

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley, Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 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 twenty-first day of June, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

- Constitution** The Moderator, Mr. Robert Baron, constituted the Court with prayer.
- Worship** The Worship service was led by The Reverend David Stewart.
- Welcome,
Courtesies and
Announcements** The Moderator extended a welcome to all present. Margaret McCullough and Mildred Greig represented the WMS.
- Attendance** John Bannerman, Charlotte Brown, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Keith McKee, Heather Paton, Ministers; David Stewart, Appendix; Bob Baron, Janis Boyle, Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, William Cron, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummelsmith, Ian Fleck, Mary Ellen Gagnier, Mildred Greig, Patrick Laurin, Matt Marshall, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Carl Taylor, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Sandra Vanderveen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Mikal Schomburg, Candidate for Ordination; Margaret McCullough, WMS; members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Simcoe, Guests.
- Regrets** Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, Mavis Currie, Amanda MacMillan, John Park, Andrew Reid, Heather Vanderstelt, Ministers; Tom Jeffery, Elder.
- Absent** Andrew Thompson, Mark Turner, Ministers; Janet Donkervoort, Elder.
- Docket** **MOTION:** (McKeek/McKee) THAT the Docket as amended be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.
- Minutes** **MOTION:** (McKee/Van der Hoek) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016 be adopted. CARRIED.
- Report of the
Administrative
Team** The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the Report of the Administrative Team.
- MOTION:** (Fleck/McKee) THAT recommendations 1 through 6 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.
- MOTION:** (Fleck/McKee) THAT recommendation #7 be adopted. CARRIED.

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RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

Number	From	Regarding
16-39	E. Bartlett, Assembly Office	changes to the roll
16-40	B. Nawratil, Finance Office	DaySpring mission plan received and forwarded to Commission on Assets
16-43	L. Brule, Treasurer	2015 T3010 filed with Charities Directorate

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT the following correspondence be referred as named:

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
16-37	C. Brown, Burns Presbyterian Church	retirement letter	Admin Team
16-38	G. Malcolm, Clerk Peace River	transfer Rev J Patterson	Admin team
16-41	J. de Combe, Cdn Ministries	change in Ontario legislation	circ. elect.
16-42	J. Vissers, Knox College	graduation M. Schomburg	Ministry Team
16-44	Synod Planning Team	registration package	circ. elect.
16-45	B. Nawratil, Finance Office	PCC partnership with Augsburg Fortress	circ elect
16-46	CY2016 Planning Team	A Day in the Life of CY	circ elect
16-47	M. Peck	transfer to Huron-Perth	Admin Team
16-48	C. McCue, LMA	job posting – gifts manager	circ elect

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the Reverend Jim Patterson be added to the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London effective August 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION #4: THAT the Reverend Marlene Peck be transferred to the Presbytery of Huron Perth effective June 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT the action of the Clerk in adding the Rev. Charlotte Brown as a commissioner to the 2016 General Assembly, replacing the Rev. Andrew Reid who was required to withdraw, be homologated.

RECOMMENDATION #6: THAT a historical certificate be issued to the Rev. Ryan Kim who is now a minister in the United Church of Canada and that his name be removed from the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery effective May 28, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION #7: THAT the resignation of The Rev Lynn Nichol as co-interim moderator at Westmount Presbyterian Church, effective June 30, 2016, be approved.

Records Examination

MOTION: (Van Bilsen/Van der Hoek) THAT the Session Records of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth be attested as being neatly and correctly kept. **CARRIED.**

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Treasurer's Report L. Brule, Presbytery Treasurer, reported that the T3010 (Registered Charity Information Return) for the year-ended December 31, 2015 has been filed with the Charities Directorate.

Notice of Motion **MOTION:** (Fleck/Van der Hoek) THAT section 9, part B, subsection C of the standing orders of the Presbytery of London be changed to read: "Whereas a minister, who would normally be appointed a commissioner because of his/her position in the rotation, declines to accept his/her commission, he/she must give reasons on the floor of Presbytery and the Presbytery must sustain those reasons for declining the commission. These reasons must be provided in writing. His/her name shall be placed at the end of the rotation and the alternate will be nominated. CARRIED.

DaySpring Mission Plan The Clerk reported that the Commission on Assets of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has approved the mission plan for the assets resulting from the sale of DaySpring Presbyterian Church.

Stated Hour 7:30 pm General Assembly Reports **MOTION:** (McKee/Van der Hoek) THAT Em Cameron and Stephen O'Neill be given permission to address the Court. CARRIED.

The reports of the General Assembly commissioners were circulated with the advance reports.

C. Brown, S. O'Neill, K. McKee and H. Paton each spoke briefly about their experiences at General Assembly and thanked the Presbytery for the opportunity to attend.

The Moderator thanked the commissioners for their work on behalf of the Presbytery and invited S. O'Neill to stay for the balance of the meeting but gave him permission to leave if he wished.

Stated Hour 8:00 pm Call To Mr Mikal Schomburg **MOTION:** (Newell/Bannerman) THAT the Call from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, to Mr Mikal Schomburg, be received and considered. CARRIED.

