

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

In Port Stanley, and within St. John's Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, two thousand and fourteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Constitution The Moderator, the Reverend Andrew Reid, welcomed everyone to the meeting and constituted the Court with prayer.

Worship The Worship Service was led by Tom Jeffery.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator extended a welcome to all present. Valerie Shaw, President of the London Presbyterial represented the WMS.

Attendance John Bannerman, Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Jacob Lee, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Robert Shaw, Kevin Steeper, Michael Stol, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Bob Baron, John Cameron, Cathy Cornhill, William Cron, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Debbie Kemp, David Laphorne, Patrick Laurin, Jain Mahabir, Joan Mansell, Matt Marshall, Margaret McCullough, Linda McKenna, Bill McMurchy, Barbara Nyitray, Angela Osborne, Joan Taylor, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Peter Vanderkooy, Sandra VanDerVeen, Elders; John Van Eyk, Lay Missionary; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Harrison Greig, Paul Knauer, Knox Presbyterian Church, Komoka; Ross MacKay, St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church; Valerie Shaw, London Presbyterial WMS.

Regrets Tom Godfrey, Mark Turner, Ministers; Graham Ashbourne, Janet Donkervoort, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Nancy Springer, Elders.

Absent Ryan Kim, Minister; Michael Kernahan, Elder.

Docket **MOTION:** (Mahabir/Bannerman) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.

Stated Hour 7:30 pm **MOTION:** (McKee/Fleck) THAT the action of the Clerk in citing the congregation of Knox St. Andrew's be homologated. CARRIED.

The Clerk reminded the Court that The Reverend Robert Shaw's application to retire effective April 30, 2014 was accepted by the Court at the November 12, 2013 regular meeting of the Presbytery. The Clerk read the retirement letter to the Court.

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K. McKee, I. Fleck, A. MacMillan, H. Paton, M. Kernahan spoke about Rev. Shaw’s work in the wider church, thanked him for his leadership and wisdom and wished him the very best in retirement.

The Moderator invited Rev. Shaw to address the Court. Rev. Shaw stressed that although he is retiring from full-time ministry he is not retiring from ministry and indicated he is looking forward to supporting his colleagues.

The Moderator thanked Rev. Shaw for his diligence as a Presbytery, his concern for his sisters and brothers in ministry and his sense of humour.

MOTION: (Cameron/Laurin) THAT The Reverend Robert Shaw be placed on the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London as of May 1, 2014. CARRIED.

**Stated Hour
7:45 pm**

Valerie Shaw, President of the London Presbyterian of the WMS, was invited to come forward and present the Annual Report. There are currently 137 active and 112 associate members in the London Presbyterial. 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the WMS and will be celebrating at a banquet before the Womens’s Gathering in May.

The Moderator thanked Valerie Shaw for her work and her leadership.

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MOTION: (Bannerman/Baron) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on March 11, 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 (Steeper/Bannerman) THAT the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

Number
14-23
14-24
14-26
14-31

From
E. Bartlett, Assembly Office
T. Hamilton, Assembly Office
T. Hamilton, Assembly Office
R. MacDonough, Regional HIV/AIDS Connection

Regarding
changes to the roll
receipt of remits A through G
list of commissioners

thank you for socks from One Day Wonder

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

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Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
14-25	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	updating list of academic degrees	clerk
14-27 to 14-30	Tutor Doctor	tutorial reports – Rev R. Kim	admin team

RECOMMENDATION #3 (Bannerman/Mahabir) THAT the funds from The Empey Bequest (2013 - \$82.53; 2014 - \$71.44) be sent to the Camp Kintail "Reach High Staff Scholarship Fund". CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION #4 (Mahabir/Drozd) THAT the withdrawal of Rev. Jon Van Den Berg as a commissioner to the 2014 General Assembly be accepted and that the following be appointed as commissioners to the 2014 General Assembly: CARRIED.

Ministers

The Rev. Heather Paton
The Rev. Ed Hoekstra
The Rev. John Bannerman

Elders

Tom Jeffery (Guthrie)
Erica MacKay (Chalmers)
Ruth Ann Drozd (Elmwood)

Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Dutton: The Moderator advised the Court that Rev. H. Paton and Rev. M. Stol have been appointed as interim moderators.

