

**Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge
Official Board Meeting Minutes
24 September 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Portland United Church**

Approved December 10, 2024

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, Maureen Bee, Connie Cochran, Norma Cummings, Liz Church, Ted Brett, Katy Gibson, Will French, JoAnne Fletcher

Regrets: Andrea Thompson, Duncan Picard

- 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 on traditional territory, land that many contend remains unceded, we commit ourselves to create, and to do, right and good relationships, even with a past of hurt and wrongs. May we all live into abundant, reconciled relationships. We pray for Christ's help. Amen.
- 3 Opening Prayer: All together – Heavenly Father, we come before you today in humility and faith. We thank you for all you have given us and the many blessings in our lives. We ask for your guidance and strength as we carry out the business of this official board. Help us to be faithful in our service to you. Give us the patience and understanding to face life's challenges with grace. We ask these things in your name. Amen.
- 4 Agenda The motion to accept the Agenda was made by Ted Brett and seconded by Will French.
APPROVED
- 5 Minutes of the Council Meeting held 18 Feb. 2024 Connie Cochran made a motion to accept the minutes of the Official Board meeting held 18 February 2024. The motion was seconded by Katy Gibson
APPROVED
- 6 Reports
 - Portland Council – See attached report.
 - Elgin Council – See attached report.
 - M&P – All going well, nothing to report.
 - Treasurer – See Attachment B.
 - UCW – 143 pies made, only a few left
Have a couple new members
Don't have to be a member of UCC to be in the UCW
Hosting Fall Rally – Oct. 8th - will be about 60 ladies in attendance at PUC
Making Tortieres in November
Donated \$2,000 to Food Bank a few months ago.
 - Worship Committee – Preliminary plans for Advent in place
Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 at PUC / 7:00 at EUC
Sunday, December 29th – Joint Service at PUC at 10:00
Liz Church is leading all Advent/Christmas Services.

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders are getting booked up. We are covered until end of December. Shaun is back May–October, 2025 January–May, and October–December, 2025 will have holes to fill – we're getting short on leaders.

Pastoral Care Supervisor - it was a busy summer - Committal of 4 people and 1 baptism

World Communion: try to allow us to feel what other parts of the world feel like.

Pastoral care is very busy – don't get everyone done.

The pastoral care offered is very much appreciated.

Joint Trustees – Manse is rented.

Linda Carr acts on our behalf and reports no problems.

February 1st, 2024 rental period started. All rent has been paid to date.

EOORC – See Attachment C.

Planning for UCC Anniversary weekend – May 30th–June 1st.

Last month's meeting held at PUC.

Next month's meeting being held in Renfrew.

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| 7. <u>Acceptance of Reports</u> | Connie Cochran motioned that we accept all of the reports as presented. Liz Church seconded the motion.
APPROVED |
| 8. <u>Pastoral Charge Supervisor</u> | JoAnne Fletcher advised us to "carry on!" We've been doing this for 3 years now. She's "happy to be a part of our journey". JoAnne is not generally available on Sundays for leading service.
She will call into our meetings going forward rather than travelling unless we need her to come in person. |
| 9. <u>New Business</u> | Discussion regarding Bible Study.
Motion by Liz Church to continue to monitor the Situation, as Bible study is encouraged.
Seconded by Will French.
APPROVED |
| 10. <u>Next Meeting</u> | The next Official Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 19 November 2024 at 7:00 at EUC |
| 11. <u>Comments of the Chair</u> | Clint advised we haven't needed a meeting as we're "running shops very well". |
| 12. <u>Closing Prayer and Adjournment</u> | JoAnne Fletcher closed in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. |