

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE

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October 5, 2010

The executive of Middlesex Presbytery met on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at Rowntree Memorial United Church.

ATTENDANCE: David McKane, Donald Sutherland, Lois Peters, Edward Avey, Marilyn Hart, Heather McLean (Conference staff person), Sheila Duffin, Joyce Payne, Gail Schnarr, Jannie Law, Tom Hiscock, Richard Golden, Hugh John Cook, Bill McAuslan, Val Hodgins

REGRETS: Gerald Drodge, Kathy Wreford

OPENING AND CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING: At 1:00p.m., chairperson David McKane called the meeting and constituted the meeting with these words: “In the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the church, and by the authority vested in me as chair of Middlesex Presbytery, I now declare this meeting constituted for the transaction of such business that shall properly come before it.”

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be accepted as printed. **Carried**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the executive meeting of September 7, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated and corrected. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- the request for workshop time by the Division of Ministry Personnel and Education prior to the November presbytery meeting was granted. The topic will be Pastoral Care Support Worker.

- the request from Gerry Pickett for workshop time on the topic “All About Conversation” was approved for the time prior to the February meeting of presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that Gerry consult with Richards United Church to make a joint presentation. Richards has taken some initiative in the presbytery re becoming green. **Carried**

-it was agreed that highlights from the Conference executive meeting of September 5, 2010, be received for information and they be included in the presbytery minutes. (Appendix B)

-Record of Proceedings booklets from that Annual Meeting of London Conference and Roll of Conference Booklets are now available.

-a request from Jim Lodge that presbytery appoint representatives to chair congregational meetings on October 17, 2010 at Colborne St United Church and Robinson Memorial United Church. It was moved and seconded that this matter be tabled until later in the meeting.

Carried

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: David thanked Hugh John Cook for chairing the September Presbytery Meeting in his absence, and since he must leave before the meeting is over he thanked Edward Avey in advance for taking over for him. David told of his trip to Germany and Oberammergau and the Passion Play. He also told of meeting a Lutheran pastor in Leipzig and large gatherings to pray for peace.

DIVISION REPORTS:

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: No report

DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA/ U.C.W.: Lois Peters, president of Middlesex Presbyterial United Church Women reported . Fall brings special events for United Church Women members, such as bazaars, Fall Rallies, Fall Fairs, Community Dinners, etc. This report is mainly a listing of Cooming Events for Middlesex Presbyterial United Church Women members:

1. Fall Event – Theme: “A Place in My Sister’s Heart”
Saturday, October 30, 2010 - 9:00a.m.-12:00noon
Whiteoaks United Church
Speakers: Diane Yates (nurse practioner) and Carrie Shea (dietician) from Parkwood Hospital
Time for Sharing: winter clothing, toothpaste and tooth brushes, feminine hygiene Products, etc., etc.
2. Circle your 2011 calendars for:
 - a) Middlesex Presbyterial Annual Meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at Lambeth United Church. Speaker – Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford
 - b) Conference United Church Women Annual Meeting – April 10-11, 2011 at Siloam United Church. Speaker – Bonnie Simonato – “Joyologist”

Please spread the word within your church and to others where United Church Women groups within their church has closed. We welcome them most sincerely.

DIVISION OF MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION: No report

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATION/RESOURCE CENTRE: Joyce Payne reported that Debbi Jarvis, Director of the Resource Centre will not be renewing her contract after December 31, 2010.

DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Tom Hiscock presented the report. It was moved and seconded that the Executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve in principle the document dated October 4, 2010 – Draft #8 – of The Covenant between Robinson Memorial United Church and Colborne Street United Church and Middlesex Presbytery of the United Church of Canada with the following recommendations:

1. That the effective date of amalgamation be January 1, 2011.
2. That the amalgamated congregation be known as Colborne Street United Church.
3. That the percentage for distribution of assets be stipulated as in Appendix A with the actual ratio dependent on the number of members transferring to Colborne and Rowntree.
4. That the value of the Robinson Memorial United Church – Appendix D – be listed as \$1.00 until the sale value is determined.
5. That it is understood that the amounts listed in Appendix E for fixed assets indicate the estimated replacement value.

Carried (Bill McAuslan abstained from voting)

It was moved and seconded that the Executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve the request of the Granton-Wesley Pastoral Charge for the renovations to the Granton-Wesley United Church including wheelchair access with permission to borrow the money from the United Church Council for Middlesex Presbytery in the amount of \$75,000.00 as recommended by the Division of Finance and Administration. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that the Executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve the Richards Memorial United Church Solar Project with permission to borrow the money from the United Church Council for Middlesex Presbytery in the amount of \$77,000.00 as recommended by the Division of Finance and Administration. **Carried** (Marilyn Hart abstained from voting)

It was moved and seconded that the Executive of Middlesex Presbytery name Paul Vollick to Hyatt Ave. United Church and Tom Hiscock to Cairngorm United Church and Robinson Memorial United Church to supervise the transition of property. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that the request from Jim Lodge be lifted from the table. **Carried**
It was moved and seconded that Hugh John Cook and Val Hodgins chair the congregational meetings of Colborne St. United Church and Robinson Memorial Church respectively on October 17, 2010. **Carried**

DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL: Bill McAuslan reported. Bill requested that a letter of indemnifying be sent from Middlesex Presbytery Executive to the United Church Council of Middlesex Presbytery as per the request of the letter dated June 23, 2010. **Agreed** (Appendix C) Bill requested that a letter be sent to the United Church Council of Middlesex Presbytery re the action of the executive taken re the loans to Granton-Wesley United Church and Richards Memorial United Church. **Agreed** (see Division of Finance and Administration report – page 2010-42 and Appendix D)

PRESBYTERY SECRETARY: Joyce Payne gave a verbal outline of the proposed job description which will be printed in the minutes and discussed at the November meeting of Middlesex Presbytery. (Appendix E)

It was moved and seconded that the meeting time be extended by 30 minutes. **Carried**

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was presented by Donald Sutherland. (Appendix F) It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be received for information. **Carried**

CONFERENCE MINISTER: Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary updated us about the following: 1. Highlights from the September 15, 2010 Conference Executive meeting.

- Betsy Exley, new Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Minister begins January 1, 2011.
- Update on incorporated ministries – there will be a letter to Incorporated Ministries and Presbyteries later in October with an update on this work.
- Annual Meeting – request to provide agenda time at Presbytery's meeting prior to May's Annual Meeting of London Conference to discuss/learn about the conference budget/other important items.
- Retirees recognition to Presbytery?
- No child care starting in 2011 at the Annual Meeting of London Conference due to duty of care standards.
- Be aware of bus travel into the United States requiring proper identification and medical insurance coverage for delegates to the Annual Meeting in Algoma.
- Identify individuals who will take the trainers training for accessibility/disability training.

2. In Partnership with Local Congregation and the United Church of Canada:

Accessibility Training:

- With Bev Robinson's help, Kathy Nantais will take the lead in offering training to the "chosen trainers" for the accessibility/disability training – October 30, 2010. Then it is expected that these trainers will lead a workshop early in the new year in order to help congregation meet the deadline of 2012.
- We are suggesting that Pastoral Care and Oversight add this requirement of accessibility training to their checklist when they do their oversight visits.
- Judith Gilliland will be the Conference staff person to carry this forward into 2012.

3. Upcoming Events

- Encouraging Effective Leadership: Friday, November 5, 2010 – an all clergy day-away presented by London Conference staff, Best Western Stoneridge Inn, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Looking Ahead to Retirement: Tuesday, November 16, 2010, Lambeth United Church, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

It was moved and seconded that section 2 of Heather's report re Accessibility Training be referred to the Division of Mission in Canada to develop a process to bring this to congregations and that this information be sent to presbytery as soon as possible. **Carried**

CHAIR – ELECT: Edward Avey reported that there are two upcoming Covenanting Services, for Chris Beaumont and Susan Cameron. Dates are not known at this time.

Edward went to the closing service at Hyde Park United Church as Presbytery representative to recognize the contributions of that congregation to the Presbytery.

OTHER:

Tom Hiscock indicated that the Division of Finance and Administration is looking at providing computers for the presbytery secretaries.

Marilyn Hart reminded us that at Covenanting Services the recognition and disbanding of Search Committees should be part of the liturgy of the service.

The Division of Finance and Administration needs to look at numbers re assessments, especially with amalgamations