

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Argyle Presbyterian Church, Crinan, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

In Crinan, and within Argyle Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

- Constitution** The Moderator, The Rev. Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, constituted the Court with prayer.
- Worship** The Worship Service and Communion was led by The Reverend Robert Shaw.
- Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements** The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the visitors from Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal and the members of the sessions of Argyle Presbyterian Church and Duff Presbyterian Church. Mildred Greig represented the WMS.
- Attendance** John Bannerman, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, James Clark, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Jan McIntyre, James Patterson, Jim Redpath, Robert Shaw, Jon Van Den Berg, Appendix; Janis Boyle, Ray Burgess, Lily Carrothers, Richard Cote, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummelsmith, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Nancy Newell, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; John Van Eyk, members of Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal; members of Duff Presbyterian Church; members of Argyle Presbyterian Church, Guests.
- Regrets** Heather Vanderstelt, Ministers; Bob Baron, Linda Charlton, Sheila McMurray, Elders.
- On Leave** Mavis Currie, Minister.
- Absent** Mark Turner, Minister; William Cron, Patrick Laurin, Sandra Vanderveen, Elders.
- Docket** **MOTION:** (McKee/Vanderhoek) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.
- Minutes** **MOTION:** (McKee/Reid) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2016, the Special Meeting of September 18, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016 be adopted. CARRIED.
- Report of the Administrative Team** The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the Report of the Administrative Team.

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MOTION: (Reid/McKee) THAT recommendations 1 through 4 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

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

	Number	From	Regarding
16-67	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	shipment of 2016 A&P	
16-68	B. Nawratil, Finance Office	charity number – New St. James	
16-70	M. Leung, Assembly Office	changes to the roll	
16-74	J. de Combe, Cdn Ministries	social mentor network	
16-75	S. Shaffer, Ed and Reception	competent objections to applicants	
16-78	J. Sitler, Presbytery of Barrie	proposals for former Trinity property	

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
16-69	B. Nawratil, Finance Office	General Assembly invoice	treasurer
16-71	J. Henderson, Knox College	RENEW 2016	circ. elect.
16-72	S. Thompson, Knox-St Andrew's	minister in association	admin team
16-73	H. Chappell, Stewardship	Presbyterians Sharing	circ. elect.
16-76	L. Oleksyn, Knox College	announcement re luncheon	circ. elect.
16-77	C. Batstone, Goodness & Mercy Baptist Church	rent/buy church space	PCC finance office
16-79	Office Registrar General	confirmation denom number	circ. to clergy

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the following Elders be named as Representative and Alternate Representative Elders to the Presbytery of London for the 2016-2017 year:

St. James, North Yarmouth : (R) Nancy Newell (A) Joan Mansell;
Elmwood Ave, London : (R) Trudy Vanderhoek (A) Cathy Cornhill;
Knox, Fingal : (R) Ray Burgess (A) Mary Ellen Gagnier (A) Debra Webster;
Dorchester/South Nissouri : (R) Linda Charlton (A) Doug Hill

RECOMMENDATION #4: THAT the response of the Presbytery of London to Remit A be “approve”.

Records Examination

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

2017 Budget

The Moderator invited the Treasurer, L. Brule, to present the proposed 2017 budget of the Presbytery of London.

MOTION: (McKee/Clark) THAT the remuneration for the hospital visitor be

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increased to \$17,500. CARRIED.

**Stated Hour
Call to
Rev Jon
Van Den Berg**

The Moderator invited the interim moderator, Rev. Ed Hoekstra, to narrate the steps leading to the Call.

The narration included confirmation that the Ministry team had reviewed the Call documents and found them acceptable.

MOTION: (MacMillan/Fleck) THAT the conduct of the interim moderator, Rev. Ed Hoekstra, be approved.

The Court debated whether it is appropriate for a candidate for a call to preach regularly in the congregation before the call. Members of Presbytery spoke for and against the motion. A member of Presbytery called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Develop
Guidelines for
Candidates**

MOTION: (Paton/McKee) THAT the Ministry team, in conjunction with the national office of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, develop guidelines for clergy preaching in a congregation before applying to be the minister of that congregation.

**Motion to
Table**

MOTION: (Thompson/Fleck) THAT the motion to develop guidelines be tabled to a future meeting. CARRIED.

The Moderator asked the interim moderator, Rev. E. Hoekstra, to read the Call and the Guarantee of Stipend.

**Guarantee of
Stipend**

Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend

We, the professing members of Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal, 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 Rev. Jon Van Den Berg, 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, Rev. Jon Van Den Berg, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of London, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated

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annual revenue of \$40,803.00 (forty thousand, eight hundred and three) we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

<i>Annual Stipend:</i>	<i>\$20,158.50 (inclusive of travel allowance)</i>
<i>Housing allowance:</i>	<i>\$12,000.00</i>
<i>Cost of utilities:</i>	<i>\$1,800.00</i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$33,958.50</i>

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.*

Permission to Address the Court

MOTION: (MacMillan/Thompson) THAT the Call from Knox Presbyterian Church be received and considered and that the following representatives of the congregation be heard: Debra Webster, Donna Lord, Ruby Cromwell. CARRIED.

Call Sustained

MOTION: (MacMillan/Thompson) THAT the Call to the Rev. Jon Van Den Berg from Knox Presbyterian Church be sustained as a gospel Call. CARRIED.

The Moderator placed the Call in the hands of Rev. Van Den Berg and indicated he has seven days to consider whether he will accept the Call.

J. Van Den Berg told the Court that he will accept the Call.

MOTION: (Park/Hoekstra) THAT the ministry of Rev Van Den Berg at Knox Presbyterian Church will begin on November 9, 2016. CARRIED.

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MOTION: (Butterfield-Kocis/Van Bilsen) THAT arrangements for the induction service be left in the hands of the moderator, clerk and interim moderator. CARRIED.

The Moderator invited the members of Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal to remain for the remainder of the meeting but gave them permission to leave if they wished.

2017 Budget **MOTION:** (McKee/Bannerman) that the budget as amended be approved. CARRIED.

Nominations For Moderator of General Assembly **MOTION:** (McKee/Fullerton) THAT the Rev Dr Andrew J.R. Johnston be nominated by the Presbytery of London as moderator of the 143rd General Assembly. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Reid/Bannerman) THAT Mr Brent Ellis be nominated by the Presbytery of London as moderator of the 143rd General Assembly. CARRIED.

Nomination for Principal of Knox College **MOTION:** (Thompson/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT the Rev Dr John Vissers be Nominated as principal of Knox College. CARRIED.

Almanarah W. Khalil circulated a written report and highlighted several items in the report.

Ministry Team **MOTION:** (Hoekstra/Thompson) THAT Rev John Bannerman be granted study leave from November 16-22, 2016 for a self-directed program on truth and reconciliation. CARRIED.

Mission Team H. Paton presented the mission team report and the youth report circulated in advance.

MOTION: (Paton/Boyle) THAT the Presbytery of London support Almanarah Presbyterian Church with a grant of \$10,000 in 2017, with the funds coming from accumulated surpluses. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Paton/Clark) THAT the Presbytery of London support Almanarah Presbyterian Church's request for \$10,000 from the Synod of Southwestern Ontario's Creative Ministries Fund. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Paton/Bannerman) THAT the Presbytery of London approve the running of the 2017 Young Adult Mission Trip in coordination with Youth in Mission. CARRIED.

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MOTION: (Paton/Bannerman) THAT the Presbytery of London support the 2017 Young Adult Mission Trip with a grant of \$10,000 from various Presbytery funds available. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Paton/Bannerman) THAT the Presbytery of London support grant requests for the 2017 Young Adult Mission Trip from the Synod Creative Ministries grant and other funds as needed. CARRIED.

Congregational Life Team

R. A. Drozd presented the report circulated in advance.

Rev A. Reid assumed the moderator's chair.

D. Dolbear-Van Bilsen presented the report of the visitation team to Almanarah Presbyterian Church. This report was circulated in advance.

MOTION: (Dolbear-Van Bilsen/Van Bilsen) THAT priority be given to the necessary outstanding repairs in Almanarah Church, in order to ensure safety standards are current, using funds that have been allocated for this work, primarily installation of sprinkler system as per fire code and correction of moisture issues and potential mould in the lower level. Once this work is completed, then consideration be given to proceed with the new kitchen which is the project for which the recent funds (\$32,000) from the DaySpring closure are to be used, but bearing in mind that the timing on this should fit with the overall financial status of the church and if necessary to temporarily delay this project. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Dolbear-Van Bilsen/Van Bilsen) THAT Almanarah Presbyterian Church approach the Mission Team of the Presbytery of London and explore all possible options for available financial grants within the presbytery and the PCC for 2016-17. The objective is to encourage financial stability and personal ownership in their faith and physical worship space. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Dolbear-Van Bilsen/Van Bilsen) THAT the Presbytery of London approach the National Church of the PCC to review their description of the Almanarah Presbyterian Church (what is a positive way to support a transient church like this among long-established ministries in the Presbyterian Church in Canada?). The objective would be to assist the congregation of Almanarah PC to identify and articulate a clear description of their ministry and vision, empowering the church to own their faith and their place of worship.

J. Bannerman made a friendly amendment to change "The Presbytery of London" to "Mission Team" in the above motion. The Court AGREED.

MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION: (Drozd/Jeffery) THAT the visitation team be dismissed with the thanks of the Court. CARRIED.

The Moderator returned to the chair.

**Reports of
Interim
Moderators**

Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra reported diligence.

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

St. John's, Port Stanley – No report.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – R. Shaw provided a verbal report. L. Drummelsmith spoke about the 90th anniversary dinner held in late October.

Westmount, London – H. Paton reminded the Court about the upcoming induction service.

Burns, Mosa – M. Butterfield-Kocis reported that A. Reid has been meeting with the session and that the pulpit is being supplied, the session has named a search committee and she will be meeting with the committee this month .

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by A. Thompson, the Court stood adjourned at thirty-nine minutes after nine o'clock in the evening , to meet again in Special Session on Sunday, the fourth day of December, two thousand and sixteen, at six thirty o'clock in the evening, in London and within Westmount Presbyterian Church; and in Regular Session on Tuesday, the tenth day of January , two thousand and seventeen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in South Nissouri and within South Nissouri Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk

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Proposed BUDGET FOR 2017

Expenditures	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Forecast	Diff	Proposed Budget 2017
	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016		
Clerk's Honorarium	8,032	8,032	8,032	8,188	8,500	8,500	8500	8,953	(453)	9,860
Clerk's Course	275	-	275	550	275	-	275	-	275	275
Clerk's Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	150	-	0	-	-	-
Treasurer's Honorarium	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,638	1,700	1,700	1700	1,790	(90)	1,971
Hospital Ministry	17,265	17,265	17,265	17,265	17,265	17,265	17265	17,265	-	17,500
Payroll CPP,EI (Presby. Share)	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,638	1,700	1,665	1700	1,545	155	1,700
Minutes and Admin. Expenses	700	800	850	852	850	997	950	1,200	(250)	1,200
Travel	5,250	4,500	4,500	3,312	4,500	2,958	4500	4,000	500	4,000
Liability Insurance	2,300	1,906	2,100	1,880	2,000	1,773	3400	1,745	1,655	2,000
Workshop sexual harassment	500	-	500	-	500	-	500	553	(53)	500
Mission Team	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	618	1000	-	1,000	1,000
Psychological testing	750	1,550	750	-	750	-	750	-	750	750
Leading with Care (Workshops)	800	-	400	-	400	-	400	-	400	500
Visitation Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	500	500
Congregational Life	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	500
Communications	600	600	600	600	600	-	600	-	600	-
Campus Ministry	600	600	600	495	600	422	600	600	-	800
Youth Initiative	700	700	700	-	700	(537)	700	500	200	700
One Day Wonder	1,000	1,383	1,000	1,027	1,000	428	1000	448	552	1,500
Youth Mission trip	-	-	-	-	2,000	(1,475)	1000	1,000	-	1,000
Canada Youth 2018	1,000	-	2,000	3,065	1,000	-	2000	2,423	(423)	1,000
General Assembly Meals	2,000	1,485	1,500	1,020	1,500	1,352	1500	1,046	454	1,500
Almanarah Assistance	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5000	5,000	-	-
YAR Representative	250	250	-	-	300	350	300	300	-	300
Bank Charges	150	151	150	146	150	145	150	146	4	150
Total Presbytery	46,378	42,428	50,478	46,676	52,440	41,161	54290	48,514	5,776	49,206
Synod Dues	45,180	44,698	43,884	44,584	39,536	39,536	33131	33,131	-	29,319
	91,558	87,126	94,362	91,260	91,976	80,697	87,421	81,645	5,776	78,525
									Diff from 2016 Budget	(8,896)