

Elgin United Church Council Meeting Minutes
19 May 2026, 7:00 pm

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

Guests: Girl Guide Unit - Julia Thompson, Jordan

Regrets: Mark Bee, Morgan Wright

1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.
2. Opening Prayer The opening prayer was read by all.
3. Territorial Acknowledgement The territorial acknowledgement was read by all.
4. Agenda A motion to accept the amended agenda was put forth by Ted Brett. Maureen Bee seconded. APPROVED
5. Great Room Use Our guests proposed to EUC council that Boy Scouts, in the 5 to 8 year old age range, be able to use space in the church on Monday evenings, except holidays or PA days, enabling the Scouting movement to have a local meeting place in Elgin. This would start in mid-September. Julia Thompson also proposed that in lieu of rent, the scouts and their leaders would perform work around the church such as planting and odd jobs. The Scouts would need a storage space.
6. Minutes of the Council Meeting 20 Apr 26 Ted Brett made a motion, and Sandra Smith seconded, to accept the minutes of the EUC council meeting held 20 April 2026. APPROVED
7. Business Arising from 20 Apr 26 Council Meeting
 - a. Use of the Kitchen by Shannon Daye. Michelle Knapp motioned that we inform Shannon, that according to the information provided to us from MPAC, renting the kitchen is not persuable. Ted Brett seconded the motion. CARRIED
 - b. Spirit of Pentecost service – Pat Greenhorn shared that all is ready to go and food is arranged.

8. Reports
- a. Financial: Clint reported that there's nothing new. Deposits have been made, bills have been paid.
 - b. Ministry and Personnel: Nil report.
 - c. Worship Committee: No report.
 - d. Caring Connections: Pat mentioned the Bereavement Bags and that people have appreciated the book.
 - e. Youth Ministry: Cathy Ryan relayed that 22 people went to Kingston, ranging from 2 to 85 years old. A pizza party and a movie are being planned. We're looking at bowling near the end of June and then will get back together in the fall.
Collective retreat in St. Catherines. Cathy approached Regional Council for \$250 per youth. Cathy made a motion to sponsor both Ella Price and a young person who is not currently coming to church, total cost being \$500. Pat seconded. APPROVED
 - f. Property: Pat explained the painting of the two arches in the sanctuary done by Jordan Trudell. He did a wonderful job. Pat asked about work on the large cracks, higher up the walls. Scaffolding will be needed.

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: No report.
 - h. Events: Maureen Bee noted that, new for EUC this year, we'll be making coffee available for Elgin Days. There will be a free will offering jar. We are also having Karaoke on the lawn.
 - i. Community Partnerships: Maureen told us she'll be sending a thank you card to the Tipped Ship for their generous sharing with us of all the profits of their concerts.
Rideau Players are rehearsing at EUC and will be performing their play here on June 5th and 6th.
 - j. EOORC: Ted Brett reported that the AGM takes place May 29th and 30th at Trinity United Church in Smiths Falls.
 - k. Official Board: Official Board (OB) next meeting date is to be determined. These meetings are open to anyone in EPPC.
9. Acceptance of Reports
- Pat motioned and Sandra seconded that the reports be received.
APPROVED

10. Pastoral Charge Supr No report.
11. New Business
- a. Elgin BMO Closing: The Elgin BMO branch will close on June 19th. The protocol is to move our account to the Gananoque branch. There's an option to move to the Athens branch instead. Another option would be to change to RBC in Portland, which council did not like. Clint will ask our bookkeeper Karen Pyne to action it. Note that Clint told the Council Secretary that the transfer was seamless and no action was needed. There is a small safe at Clint's for temporary secure storage needs.
 - b. Small Committee.: Membership from congregation – rentals. Table until needed.
 - c. Broadview Small Church Issue: We will purchase some copies of the special Broadview Small Church issue for non-subscribing members of the congregation.
12. Next Meeting The next council meeting shall take place, in-person, in September at the discretion of the Chairperson.
13. Comments of the Chair Clint exclaimed that our council is running well. Everyone is pulling their weight. Clint appreciates all of our amazing council!
14. Closing Prayer Pat closed in prayer.
15. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:58.