Records Examination

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

Presbyterians Sharing

B. Baron presented a verbal Presbyterians Sharing update.

Beginning the Conversation

K. Steeper presented the report previously circulated.

MOTION: (Steeper/Currie) THAT the document entitled "A Final Conversation; Taking Steps to Change" be circulated to the congregations and the members of the constituent roll of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Steeper/Currie) THAT the deadline for responses to the document be the regular June meeting of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Steeper/Currie) THAT the team report be presented at the September meeting of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

Committee to Visit Argyle And Duff

K. McKee presented the report previously circulated.

MOTION: (McKee/Shaw) THAT the visitation team (R. A. Drozd,

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D. J. Van Bilsen, H. Paton, K. McKee) be dismissed with the thanks of the Court. CARRIED.

Special Synod Committee

M. Currie explained that a special Synod committee has been created to consult with the Regional Staff Advisory Committee, regional staff, the WMS, presbyteries and others to discern the needs of the Synod. The Court was placed into several small groups and each group given a question to discuss. At the end of the discussion period, M. Currie gathered the responses and will report back to the Synod committee on behalf of the Presbytery.

Students and Education Team

The Court agreed to move this report forward on the docket.

A. MacMillan presented the report previously circulated. She requested that the report and recommendations regarding David You be deferred to the May meeting. The Court agreed.

MOTION: (MacMillan/McKee) THAT the 2014 money received from the Stalker Fund be disbursed as follows: Mikal Schomburg \$700.00: David You \$500.00. CARRIED.

Assembly Council

K. McKee presented the report which was previously circulated.

Almanarah

W. Khalil provided a written report and highlighted the lecture series recently held at Oakridge Presbyterian Church.

Knollwood Park

The Clerk read the report on behalf of J. Redpath. He reports diligence and expects to present the final report on the amalgamation once final bills have been received.

The Moderator, Clerk and Rev. T. Godfrey will be arranging the service of amalgamation.

Denominational Work Team

No report.

Vacancy and Visitation Team

R.A. Drozd presented a verbal report. The Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton exit interview has been completed. The annual visitation at Almanarah has been scheduled. The Moderator search team reports diligence and hopes to report at the May regular meeting.

Leading with Care Team

No report.

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Mission and Evangelism Team. J. Van Den Berg reported that a team is now in place.

Hospital Visitor Team C. Brown reported that all is well and that D. Bruce will report at the May meeting.

Youth and Campus Ministries The report of the team was circulated with the advance reports. H. Paton reminded the Court that adult advisors for CY14 must include an extract of minutes from the Presbytery with their application.

MOTION: (Paton/Bannerman) THAT the Administrative Team be given authority to approve adult advisors who apply after May 13, 2014 (the date of the next Presbytery meeting). CARRIED.

Website and Communications Team M. Currie advised the Court that a full report on the status of the domain name and the website transfer will be provided at a future meeting.

Small Church Ministries Team No report.

Reports of Interim Moderators Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra reported that the pulpit is being supplied and that a search committee has been organized. M. Currie expressed concern about the advisability of a half-time Call at Knox, Fingal and requested that her concern be noted in the minutes.

St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman reported that Holy Week services have been planned, starting a study about term service provided by the Elder's Institute.

St. John's, Port Stanley – C. Brown provided a verbal report. Easter week services have been scheduled.

Knox, Komoka/North Caradoc-St. Andrew's – K. Steeper reported on behalf of the interim moderator. Diligence is reported. The congregations have been surveyed and the results are being circulated.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – R. Shaw presented the report which was previously circulated.

MOTION: (Shaw/McMurphy) THAT the manse belonging to Duff Presbyterian Church, Largie be listed for sale and the funds from that

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sale remain with the same congregation for use toward the cost of selling the manse and toward future ministry. CARRIED.

K. Steeper requested a detailed accounting of costs related to the pre-sale upgrade of the manse and asked that the interim moderator keep the Court informed regarding costs. R. Shaw agreed to do so.

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by R. Shaw, the Court stood adjourned at thirty minutes after nine o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of May, two thousand and fourteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in St. Thomas, and within Knox Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk