

The executive of Kent Presbytery met as per the Consent Docket approved June 7, 2011, at Victoria Avenue United Church, Chatham-Kent. Chairperson Cathy Larmond constituted the meeting at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present throughout. Worship took the form of prayer led by the Chairperson.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Judith Fayter, Annalee Kerr, Cathy Larmond, Ed Nicol, Eric Skillings and Margaret Trapnell.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES: Doug Cameron, Carolyn Fraser, Bonnie Harvey, Barbara Robbins

REGRETS: Heather McLean

ABSENT:

GUESTS & VISITORS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: None

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Margaret Trapnell

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on November 17, 2011 be approved as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Barbara Robbins

That the minutes of the meetings of Kent Presbytery, held on December 6, 2011 and January 10, 2012, be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
201	12-01-10	12-01-10	Hand	Bothwell UC	Improvement Grant application	F & A
202	12-01-10	12-01-10	Hand	D.S. Moffat	Req. to use manse funds for Church roof repair	F & A

203	12-01-12	12-01-12	Email	Conf. Office	Covenanting service with Executive Secretary	Email list
204	12-01-13	12-01-13	Email	Five Oaks	January newsletter	Kent Churches
205	12-01-16	12-01-13	Email	Conf. Office	Global Service and Learning Opportunities	Email List
206	12-01-18	12-01-17	Email	M. Stevens	M&S Update	Kent Churches
207	12-01-18	12-01-17	Email	C. Fraser	Agenda request	Executive

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

Finance & Administration - Doug Cameron

2012 Assessments

The final statistics have finally arrived from General Council. The assessment amount was estimated to be \$32.21 when the budget was approved at the November 1, 2011 meeting. (See page 2011/2012-38). This was based on a membership decrease of about 3 percent. However, the actual statistics show a decrease of 14 percent in resident members. The executive discussed several methods of assessing the needed funds for 2012 as some pastoral charges could face substantial increases to their assessment. It was agreed to continue to use the system as shown with the motion approved in November 2011. However, this will mean that the estimate of \$32.21 per resident member must be increased to \$36.22 per resident member. The method of assessing costs to the Pastoral Charges will be brought to the full court this coming year.

D.S. Moffat request re roof repairs

The original letter contained no cost estimates, nor the amount of funds available in the manse account. It was also noted that there could be a grant available to the congregation from General Council. The chair of Finance and Administration will confer with the Secretary of Presbytery to prepare a Presbytery response to the congregation as soon as possible. The response will advise how to apply for the grant.

Bothwell United Church request for Church Improvement Grant

Motion Judith Fayter/Margaret Trapnell

That we concur with the request for a church improvement grant for the Bothwell United Church. **CARRIED**

Note: The application included a brief financial report, a description of the needed repairs with quotes, along with photographs of the areas of the brickwork damages.

Education & Students – Judith Fayter

- New guidelines are being put in place for Licenced Lay Worship leaders
- Pastoral charges are reminded that the rate for Sunday supply and weekend supply were raised as of January 1, 2012. They are \$116.00 for Sunday supply and \$232.00 for weekend supply. In both cases, travel is to be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.41 per kilometer.
- Information is being prepared for the Facebook page

Pastoral Charge Oversight – Margaret Trapnell

- Letters are being sent to those Pastoral Charges that are due to be visited this year.

United Church in Action – Annalee Kerr

- The London Conference Hope Book continues to be well received
- All people are encouraged to visit the United Church web site for updates on the work of the church both in Canada and around the world.
- Congratulations to the Ridgetown Ministerial for outreach work in the Dominican Republic

United Church Women – Carolyn Fraser

- Plans for the 50th Anniversary of the United Church Women ministry are continuing
- UCW is also promoting the Hope Book as a means of using financial resources to promote the work of the church

Kent Presbytery Mission Statement – Judith Fayter

- The document has now been posted to the Kent Presbytery web page.
(www.kentpres.org)

Conference Executive – Judith Fayter

- The new Executive Secretary, Cheryl-Ann Stadlebauer-Sampa begins her duties February 1, 2012.
- A signed thank you card, was presented to outgoing Executive Secretary, Heather McLean.
- Personnel Minister, Peter Kingsbury is planning to retire June 30, 2012

Nominations – Ed Nicol

Motion Doug Cameron/Ed Nicol

That Cathy Larmond be nominated to the position of Chairperson of Kent Presbytery for the 2012-2013 pastoral year. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda item for future meeting of Kent Presbytery

It was agreed that a theme question be added to the agenda for future meetings of Kent Presbytery. The question for the February 7, 2012 will be, “Tell us something you love about your church.”

Items for information to United Church Women

Carolyn Fraser had some questions regarding contact information and accountability for Kenesserie Camp, Fairfield Museum, and Ridgeway Campus Ministry. All were resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned, with prayer by Chairperson Cathy Larmond at 12:15 PM

Cathy Larmond, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

Future Meetings:

Kent Presbytery meets on February 7, 2012 at 6:15 PM at Victoria Avenue United Church

Executive meets on February 16, 2012 at 9:30 AM at Victoria Avenue United Church

Kent Presbytery United Church of Canada

Is called to meet on February 7, 2012 at

Victoria Avenue United Church

91 Grand Avenue E.

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AGENDA

- 6:00 PM** Registration, name tags and coffee
- 6:15 PM** Divisions and Committees meet
- 7:30 PM** Annual Meeting of Kenesserie Camp Corporation
- 8:30 PM** Constitution of the court
- WORSHIP led by United Church Women
- Introductions
- Welcome to Victoria Avenue United Church
- Minutes of Presbytery meeting of January 10, 2012 for approval
- Minutes of Presbytery Executive meeting of January 19, 2012 for information
- Business arising from minutes
- Correspondence
- Business arising from Correspondence
- Reports for ACTION
- STAFF REPORTING TIME
- Reports for INFORMATION
- New Business
- Theological Reflection - Curtis Marwood
- 9:30 PM** Adjournment

Something for Presbyters to ponder before the next meeting: "Tell us something you love about your church." Come prepared to tell us your thoughts.