

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE JANUARY 5, 2010

The executive of Middlesex Presbytery met at the call of the chair on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 1 p.m., at Rowntree United Church.

ATTENDANCE: Hugh John Cook, Gerald Drodge, Sheila Duffin, Susan Eagle, Richard Golden, Marilyn Hart, Val Hodgins, Jannie Law, David McKane, Joyce Payne, Lois Peters, Gail Schnarr, Donald Sutherland, Paul Vollick and Heather McLean, the acting executive secretary of London Conference.

REGRETS: Frank Meadows, Pam Tolmay

OPENING AND CONSTITUTION: At 1p.m. Hugh John Cook called the meeting to order and constituted the meeting: "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 as shall properly come before it." Richard Golden led in prayer.

Hugh John gave an update on Frank Meadows who was injured in a car accident. Surgery is still upcoming. Frank would prefer no phone calls at the hospital. Updates will be through his son, James.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as printed. **Carried**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: it was moved and seconded that the minutes of December 1, 2009 and December 18, 2009 be approved as printed and circulated. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was received for information with the following exceptions:

1. Discussion on Remit #3, re a new process for transfer and settlement will be part of the February executive meeting as we don't have this information today.
2. A letter was received from St. Andrews, Cairo and Alvinston regarding presbytery boundaries.

It was moved and seconded that London Conference be requested to change the boundary of Middlesex Presbytery to allow St. Andrews, Cairo to move to Lambton Presbytery subject to a request from that pastoral charge. **Carried**

Richard golden brought to our attention the letter re Customer Service Standards, dated December 8, 2009. How do we deal with this? A request was sent through Heather McLean that London Conference seek clarification and that this be on the agenda for discussion for the February meeting.

Sheila Duffin asked about the workshop on disaster action by the Middlesex Health Unit. Joyce Payne will be attending and will bring back information.

Joyce Payne expressed the need for process and/or strategy for emergence situations (such as Frank's injury) and the possibility if a central presbytery office. It was agreed that the Nominations Committee will look into this.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Covenanting Services: January 17, 2010 – Barb Clark, Hyde Park -2p.m.

January 31, 2010 - Catherine Moore, Wellington -2p.m.

February 28, 2010 - Tracy Crick-Butler, Thorndale -2p.m.

Frank Meadows and Hugh John Cook are presbytery reps to Byron JSC

There was discussion re the responsibility for managing the property at 75 Blackfriars St. Empress trustees will fill this role and Middlesex Presbytery will reimburse them for all expenditures. Empress trustees have added Joyce Payne, Tracy Crick-Butler, Paul Vollick and Hugh John Cook to their Board of Trustees.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Hospital Visitors. It was moved and seconded that the Hospital Visitors' Committee be made corresponding members of the executive. **Carried** Sheila Duffin introduced Fern Patterson, Barb Cartwright and Katherine Wreford.

It was moved and seconded that that the executive move "in camera" for this discussion on personnel matters. **Carried** Following discussion, it was moved and seconded that we move from "in camera" and back into the executive meeting. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that due to the action taken at the September 22, 2009 meeting of Middlesex Presbytery reducing the Hospital Visitor Program budget line, that the current Hospital Visitor Program for the year 2010 cease to exist effective April 30, 2010 and that the two visitors, Betty Thornton and Brenda Smith, be notified in writing through legal letters that their employment will terminate on April 30, 2010 and that they will receive an additional month's salary as severance. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery recognize the Hospital Visitors Committee of Middlesex Presbytery as a Standing Committee of Presbytery to research and report back to the Middlesex Presbytery Executive the viability of a suggested model for the ministry of visiting in the London hospitals. **Carried**

DIVISION REPORTS

WORLD OUTREACH- no report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION- All assessment letters were sent to congregations by the end of Nov.

Following discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Grants and Loans Committee be a sub-committee of the Division of Ministry Personnel and Education. **Carried**

At the next meeting of the presbytery executive, Paul Vollick will bring recommendations from F&A regarding the disposal of the Gethsemane property.

COMMUNICATIONS/RESOURCE CENTRE - Lay School of Theology begins the second session on January 18, 2010 . New Testament will be presented by Rev. Sung Shim. The location will be moved from Wellington to 65 Blackfriars.

Joyce Payne reported on the new hours for the Resource Centre: Tuesdays from 12 noon – 5p.m., Wednesdays from 10a.m. – 3p.m., Thursdays from 10a.m. – 3p.m., and other times by appointment.

MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Pastoral Relations made the following motions: 1. Moved and seconded that we recommend to Middlesex Presbytery that we approve the JNAC of Calvary United Pastoral Charge as presented. **Carried**
2. Moved and seconded the we recommend to Middlesex Presbytery Executive that a vacancy be declared at Calvary United Pastoral Charge effective August 1, 2010. **Carried**

Sheila Duffin read a letter from Trinity United Church requesting that Middlesex Presbytery ask the United Church Council to make an exception to their policy for funding internships and that they provide \$8000 of the \$9647 needed to fund the internship program at Trinity United Church. (it is the policy of United Church Council to fund one half of the cost) Sheila also read a letter dated September 25, 2009 from the United Church Council to Trinity. Members of the presbytery executive who are also on the United Church Council agreed to take this request to the Council's next meeting.

MISSION IN CANADA-UCW - no report

NOMINATING - no report

TREASURER'S REPORT – circulated by Donald Sutherland and received for information

MISSION AND SERVICE - no report

CARE AND OVERSIGHT - no report

CONFERENCE MINISTER - no report

NEW BUSINESS - question: how often does the Staff Support Committee meet with staff

ADJOURNMENT at 4p.m. David McKane closed the meeting with prayer

Hugh John Cook/Chair

Val Hodgins/acting Secretary