

ERIE PRESBYTERY Executive, November 8, 2017
HAMILTON CONFERENCE, THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

THEME: “Gathered Blessings”

The Executive meeting of Erie Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, The United Church of Canada, was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Five Oaks Centre. A quorum was present.

Constitution of the court:

Chair Cathy Dilts called the meeting to order at 9:35 am in the name of Jesus Christ the Head of the Church and the meeting open for the business to come before it.

Roll: Barrie Bain, Jennifer Canning, Jayne Carman, Norma Cronkwright, Cathy Dilts, Nora Fueten, Barbara Fullerton, Ross Gowan, Peter Hartmans, Sheena Marini, Kim Shantz, Karen Tobey, Harold Wall

Regrets: Adrienne Robertson, Bob Thompson,

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Jayne Carman/Nora Fueten that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Kim Shantz/ Ross Gowan that the minutes from the October 11, 2017 executive meeting be accepted as written.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Karen Tobey reported that she sent a letter to Chapel of the Delaware regarding motion passed regarding their grant request at the last executive meeting, and as request for some payment of the outstanding assessment from 2015 and 2016.
- Karen read a letter sent from Cathy Dilts, Chair and Randy MacKenzie, Chair of Mission and Development, to EDGE requesting a refund of funds paid in 2016 less any services provided for Erie Presbytery.

Persistent Friend

Peter Hartmans gave an update on Rev. Barry Pridham. Barry has been placed on the Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary).

There is a transition team set up from Remit 1(three council model) A checklist and draft liturgy will be available for presbytery ‘windup’.

Business arising from the previous minutes

There was nothing.

New Business:

Boundaries Commission request for input from presbytery:

Cathy began with reading of scripture Philippians 1:9-10, and James 3:17. Cathy and Kim informed us that they will be incorporating this into the entire November plenary meeting. Cathy read the ‘blessings’ collected at the last (September 27) plenary meeting and asked for input from the committee members for feedback to the commission as it is due November 20,

before the next plenary. Cathy and Karen will draft a letter to the Commission including this feedback.

Remit 6:

The voting for Remit 6 - One Order of Ministry will take place at the November 22nd plenary. Karen will send out a reminder with the notice of meeting for presbyters to review the document before the meeting. There will be time for questions before the voting.

Committee Reports:

Pastoral Relations:

Jennifer Canning reported that the committee voted unanimously to support Barbara Fullerton's application to receive Intentional Interim Ministry designation.

Human Resources

There was no report.

Admin/Finance

Harold Wall reported that the June 2018 plenary meeting will be held at Five Oaks Centre.

He added that the Archives committee will visit the Archives in Toronto.

Norma Cronkwright said a draft budget will be circulated to the members of Erie Presbytery prior to the plenary meeting on November 22, 2017. It will be based on the request for funds by committee chairs for their anticipated expenses for 2018.

She will provide comments of explanation with the draft to hopefully provide greater clarity and understanding of the document.

It will be up to the Court to make any changes they deem necessary and approve the draft.

To date she is still awaiting figures from the Hamilton Conference Treasurer that indicate the congregational proportions of the Hamilton Conference share of the budget and on which the proportion of the Erie Presbytery budget is based.

She trusts the Erie Presbytery committee (co-) chairs will be in attendance at the November meeting in Scotland to respond to questions and concerns that may arise in regard to their budget requests.

At this point the requests from committee chairs for funds for 2018 exceed the requests for 2017 by \$12,575.

Education & Students

Jayne Carman reported that the Alternative Internship for Robert Lawson be approved based on the following:

- four months credit for his three years of service already completed at Harmony United Church as Congregational Designated Minister and/or Candidate Supply Minister
- four months credit for the beginning level experiential course in Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy and Counselling offered through the Toronto Centre for Psychotherapy and Counselling Education (to be completed in April 2018)

and that the Application from Robert Lawson for Ordination be enthusiastically supported by the Erie Presbytery Education and Students Committee and presented to Erie Presbytery for approval.

Property

Further to the September resolution on the sale of the Balfour Street Pastoral Charge property:

1. The Trustees will uphold their Trust with regards to the Melsom Bequest such that it will be transferred to Brantford Harmony United Church, with the same limitations on its use that were enjoyed by Balfour Street Pastoral Charge.
2. The Trustees direct, jointly, with Erie Presbytery, that the gross proceeds from the mortgage, currently being held by the Erie Presbytery Mission and Development Council, be disbursed annually in three equal portions to Erie Presbytery, Ryerson Camp, and the Erie Presbytery Mission and Development Council.
3. Further, the Balfour Street Pastoral Charge will make two contributions in the amount of \$10,000 each in favour of i) Ryerson Camp, and ii) a directed donation (Basis of Union 16.3.3) to assist in providing an upgrade to United Church pension plan retirees as supported by the Erie Presbytery resolution brought by its Pensions Convenor earlier this year
4. The remaining assets held by the Balfour Street Pastoral Charge Trustee Board will be disbursed following the formula in the Erie Presbytery / Hamilton Conference guidelines for disbanding pastoral charges.

Motion: Ross Gowan/Sheena Marini that Erie Presbytery executive recommends the acceptance of the four recommendations by the trustees of Balfour Street United Church.

CARRIED

Pastoral Oversight:

There was no report, but chair Barrie Bain queried if there will be a carry-over function into the transition.

Mission & Outreach/Life and Public Witness

There was no report.

Faith Formation:

Sheena Marini is asking presbytery members for input on criterion for bursaries.

Adjournment/ Blessing

Barbara Fullerton led a closing prayer with Chair Cathy adjourning the meeting at ~11:15 am

Next Executive Meeting: **Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 9:30 am at Five Oaks Centre.**
Worship: Kim Shantz

Next Regular meeting: **Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at 5:00 pm, Scotland UC**

Cathy Dilts, Chair

Karen Tobey, Secretary