

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within Chalmers Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the twentieth day of June, two thousand and seventeen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Constitution The Moderator, The Reverend Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, constituted the Court with prayer.

Worship The Worship Service was led by Reachout Choir and members of Chalmers Presbyterian Church.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mildred Greig represented the WMS.

Attendance Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, James Clark, Jeffrey Crawford, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, William Khalil, Keith McKee, John Park, Andrew Reid, Andrew Thompson, Heather Vanderstelt, Ministers; Bob Baron, Janis Boyle, Richard Cote, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummelsmith, Ian Fleck, Mary Ellen Gagnier, Mildred Greig, Albert Hardeman, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy van der Hoek, Alison Williams, Elders; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Wilma Boyce, Virginia McLean, Jon Van Eyk, Guests.

Regrets John Bannerman, Ed Hoekstra, Amanda MacMillan, Mark Turner, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Janet Donkervoort, Tom Jeffery, Gerald Stocking, Elders.

Absent Linda Charlton, Richard Foster, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders.

On Leave Heather Paton, Minister.

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

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

MOTION: (Reid/McKee) THAT recommendations 1 through 5 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

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

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Number	From	Regarding
17-37	D. Gordon, Knox College	re:forming Tomorrow campaign
17-38	L. Brewer, Ministry & Church Vocations	Kyuntae (David) You
17-40	S. Shaffer, Committee Ed & Reception	objections by Presbyteries

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
17-39	D. Veenstra, Finance Office	insurance	Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the following elders be named as Representative and Alternative Representative Elders to the Presbytery of London for the 2017-2018 year:

Oakridge, London : Janet Donkervoort (R) Graham Ashbourne (A);
St. George's, London : Bob Bedggood (R) Albert Hardeman (A);
Chalmers, London : Richard Cote (R) Pat Mackay (A);
Appin/Melbourne : Tom Jeffery (R) Lorna Martin (A);
Knox-St. Andrew's, Dutton : John (Ian) Fleck (R) John McIntyre (A);
New St. James, London : Robert Baron (R) John Stewart (A);
North Caradoc-St. Andrew's/Knox, Komoka : Lily Carrothers (R) Mildred Greig (A);
Duff, Largie/Argyle, Crinan ; Lynda Drummelsmith (R) Alan Carroll (A);
Knox, St. Thomas : Sandra Van Der Veen (R) Ian Begg (A);
Glencoe/St. John's, Wardsville : Gerald Stocking (R) Lu Brule (A) Donna Campbell(A)
Burns, Mosa : Donna Jean Van Bilsen (R) Carol Leitch (A)
St. John's, Port Stanley : Richard Foster (R) William Cron (A)
Dorchester/South Nissouri : Linda Charlton (R)

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the Clerk write a letter of appreciation to the following Representative Elders who have retired:

Patrick Laurin, St. George's, London)

RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT the cost of recording the Leading With Care workshop held on May 27, 2017 at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, in the amount of \$750, be paid from the discretionary fund.

RECOMMENDATION #6: (Fleck/Reid) THAT the action of the administrative team in authorizing the purchase of a used tractor for Camp Kintail, advancing the funds for the purchase up to a maximum of \$10,000 from the Trinity West Elgin Fund, with the understanding that 50% of the final purchase price will be reimbursed by donations from congregations within the Presbytery, be homologated. CARRIED.

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- Stated Hour** **MOTION:** (Park/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT Virginia McLean be given permission to address the Court. CARRIED.
- General Assembly Reports** The reports of the General Assembly commissioners were circulated with the advance reports.
- V. McLean, A. Hardeman and W. Khalil 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 V. McLean to stay for the balance of the meeting but gave her permission to leave if she wished.
- Records Examination** **MOTION:** (van der Hoek/Van Bilsen) THAT the Session Records of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, London be attested as neatly and correctly kept. CARRIED.
- Annual Review Treasurer and Clerk** R. A. Drozd reported that the annual review of the treasurer and clerk was completed in May 2017. She 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 and the clerk is willing to serve for another three year term.
- MOTION:** (Drozd/Baron) THAT the Clerk and Treasurer be commended for their work in their respective positions. We want them to know that we appreciate all their dedication and effort in their presbytery efforts. CARRIED.
- MOTION:** (Drozd/Baron) THAT Lu Brule be approved to remain on as Presbytery Treasurer for a further term of one year. CARRIED.
- MOTION:** (Drozd/Baron) THAT Carrie Thornton, Presbytery Clerk, be approved for a further three years in her position. CARRIED.
- MOTION:** (Drozd/Baron) THAT the review team for the Clerk and treasurer be dissolved with the thanks of the Court. CARRIED.
- Almanarah** No report.
- Extension and Building Fund** B. Baron reported on the June 12, 2017 meeting of the Presbytery Extension and Building Fund. The following officers were elected: Bob Baron, Chair, Carl Taylor, Secretary, Bob Simpson, Treasurer, Lu Brule, Auditor.

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The outstanding loans to Oakridge Presbyterian Church and Almanarah Presbyterian Church were reviewed. The loan to Almanarah Presbyterian Church was extended for a further five years. Loans were approved for Chalmers Presbyterian Church (\$60,000 for roof replacement) and Westmount Presbyterian Church (\$60,000 for parking lot and drainage repairs).

Ministry Team No report.

Mission Team The report was circulated with the advance reports.

Congregational Life Team M. Currie presented the report previously circulated.

K. McKee presented the New St. James visitation report.

MOTION: (McKee/Cote) THAT New St. James Presbyterian Church be commended for its forward thinking vision, its faithful stewardship of resources, its leadership, its maintenance of its building and its enduring Christian witness in London, Ontario. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cote) THAT the Reverend Andrew Reid be thanked for his fruitful ministry at New St. James Presbyterian Church, London and for his commitment to the work of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cote) THAT the Reverend Dr. Andrew Fullerton be appointed Interim Moderator of New St. James Presbyterian Church, effective June 21, 2017. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cote) THAT the session and congregation, working with the Interim Moderator, consider stated supply or another form of ministry during the interim period, and that recommendations be brought for the Presbytery's consideration at a future meeting. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cote) THAT the congregation of New St. James Presbyterian Church be given permission to begin the search for a new Minister of Word and Sacrament. CARRIED.

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

Reports of Interim Moderators St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman provided a written report.

St. John's, Port Stanley – No report.

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Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – No report.

Burns, Mosa – M. Butterfield-Kocis reported that profiles are being reviewed.

Dorchester/South Nissouri – No report.

M. Currie requested that each interim moderator report to the Court at least twice each year. The Clerk will ask each interim moderator for a report for the September 2017 meeting and also ask for a synopsis of the congregation's finances.

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by B. Baron, the Court stood adjourned at twenty-six minutes before nine o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of September, two thousand and seventeen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London and within Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk