

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dutton, Tuesday, November 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

In Dutton, and within Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eleventh day of November, two thousand and fourteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

- Constitution** Acting Moderator, the Reverend Andrew Reid, welcomed everyone to the meeting and constituted the Court with prayer.
- Worship** The Worship Service was led by the Reverend Michael Stol and the Reverend Heather Paton.
- Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements** The Moderator extended a welcome to all present. Margaret McCullough represented the WMS.
- Attendance** John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Kevin Steeper, Michael Stol, Robert Shaw, Ministers; John Cameron, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Debbie Kemp, David Laphorne, Patrick Laurin, Jain Mahabir, Margaret McCullough, John McIntyre, Linda McKenna, Bill McMurchy, Nancy Newell, Barb Nyitray, John Stewart, Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Peter Vanderkooy, Sandra VanderVeen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer, Carrie Thornton, Clerk; John Van Eyk.
- Regrets** Charlotte Brown, Jacob Lee, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Bob Baron, Ian Begg, Doug Hill, Sheila McMurray, Angela Osborne, Elders.
- Absent** Mark Turner, Minister.
- Docket** **MOTION:** (Mahabir/McKee) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.
- Minutes** **MOTION:** (Mahabir/Drozd) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on October 14, 2014, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.
- Report of the Administrative Team** The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the Report of the Administrative Team.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION #1 (McKee/Mahabir) THAT the following correspondence be received for information: CARRIED.

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Number	From	Regarding
15-13	D. Woods, Presbyterian College	applications and nominations

RECOMMENDATION #2 (McKee/Mahabir) THAT the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
15-12	Rev M. Beacom	complaint about actions of Presbytery	admin team
15-14	J. Haas, Pension & Benefits office	DaySpring arrears	clerk
15-15	J.A. Green, Synod Clerk	additional synod reports	circ. elect.
15-16	S. Shaffer, Committee on Ed & Reception	competent objections to applications	circ. elect.
15-17	C. Crossett, Clerk of Session Bethel	request to dissolve congregation	admin team

Records Examination

MOTION: (Van Der Hoek/Van Bilsen) THAT the Session Records of Glencoe Presbyterian Church, Glencoe be attested as being neatly and correctly kept. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Vand Der Hoek/Van Bilsen) THAT the Session Records of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wardsville be attested as being neatly and correctly kept with notes. CARRIED.

Bethel Presbyterian Church

K. McKee presented the report which was circulated with the advance reports. He highlighted several sections of the report and answered a number of questions from members of the Court.

Continuing the Conversation

K. Steeper presented a verbal report about the gathering held on November 8. The committee is going to meet and consider the next steps.

Budget

L. Brule, Presbytery Treasurer, presented the proposed 2015 budget. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: (McKee/Mahabir) THAT the 2015 budget for the Presbytery of London be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

Almanarah

W. Khalil circulated a written report. He advised that the congregation is on track to achieve the budget in 2014.

University Chaplaincy

J. Park presented the report previously circulated. He spoke about his work as a chaplain and asked for the prayers of the Presbytery.

MOTION: (Bannerman/Stol) THAT the Reverend John Park be reappointed Presbyterian chaplain at Western University for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. CARRIED.

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Synod K. McKee, Moderator of the Synod of Southwestern Ontario, presented a verbal report about the 2014 Synod meeting held at Camp Kintail. He advised Presbytery that his camp name is "Bristle".

Students and Education Team **MOTION:** (MacMillan/McKee) THAT Mikal Schomburg receive the balance of the 2014 from the Stalker Fund. CARRIED.

Denominational Work Team No report.

Vacancy and Visitation Team R.A. Drozd reported that the St. Lawrence exit visits are in process and the reports should be presented at the January 2015 regular meeting. The schedule of upcoming visits will be circulated shortly.

Leading with Care Team T. Jeffery provided a verbal report. The committee will be meeting shortly.

Mission and Evangelism Team The Clerk read the report from J. Van Den Berg. The team is continuing to plan a spring event. More members are needed for the team.

Hospital Visitor Team No report.

Youth and Campus Ministries H. Paton circulated a written report.

Website and Communications Team J. Mahabir advised the Court that the new website will post links to church but will not be hosting church pages.

Small Church Ministries Team No report.

Reports of Interim Moderators Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra reported that worship continues, sacraments are being celebrated. The congregation is engaging in conversations with other congregations about possible ministry models.

St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman presented the reported previously circulated.

MOTION: (Bannerman/Newell) THAT St. James Presbyterian Church be given permission to move forward with term service for elders. CARRIED.

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MOTION: (Bannerman/Newell) THAT the part-time student ministry agreement between Mikal Schomburg and St. James Presbyterian Church for 2015 be approved. CARRIED.

A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

St. John's, Port Stanley – The Clerk read the report from C. Brown. The Session will be meeting this month.

Knox, Komoka/North Caradoc-St. Andrew's – K. Steeper reported on behalf of the interim moderator. The profiles are being received, the Sessions are meeting, the pulpit is supplied and the sacraments are celebrated.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – R. Shaw reported the Sessions are meeting, the sacraments are being celebrated and the pulpit is supplied.

Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton – M. Stol reported the search committee has scheduled interviews.

St. Lawrence, London – J. Park reported the session is meeting and reviewing the Roll, the pulpit is supplied and sacraments are being celebrated, a team has been formed to work on a new mission statement and vision statement.

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by K. McKee, the Court stood adjourned at two minutes after nine o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of January, two thousand and fifteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Fingal, and within Knox Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk

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London Presbytery 12/15/14		Proposed BUDGET FOR 2015									
Expenditures	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual			Proposed
	2011	2011	2012	2012	2013	2013	2014	2014	Diff		Budget
Clerk's Honorarium	8,032	8,702	8,032	8,032	8,032	8,032	8,032	8,189	(157)		8,500
Clerk's Course	275	-	275	550	275	-	275	550	(275)		275
Clerk's Computer Equipment	2,000	1,972	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		150
Treasurer's Honorarium	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,638	(32)		1,700
Hospital Ministry	16,065	16,065	17,265	14,720	17,265	17,265	17,265	17,265	-		17,265
Payroll CPP, EI (Presby. Share)	1,400	1,521	1,400	1,418	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,638	12		1,700
Minutes and Admin. Expenses	1,600	391	1,000	421	700	800	850	850	-		850
Travel	7,000	6,552	5,250	4,472	5,250	4,500	4,500	4,500	-		4,500
Liability Insurance	2,500	2,319	2,500	2,140	2,300	1,906	2,100	1,880	220		2,000
Ministry Teams	-	196	500	1,000	500	-	500	-	500		500
Evangelism Committee	1,000	-	1,000	111	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000		1,000
Psychological testing	750	-	750	-	750	1,550	750	-	750		750
Leading with Care	800	365	800	-	800	-	400	-	400		400
Communications	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	-		600
Campus Ministry	600	618	600	600	600	600	600	600	-		600
Youth Initiative	700	737	700	599	700	700	700	700	-		700
One Day Wonder	-	-	1,000	809	1,000	1,383	1,000	879	121		1,000
Youth Mission trip	3,000	2,139	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2,000
Canada Youth 2015	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,627	1,000	-	2,000	3,163	(1,163)		1,000
General Assembly Meals	2,000	1,231	2,000	1,280	2,000	1,485	1,500	1,020	480		1,500
Almanarah Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,337	(5,337)		-
Almanarah Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-		5,000
YAR Representative	250	-	-	250	250	250	-	-	-		300
Bank Charges	50	132	50	18	150	151	150	150	-		150
Total Presbytery	51,228	46,145	46,328	43,254	46,378	42,428	50,478	53,960	(3,482)		52,440
Synod Dues	46,777	46,777	46,176	46,176	45,180	44,698	43,884	44,584	(700)		39,536
	98,005	92,922	92,504	89,430	91,558	87,126	94,362	98,544	(4,182)		91,976
General Assembly 2011*	8,166	8,730	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
	106,171	101,652	92,504	89,430	91,558	87,126	94,362	98,544	(4,182)		91,976
Total General Assembly				8166							-
London Presb. Member rate				11.35		11.20	13.41				14.38
Synod Dues per member				11.31		11.80	11.66				10.84
Gen Assembly				2.00			0.00				0.00
Total per member				24.66		23.00	25.06				25.22
Membership 2012=4083, 2013 =3788, 2014=3765, 2015= 3647											

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**Lay Missionary (part-time-Student Minister) Agreement
between
Mr. Mikal Schomburg and
St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth**

This is a 12 month agreement for the period of **1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.**

Mr. Schomburg will serve as a part-time lay missionary (Student Minister) with the following responsibilities:

1. Lead worship and preach each Sunday including worship preparation (e.g. arrange order of service, choose scripture readings, hymns, prepare the sermon and the children's story). Mr. Schomburg may also conduct funerals and other worship services as requested.
2. Provide pastoral care and crisis support to those in need within the congregation in conjunction with the Interim Moderator.
3. Provide leadership for other ministry initiatives such as Bible study and community outreach in conjunction with the Session and Interim Moderator, with a view toward holistic church growth.

The goals of this ministry are the provision of uplifting worship, maintenance of healthy congregational life, a continuity of leadership and the nurturing of spiritual and numerical growth.

Mr. Schomburg will be responsible to the Session of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, and its Interim Moderator. He will report on a regular basis to the Session.

The Session meetings will be moderated by the Interim Moderator, who will also be responsible for ensuring that provision is made for the celebration of the Sacraments.

The compensation is based upon an average of 15 hours per week with the expectation of approximately 8 hours being spent in preparation and leadership of worship and preaching. A yearly stipend of \$16,800.00 will be provided inclusive of housing allowance, utilities and study allowance. (This amount will exceed the minimum stipend and allowances for Lay Missionary/Category II for 2015, page 227 & 228 of the 2014 *Acts and Proceedings*). Mr. Schomburg will also receive five weeks of vacation during which all cost of pulpit supply will be covered by St. James Church.

This position will be for a 12 month contract, which can be renewed and enhanced with the acceptance of both parties, with the approval of The Presbytery of London. However, it may be terminated by the Session or Mr. Schomburg with 30 days written notice without further obligation from either party.