, Duncan Pickard

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Earl at 7:20 pm, there being a quorum present.

Reports submitted and approved:

M&P Report by Maureen Bee (attached)

A discussion about ways in which the Board can show appreciation for Annette's work for the Pastoral Charge. Administrative Professionals Day is April 26.

Pastoral Care Report: verbal report from Liz, Pastoral Care Coordinator.

She reports that pastoral care visiting is going well. Liz is willing to visit congregants from both churches and she reminded Council members to remind the congregations that she is available.

Clint reported that Elgin has a group of six pastoral care visitors and that their visiting includes sending cards and outreach at Lanark Lodge.

Treasurer: submitted by Ted Brett (attached) : attention to be given to Ted's suggestion that the Board consider his impending retirement from his position.

Report from Portland Council Chair: submitted by Duncan Pickard (attached) Katy offered a verbal report as well PUC has held three concerts at the church. They are live-streaming services. They are looking to hold more Movies in the Parking Lot events.

Report from Elgin Council Chair: submitted by Clint Halladay (attached)

Joint Trustees Report: Will French gave a verbal report about the pastoral charge Fish Fry which was well attended and enjoyed. The Manse roof is being enhanced. A reminder that email correspondence should use BCC function when there has not been an agreement to share email addresses.

UCW: Connie gave a verbal report. Prayer shawls are available for both churches. They are planning to do a Pie Sale at the end of June. Elgin members are welcome to assist and volunteer at the sale. There was no "Skate the Lake" breakfast this year. May 20th is the date for the breakfast to support the Community Enhancement Committee. The Pitch In luncheon to support school children is being held at the Legion on Friday.

Pulpit Supply: Norma was thanked for her diligence in organizing leadership for Sunday services. Retired ministers have been available for leading services.

E.O.O.R.C. Repts: submitted by Ted Brett (attached). Liz also gave a verbal report. She reported that there are many active groups. The AGM will be held on May 26-27.

Other business:

Jim has been approving many security clearances for volunteers for the Community Clothing Co-op. A discussion was held about finding ways to thank the volunteers for their work and show support for the Clothing Co-Op. There was a discussion about the possibility of a summer Pastoral Charge picnic and inviting Co-op volunteers to attend. The Joint Trustees will meet to discuss and email the Board with further details.

Please add Katy Gibson's email to the contact list for EPPC business

JoAnne Fletcher was thanked for her leadership and support of the EPPC.

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

Closing Prayer: Katy Gibson

Meeting adjourned by Jim Earl.

Attachments:

M&P Report – April 19, 2023

Annette has continued to be a stable contact for our charge throughout 2022. We confirmed her employment contract for 2023 at our last meeting. I have been keeping in touch with Annette on a somewhat regular basis, and she reaches out by email if she encounters a situation she needs to discuss (which is rarely). People are encouraged to continue to forward her any information that is pertinent to her job as secretary, and for the monthly calendar. Things continue to be going well, and we certainly appreciate all the hard work Annette is doing to keep our Charge organized and informed. Maureen Bee, Chai

EPPC treasurers report. 19 April 2023

1. I am sending my regrets as I do have a playoff curling game tonight and as a skip prefer to attend the game and that schedule was set before I knew about this meeting.
2. I have just paid the One License fee so we are covered for copy write for another year. I do have Jane Simpson doing the monthly reporting. Anyone wants a copy of what it covers just ask and I will send it to you.

3. I do have a budget done but have decided not to present it at this time. Any budget I present now would just be a guesstimate until the roof on the manse is done and that was supposed to be started by now. I did send out a guesstimate budget a couple of months ago that is not in place.
4. I haven't started on the UCC Stats report or the CRA Charity report yet as I am waiting for figures from both churches. The UCC report is due and I have until the end of June to do the Charity report. Now that hockey is over for the year and curling not far off being done I will have time to get these done on rainy days.
5. A thought. I am rapidly getting to my mid 80's and have been doing this job for 15 years so I am giving the O.B. two options. Replace me while I'm still here to train someone or wait until I'm gone and figure out what I have done. With not having a minister the job entails more. I used to do one T4 a year. ADP looked after the minister. Last year I did one T4 and 6 T4A's. Most of our supply people prefer e-transfer and I prefer that also.

Ted

EOORC Elgin Rep. report

1. I am still on church extension and we have our AGM on the 26th of April. The Chair of our committee Graham Campbell died a little over a week ago with cancer. We will have to do elections but I'm sure we won't find anyone as easy to get along with as Graham was.
2. I am still doing consultations with the U/C in Toledo as they try and figure their way forward.
3. I got asked to look after the Stewards at the EOORC AGM on the last weekend in May so I have got stuck on the committee for putting that together. A good friend of mine told me we both need a course on how to say NO!.

Ted

EPPC OB Meeting PUC Report April 19 2023

- **Food bank**
 - Activity increasing more families and Youth (60 + affected)
 - New location
 - Economic times
 - Volunteers needed to keep up with demand and keep workload reasonable
- **Fundraising**
 - 3 concerts set for the summer months
 - PUC renters are settling in
 - Girl Guides

- Chit chat
 - Other community meetings Ad Hoc
 - Skate the Lake Breakfast delayed due to weather being re scheduled
- **Initiatives**
 - Live streaming of services now a weekly event
 - First movies were held last weekend in Parking lot
 - PUC Facebook page becoming more active promoting PUC activities
 - Columbarium in transit
 - This Little Light of Mine (Greening of PUC)
 - Energy Audit completed
 - Priorities decided on
 - Energy conservation & reduction
 - Carbon replacement
 - Cost reduction
 - Quotes received
 - In process of working to finance initiative prior to starting
- **Living Faith Story** (Customizing our Ministry)
 - Decided to continue with multiple Presenters from the pulpit as opposed to searching for a single minister at this point in time
 - Working on
 - Defining our approach to Pastoral Care
 - Needs in Christian Education

**Elgin United Church
Report to the Official Board
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Elgin United Church has been very involved and busy since the last report. The highlights are:

- Roof installation was re-tendered. Start is imminent
- Monitor installed at rear of sanctuary for viewing by worship leader and choir
- Septic mainline was replaced
- Snow removal was contracted, rather than in-house, as needed due to RLELC daily access
- Consultant visioning contract paid and closed
- Building our Future United Campaign launched
- Small Halls and Raisin' the Roof concerts sold out
- Fall Market and On-line auction very successful

- Children's Christmas Party was simply wonderful with 24 children enjoying snacks, presents and Santa Clause
- Six congregants completed the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program
- One congregant completed the Palliative Care Education Sessions
- North Leeds Youth Council reached an estimated 1,000 students with the EUC supported grant from Vision & Transformation
- Sunday School has started with two children attending and another enrolled. Interest has been expressed by several parents
- The special New Years Day service led by four lay people was well attended
- Farmers' Breakfast co-hosted by EUC and the Swans of Rideau Lakes planned for Saturday April 29th
- Small Halls concert confirmed for October 13th
- We continue to enjoy wonderfully moving and uplifting music led and provided by our choir and pianist/guitarist
- The joint Maundy Thursday Communion Service was special and unique. The 41 attendees worshipped by candle-light due to a power outage
- Easter Sunday Worship was well attended with 45 worshippers enjoying the music of the joint choir
- Easter Sunday was Rev. Kathleen Walton's last Sunday leading worship. The congregation honoured where a Prayer Shawl and gift basket of local goodies