The Moderator advised the Court that the Presbytery of Paris had sustained the Call to Mr Mikal Schomburg as a true gospel call.

The Moderator also reported that the Ministry Team has reviewed the Call documents and all are in order.

Permission to Address the Court **MOTION:** (Newell/Bannerman) THAT the following representatives from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church be given permission to address the Court: Bob Ellis, Linda Vasco and Beth Smith. CARRIED.

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Guarantee of Stipend The Moderator asked the Clerk to read the Guarantee of Stipend:

Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend

We, the professing members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Simcoe being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you Mr. Mikal Schomburg to become the minister of this congregation. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.

In order that you, Mr. Mikal Schomburg, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Paris, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of one hundred eighty five thousand dollars, we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

*Annual Stipend: \$40,000.00 (inclusive of travel allowance)
Housing/Rental allowance: \$26,000.00 (inclusive of utilities)
Total: \$66,000.00*

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to review the stipend and allowances annually, in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

- 1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.*
- 2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.*
- 3. To provide five weeks holiday annually.*
- 4. To pay supply during the periods of continuing education and holidays.*
- 5. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.*
- 6. To pay for Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pension and Benefits Board of the General Assembly and to make contributions to the Pension Plan in compliance with the terms of the plan.*
- 7. To pay necessary moving expenses.*

Call Sustained **MOTION:** (Newell/Bannerman) THAT the Call to Mr Mikal Schomburg be sustained as a true Gospel Call. CARRIED.

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The Moderator placed the Call in the hands of Mr Mikal Schomburg and indicated he has seven days to consider whether he will accept the Call.

The Court AGREED that Mr Mikal Schomburg could address the Court.

M. Schomburg told the Court that he will accept the Call. He thanked the Presbytery of London, Oakridge Presbyterian Church and St. James Presbyterian Church for their support.

Ordination Service

MOTION: (Newell/Bannerman) THAT, having received permission from the Presbytery of Paris, Mr Schomburg's ordination service beheld within the Presbytery of London and within his home congregation, Oakridge Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, the tenth day of July, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of seven thirty o'clock in the evening, with the Presbytery constituting at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening. CARRIED.

The Moderator invited the members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church to stay for the remainder of the service but gave them permission to leave if they wished.

Almanarah

W. Khalil circulated a written report.

Ministry Team

E. Hoekstra presented the report circulated in advance.

MOTION: (Hoekstra/Bannerman) THAT David You be re-certified as a Student in ministry under the care of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Hoekstra/Bannerman) THAT David You receive any and all Current funds available from the Stalker Fund to help support him in his 2016 fall term at Knox College. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Hoekstra/Bannerman) THAT Anita Evans be endorsed as a lay preacher within the bounds of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Hoekstra/Bannerman) THAT Geoff Holt not be endorsed as a lay preacher at this time within the bounds of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

Mission Team

H. Paton presented a written report on the work of the mission team and presented the youth report circulated previously.

J. Bannerman reported that the mission team plans to continue meeting over the summer.

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Congregational Life Team R. A. Drozd presented the team report and thanked everyone who has sent in Police Record Checks. She reminded the Court that the Leading With Care workshop will be offered again this fall.

The team convener reported that the annual review of the clerk of Presbytery and treasurer was completed as of the 7th of June. As there were recommendations concerning these positions, the clerk and treasurer retired from the meeting. The Moderator asked Keith McKee to take minutes.

The convener indicated that the clerk and treasurer remain content with their positions. The convener also stated that the treasurer is willing to remain for another year in this position. The clerk is currently in the second year of a three year term. Renewal could be considered in 2017. The team consulted other presbyteries concerning financial remuneration, work load, and job expectations. The team considers the Presbytery very fortunate to have two excellent servants in these positions and is seeking increases in their honorariums.

The team recommends the following:

MOTION: (Drozd/Fleck) that the clerk and treasurer be commended for their work in their respective positions. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Drozd/Fleck) that Lu Brule be reappointed as Presbytery Treasurer for another one year term. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Drozd/Fleck) that the clerk's remuneration be increased to \$9860 per year commencing September 2016. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Drozd/Fleck) that the treasurer's remuneration be increased to \$1972 per year, commencing September 2016. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Drozd/Fleck) that the review team for clerk and treasurer be dissolved with the thanks of the court. CARRIED

The clerk and treasurer returned to the court. Carrie Thornton returned to the clerk's chair.

Reports of Interim Moderators

Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra presented a verbal report.

St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman provided a written report.

St. John's, Port Stanley – D. Stewart presented a verbal report.

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Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – No report.

St. Lawrence, London – The clerk read a report sent by J. Park. A candidate has preached for the Call and received unanimous support. Signatures are being gathered and the documents prepared.

Westmount, London – H. Paton reported diligence.

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by P. Laurin, the Court stood adjourned at twenty-three minutes after nine o'clock in the evening , to meet again in Special Session on Sunday, the tenth day of July, two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London and within Oakridge Presbyterian Church; in Special Session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of July, two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening in London and within St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church; in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September , two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in St. Thomas, and within Knox Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk