

Elgin United Church Council Meeting Minutes

Via ZOOM

7 February 2023, 7:09 pm

APPROVED April 4, 2023

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

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

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1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.
2. 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)
3. Opening Prayer: JoAnne Fletcher opened in prayer.
4. Agenda: Additions to tonight's agenda:
 - Item 9h – Report from the Community at Large (Cathy Ryan)
 - Item 10c – EUC Nominations (Clint Halladay)
 - Item 10d – Sunday School (Pat Greenhorn)Amendment to Item 11 Next Meeting – Date correction (Clint Halladay)

Pat Greenhorn motioned that the amended agenda be accepted.
Maureen Bee seconded. APPROVED
5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held 6 Dec 22: Jim Earl did not attend the meeting. Clint will amend the minutes before posting them. Morgan Wright made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ted Brett. APPROVED
6. Business Arising from the 6 Dec 22 Meeting:
 - a. The special New Year's Service was well attended. Thank you to Cathy Ryan, Pat Greenhorn, Mark Bee, and Clint Halladay for their sharing. Thank you to Michelle Knapp and Morgan Wright for their music leadership and imagination. Well done to Pat for organizing the service.
Morgan and Michelle are thinking about our next joint service with Portland United, probably Easter.
7. Reports
 - a. Treasurer (Joanne McLean): See the attached Treasurer's Report. Our financial status is healthy. We have approximately \$50,000 in free balance. Our Building Our Future United Campaign has

reached \$50,000. A pledge was also received for \$20,000 towards the roof. The Early Learning Centre rent is covering our utilities. Pat Greenhorn asked if a list of campaign contributions might be sent to her monthly, so that thank you cards may be sent.

Action - Joanne McLean

- b. Sharing and Caring (Pat Greenhorn): See the attached Sharing and Caring Report.
Clint told us that a report was sent to Rev Cindy Casey, the lead of Vision and Transformation (V&T) of EOORC. We had asked for a two-year grant to form a Pastoral Care Ministry. V&T looks at supporting new and innovative worship opportunities. We still have some of last year's grant. They're impressed. If we need more, they say just let them know!
- c. Benevolent: Clint reported that one cheque was issued to a local family in need.
- d. Community Partnership Coordinator (Cindy Carbino): The EUC/RLELC Children's Christmas Party, held 11 Dec 22, was a huge success. We had 24 kids. Santa was very well received! Kudos to Alex Price and music student Zoey on a great job!

Cindy is brainstorming about possible future events. A ham dinner is being proposed in conjunction with the SWANS for March. Other ideas are a Spring Fling concert, card night, Elgin Days BBQ with the nursery school, a free will chili dinner, and a joint fund raiser with the elementary school selling Wilton cheese.

- e. Property (Jim Earl): Clint reported that the church fire extinguishers have been inspected. New batteries have been installed in the thermostats. Snow removal has been going well. Morgan brought to our attention one instance where the snow removal had not been done. Clint will talk to Adam about it.

Action: Clint Halladay

- f. Audio-Visual: Clint shared that both a front monitor and rear monitor are now installed in the sanctuary. There has been widespread approval of the monitors' advantages by congregants, choir, and worship leaders.
- g. Trustees (Adrian Overdulse): See the attached Trustees Report. Jason Earl met with Adrian, Ted Brett, and Clint Halladay. Jason apologized to EUC on past lack of communication, citing office staffing issues. He will give us a \$5,500 discount, if we contract with his business again. Total cost would now be \$104,000 dependant on fluctuating steel costs. Our HST rebate should be approximately \$9,000. It was explained that no other contractor is available anytime in the near future.
Adrian motioned that we contract with Jason Earl to replace the roof. Work would start in early April and end in late May, dependant

upon weather conditions. The contract would be signed at the next meeting with Jason Earl, within the next two weeks. Ted Brett seconded this motion. APPROVED

Action: Adrian Overdulse, Ted Brett, Clint Halladay

Note: Roof work on the manse is also going to be provided by Jason Earl. This job is separate to the contract for EUC and would be between the Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge and Jason Earl.

- h. Community at Large (Cathy Ryan): Last year's youth grant with North Leeds Youth Council (NLYC) is now fully used. What was left went to the schools, \$500 per school, for books, presentations, and acknowledgement workshop. It is estimated that 1,000 students have been reached by these actions. A letter of gratitude and a request for a new \$5,000 grant, on behalf of NLYC, was sent by Cathy to the EOORC V&T committee.

8. Pastoral Charge Supervisor

JoAnne Fletcher appreciates the work that "Fill the Pulpit" does. She hopes that a worship team could be created. Ted Brett noted that the Official Board should run with this, liaising with the two charges. JoAnne enthusiastically expressed, "Great Job Everyone!".

9. Communication

Clint explained that the Pastoral Care annual report has been sent to EOORC V&T. Several get well and thinking of you cards were mailed to EUC members.

10. New Business

- a. Dishwasher – Not working efficiently. The plumber thinks the water pressure is good. We're looking at a new de-limer and different soap.
- b. Festival of Small Halls (FOSH) Concert – FOSH proposed a date of 13 October 2023 for a concert at EUC. Council agrees. Clint will communicate this to the FOSH organizers.

Action: Clint Halladay

- c. 2023 Nominations – See the attached Nominations list. If anyone wants to stand for a vacant position, nominate someone, or wishes to stand down from a current one, please inform Clint.
- d. Sunday School – Pat Greenhorn told us that she, Cindy Carbino, and a small cadre of volunteers are willing to re-commence Sunday School starting in March. We'll use free on-line curriculum to start with. If we're progressing, we'll buy curriculum for the fall.

Council is most pleased!

- e. Choir Room – Michelle Knapp suggested that a cleaning day, on a Saturday, is required soonest, to clean up the Choir Room. Several council members expressed their willingness to be involved. Michelle suggested that we would need some long time EUC

members, as part of the crew, to aid in decision-making of items that should be kept or discarded. Clint added that Mary Lynne Alderdice should be contacted. She is anxious to digitally archive items of importance.

Date to be determined.

11. Next Meeting The next council meeting will take place, via ZOOM, on 4 April 2023.
12. Comments of the Chair Clint opined that we're doing really well, however there's still lots to do. He reminded us to take time to breathe!
13. Closing Prayer Pat shared a closing prayer.
14. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.