

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

In St. Thomas, and within Knox Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of May, 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 the Reverend Mavis Currie.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator extended a welcome to all present. Pauline Lindsey represented the WMS.

Attendance Mavis Currie, Ed Hoekstra, Jacob Lee, Amanda MacMillan, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Kevin Steeper, Jon Van Den Berg, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Jim Redpath, Ministers; Bob Baron, John Cameron, William Cron, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Debbie Kemp, Michael Kernahan, David Laphorne, Jain Mahabir, Matt Marshall, John McIntyre, Bill McMurchy, Sheila McMurray, Barbara Nyitray, Nancy Springer, 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; Wendy Channing, Pauline Lindsay, Knox St. Thomas; Steve McInnis, PWS&D.

Regrets John Bannerman, Charlotte Brown, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Tom Godfrey, William Khalil, Keith McKee, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Ministers; Mildred Greig, Tom, Jeffery, Margaret McCullough, Nancy Newell, Angela Osborne, Elders.

Absent Patrick Laurin, Elder.

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

Stated Hour 7:30 pm Steve McInnis, a member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Woodstock and a member of the national committee of PWS&D was invited to come forward. He spoke about the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the work of PWS&D. The members of the Court took this opportunity to ask Mr. McInnis a number of questions about PWS&D. The Moderator thanked Mr. McInnis for his presentation and for his work with PWS&D and invited him to stay for the rest of the meeting but granted him permission to leave.

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Stated Hour 7:45 pm N. Springer presented the annual Hospital Visitor’s report on behalf of Doug Bruce. This report was circulated with the advance reports. Nancy spoke about her personal experience with Doug’s ministry. The Moderator thanked N. Springer for sharing her story.

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Report of the Administrative Team The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the Report of the Administrative Team.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION #1 (Baron/Mahabir) THAT the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

Number	From	Regarding
14-37	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	receipt of moderator ballots
14-38	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	revised list of commissioners
14-39	N. Harvey, Clerk Presbytery of PEI	letter of standing-Mr. David Peters

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
14-32	Service Ontario	general review of religious officials	clerk
14-33	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	updated list of academic degrees	clerk
14-34 to 14-36	Tutor Doctor	tutorial reports – Rev R. Kim	admin team

RECOMMENDATION #3 (Baron/Mahabir) THAT the following schedule for records examination be adopted to comply with the Standing Orders, and that the Clerk notify congregations prior to the meeting of the request for records to be examined at that meeting: CARRIED.

Year #1

September: Port Stanley & Knox Dutton
October: Dorchester & South Nissouri
November: Glencoe & Wardsville
January: Fingal, Trinity, Almanarah
February: Bethel, Ilderton & Burns, Mosa
March: Crinan & Largie
April: N.Caradoc-St. Andrews, Knox-Komoka
May: St. Lawrence
June: Chalmers

Year #2

September: Oakridge
October: New St. James
November: St. George’s
January: Westmount
February: Knox, St. Thomas
March: DaySpring
April: Elmwood
May: Appin & Melbourne
June: St. James, North Yarmouth

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RECOMMENDATION #4 (Baron/Mahabir) THAT the request from Almanarah Presbyterian Church for \$2,500 from the Trinity West Elgin youth ministry funds to send children from the congregation to Camp Kintail be granted. CARRIED.

Records Examination T. Van Der Hoek advised that the session records of Appin Presbyterian Church and Guthrie Presbyterian Church will be examined in June.

Continuing the Conversation The Court gathered in small groups to discuss the Presbytery questions from the document ‘a Final Conversation: Taking Steps to Change’. After the discussion period was over, each group summarized their findings and presented them to Presbytery.

Students and Education Team A. MacMillan presented the report previously circulated.

MOTION: (MacMillan/Van Den Berg) THAT the Presbytery of London re-certify David You with the following conditions: (a) that David You take an additional Theological Field Placement in his next year at Knox College; (b) that David You enter into English conversation lessons, to help his elocution and delivery in English (a member of Oakridge PC is holding such classes and we encourage David to take part in this class, or a class like it); (c) that David You be supported by the Presbytery of London through opportunities to gain worship and ministry experience within our churches, particularly in areas of family/children ministries; (d) that David You be appointed a Presbytery mentor, per his previous Guidance Conference recommendations, and that person be the Rev. Robert Shaw. CARRIED.

Knollwood Park J. Redpath presented the report which was previously circulated.

