

The executive of Kent Presbytery met as per the Consent Docket approved on June 2, 2009, at St. Paul’s United Church, Chatham-Kent. Chairperson Chuck Scott constituted the meeting at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present throughout. Worship took the form of a reading, “A Different Christmas Story” taken from the book, “Out of the Fire.”

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Ed Nicol, Eric Skillings, and Margaret Trapnell.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES: Betty Lou Baker, Doug Cameron, Barbara Robbins, and Chuck Scott

Guests & Visitors: Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary, London Conference

Regrets: Bonnie Harvey

Absent: None

AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as per the consent docket of June 2, 2009.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Barbara Robbins

That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on October 15, 2009 and October 19, 2009 be accepted as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Eric Skillings

That the minutes of the meetings of Kent Presbytery held on November 3, 2009 be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
111	09-11-06	09-11-06	Email	G.C. Office	Church Life & H1N1	Yahoo Group
112	09-11-06	09-11-06	Email	B. Fraser	Inquiry re full budget in minutes	Exec.
113	09-11-09	09-11-07	Mail	Victoria Ave. UC	Thank you card for support on closing of sanctuary	File
114	09-11-10	09-11-09	Email	Middlesex Presbytery	Hospital visitors	F & A

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115	09-11-10	09-11-10	Email	D. Cameron	Copy of reply to #114 above	File
116	09-11-12	09-11-12	Email	Conf. Office	Gen. Sec. Newsletter	Kent Email list
117	09-11-13	09-11-13	Email	C. Marwood	Prayer request	Kent Clergy & Chaplain
118	09-11-13	09-11-10	Mail	Elgin Presbytery	Request to transfer Bill Vanderveeken	Secretary
119	09-11-13	09-11-02	Mail	G.C. Office	Copy of letter to charges Insurance for congregations	File
120	09-11-16	09-11-16	Email	Roy Weaver	Request to disband Trustees of French UC assets	Executive
121	09-11-16	09-11-16	Email	G.C. Office	Invitation to Focus on children in foster care	File
122	09-11-16	09-11-16	Email	T. Wygiera	Question re assessments	Secretary
123	09-11-17	09-11-17	Email	M. Elford	Copy of questions to Doug Cameron re possible sale of church	F & A
124	09-11-19	09-11-05	Hand	Victoria Avenue UC	Copies of orders from municipality re: sanctuary	F & A
125	09-11-19	09-11-15	Hand	Chatham- St. Andrew's	Call form	Pastoral Relations
126	09-11-19	09-11-16	Hand	Chatham- Sprucedale	Request to change designation of DLM	Pastoral relations

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Motion Ed Nicol/Margaret Trapnell

Whereas the Trustees appointed to finalize business of the disbanded French's United Church have advised Kent Presbytery that all business related to said congregation has been completed;

It is moved that the Trustees Peter Scott, Susan Mast, Roy Stewart and Roy Weaver be discharged with thanks, effective immediately. **CARRIED**

REPORTS

London Conference – Heather McLean

- General Council Executive has had its fall meeting during which work left over from the 40th meeting of General Council was cleaned up
- Bev Robinson's knee replacement surgery was successful
- General Council Office will provide funding for David Woodall's salary for 6 months
- The London Hospital Visitors Program is being re-evaluated over the next year due to financial constraints

Finance & Administration – Doug Cameron

2010 Assessments

Doug has finally received the final statistics forms figures for this year. As a result, the basis for calculating assessments for the Pastoral Charges has changed significantly since the November 3, 2009 meeting of Presbytery. The number of resident members has dropped by 9.8%. Part of this is because the Wheatley Pastoral Charge is now in Essex Presbytery. However, there is also a drop of 6.4% in resident members in the remaining pastoral charges. The bottom line of the budget for 2010 as approved at the November 3 meeting of Kent Presbytery does not change, but the number of persons by which it is divided does.

Therefore, the per resident member assessment, must change again. For some pastoral charges the total assessment may actually decrease, while others will, unfortunately, increase. Therefore the following motion was presented.

Motion Barbara Robbins/Judith Fayter

That the per resident member assessment for 2010 be raised from \$28.32 to \$30.62, and that the Treasurer be instructed to communicate the circumstances when sending the invoices, and to also include a copy of the 2010 budget in the mailing. **CARRIED**

The breakdown of the assessment is:

\$12.10	London Conference
\$7.28	Youth Ministry
\$11.24	Presbytery business

Highgate

Motion Doug Cameron/Judith Fayter

That Kent Presbytery Executive approve the request from the Highgate congregation to list the church building for sale, subject to receipt of the documentation by Kent Presbytery. The documents being: Legal description of property, evaluation of the property and a copy of the Real Estate listing.

CARRIED Note: Mary Elford abstained from voting.

Pastoral Charge Oversight – Margaret Trapnell

The committee will be making a change regarding the scheduling of oversight visits once a new pastoral relationship has begun. It will be announced at a meeting of Presbytery once it is in effect.

Communications – Eric Skillings

- Curtis Marwood has requested that reps ask church secretaries to send notices of events to Curtis for the web page when sending them to churches or the Newsletter.

UCW – Betty Lou Baker

- Presbyterial is considering donating to Fairfield Museum and would like an update on needs and how existing funds are being used

Special Events – Chuck Scott

- The committee is presently working on arranging a family event at Kenesserie Camp for the August long weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning for the Conference President's visit at the December meeting. As the Executive is to lead the worship the Chairperson asked for some assistance
- Possible meeting or workshop for Congregational Board/Council chairpersons in February or March
- Kenesserie Bylaw updates will be brought to the February meeting of Presbytery

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM with prayer led by the Chairperson.

Chuck Scott, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

Next Meetings:

Presbytery – December 1, at St. Paul's United Church

Executive – January 21, at St. Paul's United Church

AGENDA
KENT PRESBYTERY
Is called to meet for its annual

CHRISTMAS MEETING

AT

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
22125 Communications Road (Hwy. 40)

Tuesday December 1, 2009

6:30 PM Registration, name tags social gathering and special refreshments
Business, as required
Presentation by Conference President
Worship, led by Executive members, including Holy Communion
Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRESBYTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR PARTNERS TO THIS GATHERING.