

**Elgin United Church Council Meeting Minutes
15 April 2025, 7:00 pm**

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

Regrets: Andrea Thompson, Jim Earl, Marg Ross, Roberta McKinney, Adriann Overdulse

- 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 all – As we gather for our council meeting this evening, we acknowledge that his land has been the ancestral home to many before us. We honour their stewardship and ask God to help us walk with them in dignity of all peoples and the land itself. May it be so.
- 3 Opening Prayer: JoAnne: Heavenly Father, we have come to you this evening to do the work of your people in your world. We open our hearts, minds and lives to receive your blessings and guidance. We pray that decisions made tonight will further your work in this church, this community and beyond. Amen.
- 4 Agenda Pat Greenhorn motioned that the agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded by Maureen Bee. APPROVED
- 5 Minutes of the Council Meeting held 11 Feb 25 Pat Greenhorn made a motion to accept the minutes of the EUC council meeting held 11 February 2025 and it was seconded by Michelle Knapp. APPROVED
- 6 Business Arising from 11 Feb 25 Council Meeting
 - a. No business arising was identified.
- 7 Correspondence
 - a. No correspondence.
8. Reports
 - a Financial: See the attached financial statement.
 - b Trustees & Property: See the attached Property report.
 - c Children and Youth Ministry: Pat Greenhorn told us that we are now one month short of a full year of support for our Jesse Tree.

Cathy Ryan reported on youth activities. They need funding as our three-year grant has ended. This was tabled to our next council meeting.

- d Music: Morgan Wright informed us that EUC is scheduled to host the Festival of Small Halls (FOSH) on October 17th. The performer(s) haven't been identified yet.

The piano has been tuned.

Five choir practices for the EUC 100th anniversary celebration will take place at EUC on Wednesday evenings.

We're looking forward to Holy Week music at EUC and PUC on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

There was some conversation had amongst council, I regarding the Choir Room. Maureen and Michelle continue to work on it. Mary-Lyne Alderdice and Jane Campbell carry on as well, with their archiving work. A good deal of free space can now be seen. Clint will talk to RLELC management to remind them to not use the Choir Room.

- e EOORC: Ted Brett mentioned an email sent by EOORC inviting choirs and individuals to join in a mass choir, at the EY Centre, on June 15th to celebrate our 100th anniversary. Ted will send the email to council members tonight.

9 Acceptance of Reports

The reports, written and verbal, are received for filing.

10 Pastoral Charge Supervisor

JoAnne Fletcher encouraged us to "Carry On!". Her thoughts are with us this coming Holy Week and further on as we grow closer to the United Church's 100th anniversary. Bright and sunny thoughts go with you!

11 New Business

- a Clint reported that the septic system has failed. It is 47 years old. The replacement must meet the capacity of a full church plus the manse. Thompson Plumbing has been dealing with this. They note that our lot is too small to accommodate a new right-sized system. They believe a work-around is possible if the township grants a leeway on variance. Historically, approval would be forthcoming for such an issue. If approval is given, Thompson Plumbing will provide an estimate for the project to our Trustees. As the manse is involved, the Pastoral Charge Joint Trustees will be involved.
- b Maureen Bee updated us on Elgin Days planning. Elgin Days dates are July 10th to 13th. This year's theme is "Canadian Summer". EUC will have a raffle table, baked goods table, plus lunch to purchase. Tim and Terry will be performing, so the line dancers should be able to dance in front of the church. Don't hesitate to contact Maureen or

Michelle with ideas and, of course, if anyone would like to volunteer. The next Elgin Days meeting takes place on May 5th.

- c Pat enlightened us with Area 100th anniversary plans, including a drama presentation, a speaker, music, food, and the venue. The next planning meeting is in Athens on April 29th.
- d Clint reported that EUC had received a request to use our kitchen once a month to prepare meals for housebound people. Council will table this, until we have a resolution to the septic system failure.
- e We also received a request for a bike pad for RLELC children. Council will table this, until we have a resolution to the septic system failure.
- f Clint explained that we have a possible donor of a storage shed. More to follow, once the septic system failure is resolved.

- 12 Next Meeting The next council meeting, via Zoom, is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 May 2025.
- 13 Comments of the Chair Clint exclaimed that we've been very busy! There is a lot going on. He is impressed with all we do with small numbers and is fully convinced that we'll meet our financial challenge and move forward. He thanked everyone on council and in the congregation. "People are stepping up and doing what they can!".
- 14 Closing Prayer and Adjournment Jo-Anne Fletcher closed in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Elgin United Church
Property 2025**

January:

- Cleaned septic filter – Thompson Plumbing

February:

- Water penetration at south corner of church and Centennial Room. Drain frozen, rerouted downspout extension

March:

- RLELC replaced carpet in Fellowship Room with tile plank
- Weeping bed failure
 - Pumped tank
 - Thompson's Plumbing assessed
 - Manse is connected; therefore, Joint Trustees will review options and present findings and recommendation(s)
 - Meanwhile use as holding tank, install high water alarm

April:

- Pumped tank – 13 days since March pumping
- Thompsons Plumbing working on a plan and estimate
 - Lot size requires township approval