MOTION: (Springer/Baron) That the session of the Amalgamated Congregation at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church monitor the day-to-day demands placed upon their minister as a result of the recent amalgamation. In addition, they shall formally assess these demands on a quarterly basis, or more frequently should the need to do so arise. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Springer/Baron) That the session of the Amalgamated Congregation at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church initiate appropriate action, in concert with the Rev. Thomas Godfrey, to address any need, situation, issue, etc. that arises from the ongoing monitoring of the additional demands placed upon their minister as a result of the recent amalgamation. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Springer/Baron) THAT to assist the minister, the session and the congregation of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church in monitoring

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the increased demands placed upon their minister as a result of the recent amalgamation, the Vacancy and Visitation Team of the Presbytery of London shall monitor the increased demands being experienced by the minister at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Springer/Baron) THAT to accommodate this monitoring by the Vacancy and Visitation Team, the Team shall meet with the minister, session, congregation and any other organization or individual within the congregation of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church it deems necessary in order to report its findings to the Presbytery of London at the regularly scheduled meeting in September 2014, March 2015, September 2015 and March 2016. This monitoring shall include a review of information collected by the session as a result of monitoring the ongoing workload of Rev. Godfrey. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Springer/Baron) THAT the Vacancy and Visitation Team of the Presbytery of London monitor the efficacy of the use of administrative support in concert with the preceding motions. The Team's reporting of this review will be contained within the same report to the Presbytery of London in accordance with the same reporting schedule as noted above. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Springer/Baron) after all indebtedness of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church has been discharged, the following funds be disbursed as follows:

(a) 100% of the proceeds received from the sale of the Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church property be deposited into the St. Lawrence/ Knollwood Memorial Fund.

(b) The following agencies received the amounts as indicated:

Camp Kintail Leadership Training	\$25,000.00
Presbytery Youth Committee	\$25,000.00
Presbyterian Church in Canada Offices	\$ 8,000.00
Presbyterian Church in Canada Museum	\$ 2,000.00
Almanarah Presbyterian Church	\$10,000.00
Men's Mission	\$ 7,500.00
Rothholme	\$ 7,500.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$10,000.00
45th Cubs Scouts	\$ 5,000.00
Camp Kintail Accessible Door	\$ 8,000.00
London Community Chaplaincy	\$ 5,000.00
London Presbytery	\$ 2,500.00
SAT 7	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
	<u>\$118,000.00</u>

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(c) The final balance of \$52,192.56 be deposited into the General Account of the Amalgamated Congregation – St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Springer/Baron) THAT upon approval by the Commission on Assets relative to the above recommendations for the distribution of funds emanating from the amalgamation of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church with St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, that representatives from the agencies noted in the above motion be invited to an upcoming meeting of the Presbytery of London to be presented with their respective financial assistance. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Cameron/MacMillan) THAT the Rev. J. Redpath be discharged as interim moderator at Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church with the thanks of the Court. CARRIED.

The Moderator thanked J. Redpath for his hard work and diligence in this matter.

Denominational Work Team No report.

Vacancy and Visitation Team K. Steeper presented the report of the visit to Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton.

MOTION: (Steeper/Drozd) THAT the Session, Board of Managers, and Congregation be commended for their ministry efforts in church growth and outreach in the community. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Steeper/Drozd) THAT Rev. Robert Shaw be commended for his Ministry to this congregation over the past ten years, with best wishes on his retirement. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Steeper/Drozd) THAT the Congregation of Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton, under the direction of the incoming interim moderators be given Permission to begin the search process for a new minister. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Steeper/Drozd) THAT the Exit Review Visitation Team to Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton be dismissed. CARRIED.

R.A. Drozd presented the report of the Moderator Search Team.

MOTION: (Drozd/Steeper) THAT Robert Baron be nominated as Moderator

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of the Presbytery of London for a two year period beginning September 1, 2014. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Drozd/Steeper) THAT Moderator Search Team be dismissed. CARRIED.

B. Baron thanked the members of the Court and asked for their support during his term as Moderator.

**Leading with
Care Team** No report.

**Mission and
Evangelism Team.** No Report.

**Hospital Visitor
Team** No Report.

**Youth and
Campus** H. Paton presented the report.

Ministries **MOTION:** (Paton/Kernahan) THAT the following names from the Presbytery of London be approved as adult advisors for Canada Youth 2014; Richard Cote, Amy Kemp, Henry Soedarmasto from Chalmers and Carol Ann Huston from North Caradoc St. Andrew's. CARRIED.

**Website and
Communications
Team** M. Currie reported that the website is being transferred to PCCweb, J. Mahabir reported that the new website will be operational in the next few weeks.

**Small Church
Ministries Team** S. McMurray reported that a request will be coming to the June meeting.

**Reports of
Interim
Moderators** Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra reported that the pulpit is being supplied, special services have been scheduled over the summer, J. Van Eyk's contract is finished at the end of August and pulpit supply is being arranged for the fall.

St. James, North Yarmouth – The Clerk read the report supplied by J. Bannerman.

St. John's, Port Stanley – The Clerk read the report supplied by C. Brown.

Knox, Komoka/North Caradoc-St. Andrew's – K. Ballagh Steeper provided

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a verbal report.

MOTION: (Currie/Van Bilsen) THAT North Caradoc-St. Andrew's and Knox, Komoka be given permission to form a search committee. CARRIED.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – No Report.

Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton – H Paton reported that the interim moderators met with R. Shaw, the pulpit is being supplied.

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by J. Cameron, the Court stood adjourned at twelve minutes after nine o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of June, two thousand and fourteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Melbourne, and within Guthrie Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk