

**Elgin United Church Council Meeting Minutes
15 September 2026, 7:00 pm**

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

Regrets: Morgan Wright

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. 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 Michelle Knapp. Pat Greenhorn seconded. **APPROVED**
5. Good News Sandra Smith shared that she received a card from Sherry Mallen, who is undergoing chemo treatment. The card stated that she had received a prayer shawl "In just the right time, you were there in just the right ways". Our prayer shawl ministry is a great and appreciated initiative.
6. Council Meeting Minutes 19 May 26 Maureen Bee made a motion, and Sandra Smith made the second, to accept the minutes of the EUC council meeting held 19 May 2026. **APPROVED**
7. Business Arising from 19 May 26 Council Meeting
 - a. See the attached Scout Summary report submitted by Pat Greenhorn. She'll follow up with any outstanding items. The Scouts will need a storage space. They can work that out with the RLELC.
 - b. Elgin BMO Closure – Clint is in Perth every two weeks and can make deposits. On off-weeks, he will store offerings in the safe at his residence.
 - c. We have received copies of the Broadview Small Church issue. They are located on the audio-visual desk and are available for loan.
8. Reports
 - a. Financial: Clint reported that there's nothing new. The current bank balance is \$57,136.

- b. Caring Connections: Pat put together bereavement bags and will announce their availability to the congregation. Clint has been busy at Lanark Lodge with regular duties and three bereavement visits.
- c. Youth Ministry: Cathy Ryan reported that she travelled to Ste Catherine's for the youth event held at Brock University. Over 500 youth and leaders came together. Ella was ill and couldn't attend. It was a very inspirational time. The music and worship were magical. Rev Heather McClurg-Murphy is stepping back and a new youth leader is being looked for. Hand bells and ukeleles have been received for the area youth. The adult leaders like them too!

Cathy motioned that, as the \$500 approved for Ella's participation in the youth conference was not used, that amount be contributed by EUC to the North Leeds Youth Council. Pat seconded the motion.
APPROVED
- d. Property: Grass cutting by congregation members has been effective. A new battery was placed in the smoke alarm. Clint noted that it was a pretty quiet summer!
- e. Music: Michelle and Maureen noted that two "Let Us Sing" music books have been purchased for the music director/choir.
- f. Events: Rehearsals for the autumn concert are taking place on Monday evenings.
- g. Community Partnerships: See the attached report submitted by Maureen Bee and Michelle Knapp. Our Elgin Days participation was another great success! Upcoming Tipped Ship concerts are listed in the report.
- h. Official Board: OB Chair, Clint Halladay, told us that the June 16th minutes have been posted on our EPPC website. There will be discussion of an OB item, from the August 30th OB meeting, in New Business.

- 9. Acceptance of Reports Michelle motioned and Maureen seconded that the reports be received.
APPROVED
- 10. Business Brought Forward Clint related that Andrea Thompson will lead a Sunday service with a focus on advanced care planning.

11. Pastoral Care Supr JoAnne Fletcher exclaimed, "You're doing great. This is a very productive meeting. Congratulations and carry on!"
12. New Business a. COPYTRACK: Clint explained that a legitimate company named COPYTRACK wanted the pastoral charge to send them money for using a copyrighted image of Panther Global Media several years ago. When asked for more information, the company's response contained few details. EOORC were informed. No further communication has been received and we are taking no further action.
- b. RLELC Lease Renewal: As of September 1st, the existing lease ended and moved to a month-to-month agreement. A new lease has been drafted by Clint to propose to the RLELC. All were in favour of this action. Clint will give it to Sonya.
- During discussion of this item, it was brought up that the RLELC had blocked the accessible washroom during weekdays and had not removed the gate on Friday afternoons. This is a problem for some congregants to enter/exit the washroom on Sundays. Clint will contact the RLELC to have this rectified.
- c. Manse Proposal from Joint Trustees: See the attached reports. Clint motioned and Ted seconded that the proposal be sent back the Joint Trustees to determine the implication of any remediation, if the archeological assessment described in the report discovers anything, plus who would be liable and who would bare those costs.
APPROVED
- d. GICs: Clint noted that we have a GIC with CIBC that becomes due on October 2nd. He asked should we transfer it to BMO, whom we do daily banking with, or stay with CIBC. Pat motioned and Maureen seconded that we stay with CIBC. APPROVED
- e. New Committee: The Chair wondered if we might create a small committee to look at EUC through the lens of information in the Broadview issue of Small Churches. Pat Greenhorn volunteered to lead and will canvass the congregation for this small committee membership. A report will be submitted at the Annual Congregational Meeting.
12. Next Meeting The next council meeting shall take place on November 17th at 7:00 pm.
13. Comments of the Chair Clint thanked everyone on council. He added that our input was very much appreciated. "After a good summer, let's be ready to go!"
14. Closing Prayer Mark Bee closed in prayer.
15. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Elgin United Church Elgin Days			
Cash Count			2,046.20 *
Donation - Not Assigned			100.00
Total cash			<u>2,146.20</u>
Less Personal Float			200.00
Cash for Deposit			<u>\$1,946.20 **</u>
* total cash includes floats of \$200 & \$160			
** cash includes treasurer's float \$160			
Reconciliation			
Raffle Table Cash			522.00
Less:			
Personal float	100.00		
Treasurer's Float	85.00		<u>185.00</u>
Net Raffle Table			<u>637.00</u>
Sandwich Cash			734.00
Less:			
Personal Float	50.00		
Treasurer's Float	40.00		
Meat Total	357.47		
Expense	248.80	248.80	
Pre-paid Expense ***	108.67		
Buns Total	128.91		
Expense	89.72	89.72	
Pre-paid Expense ***	39.19		
Drinks	Donated		
Total Deductions			<u>428.52</u>
Net Sandwich Sales			<u>305.48</u>
Bake Table Cash			450.60
Less:			
Personal Float	50.00		
Treasurer's Float	35.00		<u>85.00</u>
Net Bake Table Sales			<u>365.60</u>
Coffee			39.60
Net Proceeds from event			<u>\$1,347.68</u>
*** Prepaid expense is charged to cash, but not the event. Is an expense to a future event			

Scout Summary

In May 2026 EUC Council approved a proposal to allow use of our downstairs space for a new Boy Scouts of Canada group being started in Elgin by Julianne Thompson.

Details below are a summary of a recent discussion with Julianne.

- They are hoping to start meeting on Monday September 28th.
- Meetings would be held on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m. (actual meeting time is 6:30-7:30, with extra time allowed for set-up and clean-up)
- There are three leaders currently trained: Julianne Thompson (Parham) Jordan (Elgin) and Rebecca Mills (Elgin), with two other Elgin parents planning to train
- The group would include both Beavers (age 5-7) and Cubs (age 8-10)
- Numbers would be capped at a maximum of 16 children with two leaders(rotation)
- Use of the kitchen would be rare with no foods prepared or allowed that would pose an allergy risk for the daycare children
- Boots and outdoor clothing to be left at the entrance area
- The space will be returned to its original configuration after use each evening

Contract information:

- Boy Scouts of Canada will provide us with their Proof of Insurance policy
- As well, we will receive an annual report and statement from Boy Scouts
- They have asked EUC to sign a Sponsorship document whereby we agree to assist them in 'aligning with community needs and values' (we discussed this and I can provide examples and ideas)

I will be present the first evening that they meet and will let Shannon know of details.

Council discussion:

1. Sponsorship document
2. Key distribution

- Pat Greenhorn

Community Partnership Report – September 15, 2026

Elgin Days was another great success!

We raised \$1,347.68 (after expenses) towards our building fund.

There was pulled pork leftover (selling it to Maureen's niece for her wedding so it's not in the freezer for a year). Price TBD. Two reasons for leftovers were a food truck on the back street, and not as many attended Elgin Days as have in past years.

Raffle Table and Bake Table both did well. We had coffee this year, free-will donation, and people were happy to have it.

Karaoke by Tom Gard on the lawn was great, people sat in lawn chairs and watched, and some even danced. It was paid for by the Elgin Days Committed so free for us. We hope to have him back again next year.

Tipped Tunes Concerts – We are partnering with The Tipped Ship once again for a Fall/Winter Concert Series.

First Concert – October 3rd – Rob Lutes

No November or December Concert

January 22nd / February 19th or 20th / March 19th or 20th / April 10th are the tentative dates for 2027. Performers to be confirmed.

We're discussing other Fundraising Ventures for Winter/Spring/Summer 2026/2027