

Elgin United Church Council Meeting Minutes

20 April 2026, 7:00 pm

APPROVED MAY 19, 2026

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

Guest: Shannon Daye

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.
2. Opening Prayer: Read by all – Precious Lord, we ask your blessings upon those gathered this evening in Your name. As the signs of spring awaken us, let there also be awakening of our spirit and a freshness to our resolve as we worship You in an ever-challenging world. Amen.
3. Territorial Acknowledgement: We acknowledge with recognition and respect the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. Help us to build a healthy, respectful relationship, grounded in understanding. Give us grace to make mistakes, to learn and move forward with a good heart. Amen.
4. Agenda Clint asked that Item 11E be removed. A motion to accept the amended agenda was put forth by Ted Brett. Maureen Bee seconded. APPROVED
5. Kitchen Use We welcomed Shannon Daye to the meeting. Shannon is the site supervisor for RLELC. She proposed, starting June 1st, that she might use the church kitchen for 2 hours per week to prepare meals for her secondary business. She would start off preparing fresh meals for seniors. As things progress, Shannon might also do possible catering. She would arrange her own business insurance. She will get permission from RLELC to use their appliances in the kitchen. Shannon proposed a three-month trial basis, with her giving EUC a donation. Prior to giving the go-ahead to Shannon, EUC must contact MPAC to ensure this is permissible without a change to property tax for the church. Maureen Bee will investigate.
6. Minutes of the Council Meeting held 11 Nov 25 Pat Greenhorn made a motion, and Michelle Knapp seconded, to accept the minutes of the EUC council meeting held 11 November 2025. APPROVED
7. Business Arising from 11 Nov 25 Council Meeting
 - a. Pat Greenhorn told us that the local couple, whom we had given a trial period, did not produce good results. We will not continue using their services. For the time being, it's status quo – no paid property management.

8. Reports
 - a. Financial: Clint reported that our finances are good. We have \$58,000 in the bank.
 - b. Ministry and Personnel: Nil report.
 - c. Worship Committee: Mark Bee reported that the committee held its second meeting on March 11th. Both congregations are requested to ensure they ask prospective speakers/worship leaders if they'll do both services. Norma Cummings maintains the schedule. Please liaise with her if you want to book someone, to prevent multiple bookings for the same date. Mark will lead worship on July 26th and Nov 8th. There was discussion of some joint services, led by councils. Passing worship focus and hymns to music leaders in a timely fashion is very important.
 - d. Caring Connections: Pat spoke on Bereavement Bags that could be given to community members. Andrea Thompson has agreed to lead a training session, in the fall, on seniors' loss. It will be open the community. Clint thanked Maureen, Michelle, and Sandra for their continued prayer shawl work.
 - e. Youth Ministry: Cathy Ryan told us of the upcoming Four Rivers Cluster youth day to be held in Kingston on May 2nd. It will include swimming, supper, and a movie, "David and Goliath". Open to ages 10 and up.
 - f. Property: Clint explained the plaster work and painting that was completed in the sanctuary by Jordan Trudell. The cost was \$900. The work done looks great! Jordan demonstrated very good workmanship. Pat Greenhorn will call Jordan to ask for an estimate for more work required in our sanctuary.

Maureen Bee reported that Caverson sprayed for insects on April 14th. It was a very non-evasive process. Both the inside and outside of our building was treated. Another spraying will be completed in the autumn. The discounted cost was \$1,100.
 - g. Music: Morgan related that the Holy Week services were wonderful.
 - h. Events: EUC will not be hosting a Small Halls concert this year.

Maureen spoke on the great partnership we have with Trish and the Tipped Ship concerts. The performers have been top-notch. We have not charged her anything to use our space. Trish has donated \$1,979.49 to EUC since October 2025, from the proceeds of the concerts. Trish does not keep any money raised. Other than paying for expenses, the rest is donated.
 - i. Community Partnerships: Please see the attached reports, from Maureen (Community Partnership Report, Elgin Days)

Pat stated that EUC was contacted by Tracey Lessard who wants to run a four-week (once a week) Menopause series at our church. It would take place in the summer and could be in the basement or outside, on Saturdays

or in the evening .RLELC was approached and is good with it. Council agrees to the proposal.

The Boy Scouts are very interested in using our basement, Monday evenings, starting in September. This would be a newly formed troop for Elgin. Approximately 15 Scouts and 3 leaders are anticipated. Scouts Canada does not provide funding for renting spaces to meet. The boys would be willing to do volunteer work as a form of donation. Pat will invite Julia Thompson to come to our next council meeting to speak on this request.

j. EOORC: Please see the attached report from Ted Brett.

k. Official Board: Official Board (OB) meets on April 27th at EUC.

9. Acceptance of Reports Pat motioned and Ted seconded yhat the reports be received. APPROVED

10. Pastoral Charge Supervisor JoAnne Fletcher is in awe! She stated this is a wonderful meeting. Not only was her cell phone re-charged, so was she! She offered congratulations on our vital work in the community.

11. New Business a. Spirit of Pentecost Service: Takes place on Sunday, May 24th at 10:00 am in the Elgin Lions Hall. Food allocations have been emailed out by Pat. Setup takes place on Saturday, May 23rd at 4:30 pm. This joint service, involving many local United Church congregations, replaces worship service at PUC and EUC for May 24th.

b. EUC October Concert.: Morgan told us that people are excited. They're still in the planning stages. Exact date and theme are to be determined.

c. Elgin Days: Please refer the attached Elgin Days report, from Maureen, mentioned in Item 8i. Council agreed to pulled pork sandwiches. Clint brought up the point that the soil may not be firm enough to host karaoke on the lawn. Council agrees to letting Arie Hoogenboom use the same space he has used previously for his charitable yard sale.

d. Grass Mowing – Volunteering or Hire: Council members are up to cutting the grass. Clint will create a lawn mowing roster.

12. Next Meeting The next council meeting shall take place, in-person, May 19th at 7:00 pm.

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| 13. | <u>Comments of the Chair</u> | Clint thanked all council members for their service. He noted exciting things and ideas that are forthcoming. "We wouldn't be where we are, if not for all of you!". |
| 14. | <u>Closing Prayer</u> | Pat closed in prayer. |
| 15. | <u>Adjournment</u> | The meeting adjourned at |
| 15. | <u>Closing Prayer</u> | Pat closed in prayer. |
| 16. | <u>Adjournment</u> | The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. |