

Elgin United Church Council Meeting Minutes

30 May 2023, 7:00 pm

APPROVED September 5, 2025

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

Regrets: Andrea Thompson, Roberta McKinney, Jim Earl, Joanne McLean, Michelle Knapp, Morgan Wright

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement: Read by Pat Greenhorn - 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: Clint opened in prayer.

4. Agenda: Maureen Bee motioned that the amended agenda be accepted. Pat Greenhorn seconded. **APPROVED**

5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held 4 Apr 23: Sandra Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Adrian Overdulse. **APPROVED**

6. Business Arising from the 4 Apr 23 Meeting:
 - a. Clint spoke on behalf of Michelle Knapp. Michelle is still liaising with Mary Lyne Alderdice regarding archiving of items in the Choir Room. Volunteers for an upcoming Cleaning Bee are needed. Please give your name to Michelle. **Action – Michelle Knapp**

 - b. Pat Greenhorn has not purchased Thank You note cards yet, but she will do so soon. Cards to Thompson Plumbing and to Burnbrae Farms were sent. Pat will contact Joanne McLean to obtain donor names and will send cards to those people/organizations. **Action – Pat Greenhorn**

7. Reports
 - a. Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report is attached. Clint reported that the first cheque, in the amount of \$50,000, has been issued for the roof work. Our Operating Account has approximately \$75,000 in it. Pat Greenhorn made a motion to move the balance of the leftover Consulting Fund (\$460) to our Building Fund. Sandra Smith seconded. **APPROVED**
Action - Joanne McLean

 - b. Trustees: Adrian relayed that roof work has commenced. He expects completion in four to five weeks,

- c. Building Our Future Campaign: Clint is working on the donations thermometer. He asked what increments we wanted to put on it. Council agreed to \$5,000 increments, up to \$150,000. The thermometer will be placed on the lamp post in front of the church. Maureen sent out 15 more letters last week and has another 10 ready to go. She is looking for more addresses, if anyone can help with that. **Action – Maureen Bee, Clint Halladay**

- d. Children’s Ministry: Pat reported that we have 3 regular attendees at Sunday School. There will be a break during the summer, similar to elementary school dates. Pat wishes to purchase curriculum for this coming autumn. She’ll submit any bills to the General fund. She will ask for a Budget Line Item for next year. Cathy Ryan mentioned potential costs for teens and Pat suggested a Line Item could also be created in the budget for that. **Action – Pat Greenhorn**

- e. Sharing and Caring: Pat talked with Emily Beelen at Country Roads Community Health Centre (CRCHC) and Ann Bishop at Guthrie House, as she works on building a directory of services available in the area. CRCHC is starting a Dementia Caregiver Support Group, and also a Dementia Daycare program. Both of these start in July and are facilitated by the Alzheimer’s Society of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. Pat asked Council if Prayer Shawl ministry should be part of EUC’s Pastoral Care Ministry Team’s offerings. Council agreed that it should be. Andrea Thompson is preparing a presentation on care to the aged plus Advanced Directives.

- f. Music: Maureen Bee reported that Choir will finish on June 25th for the summer.

- g. Community Partnership: Cindy Carbino told us that we did well on both the Breakfast (\$500) and the Fish Fry (\$1,500) fund raisers. Many thanks to Anne and Adrian Overdulse for their work on the Fish Fry. Maureen remarked that the gluten-free fish was amazing and appreciated! Cindy will meet with the Elgin Swans on June 6th to discuss a possible chicken and biscuits dinner to be held July 29th. Council asked Cindy to suggest at the upcoming meeting that perhaps that type of dinner would be better suited to the winter. Cindy stated that our smoked meat (Morgan) and hamburgers (RLELC) will be the only food in town, besides the restaurant, during Elgin Days Saturday. EUC will hold a Bake Sale plus a Raffle table – donations are requested. Mayor Arie Hoogenboom will set up a fund raising rummage sale table.

- h. EOORC Representative: Tedd Brett reported, “We did have a Conference last weekend that was reasonably well attended with

about 150 on both days. We had a very interesting guest speaker both days, Rev Michael Blair the General Secretary of the UCC. Some of his focus was don't live in the past. We are not going back there so live with what you have and carry on. He did mention for us to get Sunday attendance back up that a Sunday service would have to be better than sex! When we get the recording or transcripts of his speeches, you are welcome to view or listen to them.

We had two major votes. One on becoming an Affirming Conference which passed with ease and the other as a remit, that caught me off guard, on establishing an Autonomous Nation Indigenous Organization. After much discussion it did pass. Our Official Board will also have to vote on it.

I came away with my two positions still intact. A member of Property and the Church Extension Committee."

8. Acceptance of Reports Pat Greenhorn motioned that we accept all of the reports as presented. Cindy Carbino was the seconder. **APPROVED**

9. Pastoral Charge Supervisor JoAnne Fletcher ardently enthused, "You guys are doing great!".

10. New Business
 - a. Clint presented a proposed change, on behalf of Joanne McLean, that one signing officer (either Joanne, Maureen or Jane) be required for writing cheques. Sandra Smith made a motion and Cindy Carbino seconded. **APPROVED Action: Joanne McLean**

 - b. Sandra Smith shared that we have presented 17 prayer shawls since the beginning of COVID including five to non-congregation people. Please let Sandra know if you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl. Sandra also made a motion that EUC send a cheque for \$350 to the family of Ryan Collins to help as she battles leukemia. Adrian seconded. **APPROVED Cathy Ryan will instruct Joanne to issue the cheque.**

 - c. Maureen Bee explained that a worship committee or team, to assist our charge secretary and our music directors would really be a great support. The team would be the liaison with our staff and the supply ministers. As the M&P Chair, Maureen will meet with M&P members and then take this proposal to the OB. **Action: Maureen Bee**

 - d. Maureen told of us Zoë Zudinski, a young woman from Delta, who practices on our baby grand piano each week. She is at the grade 10 level with the Ontario Conservatory of Music. To thank EUC for providing access to the sanctuary and the piano weekly, she would like to give us a piano recital on Sunday, June 25th after our worship service. Finger foods and coffee/tea will be available. We excitedly look forward her performance!

- e. Adrian reported that Dave Gibbons, Executive Assistant to MPP Steve Clark was a no-show to our planned meeting to discuss grant opportunities with the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
- f. Clint relayed Sonya Seward's request - she was asked by the RLELC board if it would be okay to put a banner beside the one EUC has out front, so people know we (RLELC) are here. It would just be their logo, contact info and values if possible. Pat motioned that we give Council's approval to proceed. Ted seconded the motion. We think RLELC is a cornerstone of our service to our community. **APPROVED Action: Clint Halladay**

- 11. Next Meeting The next council meeting will take place, in person, on 5 September 2023, at 7:00 pm.
- 12. Comments of the Chair Clint commended everyone for the good business tonight,
- 13. Closing Prayer Pat shared a closing prayer.
- 14. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.