

**Elgin United Church Council Meeting Minutes
1 October 2025, 7:00 pm**

APPROVED November 11, 2025

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, JoAnne Fletcher (phone), Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Sandra Smith, Morgan Wright, Pat Greenhorn, Ted Brett, Michelle Knapp, Jim Earl

Regrets: Andrea Thompson, Marg Ross, Roberta McKinney, Cathy Ryan

- 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 Acknowledge ment: Read by all – We acknowledge with respect the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. Holy Spirit help us enter relationships beyond mere words. Help us to transform our words into action and achieve right relationships with Indigenous Peoples, with the land, and with the environment.
- 3 Opening Prayer: Dear Lord, we ask for your wisdom as we meet today. We acknowledge that we need your wisdom and insights, and we welcome your presence among us. Guide us in our discussions and decisions that we do so with respect and help us to seek what is best for all involved. We trust in your perfect wisdom and ask that you direct our meeting according to your will. Amen.
- 4 Agenda Maureen Bee motioned that the agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded by Pat Greenhorn. **APPROVED**
- 5 Minutes of the Council Meeting held 20 May 25 Pat Greenhorn made a motion, and Maureen Bee seconded, to accept the minutes of the EUC council meeting held 20 May 25. **APPROVED**
- 6 Business Arising from 20 May 25 Council Meeting
 - a. Nil
7. Information
 - a. Structural Changes from GC45 Consultations. See the Information attachment.
 - b. Our Future as the United Church of Canada. See the Information attachment. Clint will be attending the Oct 4th session.
8. Reports
 - a Financial: Clint reported that our finances are good. Our attendance may be low, however our members are generous. See the attachment.
 - b Children and Youth Ministry: Nil report.

- c Property: See the attached report. The whole church building will be tested for mould. Clint will look into products to freshen up/remove stale smells.
- d Music: Morgan Wright noted that Garry Bracken will be providing piano accompaniment for worship on Nov 2nd. Three concerts will be held at EUC in the upcoming month. The Tipped Ship is sponsoring a concert on Oct 4th, the Small Halls concert takes place on Oct 17th, and a Country Music concert will be held on Nov 1st.
- e Community Partnership: Maureen Bee and Michelle Knapp presented a report explaining their part in the intermissions of the three upcoming concerts. Refreshments will be available for a free will offering, with proceeds going to EUC. Volunteers are welcomed to make sandwiches and treats for the Nov 1st concert.

A sign painting night is planned for November. More info to follow.

Cindy Carbino will oversee the annual EUC auction. Remember, please donate new items only.

Maureen brought up the subject of what we might call our space, for people to book. She asked Council for their input. We agreed that we would like the name to begin with "Elgin United" followed by one word. The suggestion of Elgin United Commons was given, but was not agreed upon by all. A call for name suggestions will be made during announcements at the beginning of this Sunday's service. This subject is tabled to our next council meeting.

See the attached report.

Michelle told us that RDHS is putting on two musicals this school year. She wondered if they could perform one of the concerts at EUC. Council wholeheartedly agreed to the idea.

Mark Bee gave a brief report on EUC's participation with the "Doors Open" walking tour. We welcomed an enthusiastic group of 20 persons, led by two RDHS students. There were many questions regarding the history of the building and what is going on at Elgin United.

- f. Official Board Update: Clint reported that it is hoped that a reinvigorated Worship Committee will be back on track soon. PUC approved and made payment for their share of the septic replacement.

- d. Pat Greenhorn motioned, and Ted Brett seconded, that the monthly remuneration to our pianist Morgan Wright be raised by \$50.
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- 13 Comments of the Chair Clint shared that it so easy to work with our council members and our pastoral charge supervisor. "You're doing all you possibly can and touching many people in the community".
- 14 Closing Prayer and Adjournment Mark Bee closed in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.