

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

June 4, 2009

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at noon on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Willowgrove United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The meeting was led by Chair Rev. Nancy Ferguson and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

Ordered Ministry: Larry Burton, Nancy Ferguson, Phil Miller, Betty Pretty, Helen Smith, Doreen Sproule

Laity: Leone Hamilton, Ailsa Hanson, Rhea McAdam, Norma Orr, Heddys Stevenson, Harry Stewart, Clare Walker

Regrets: Thom McDonough

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Nancy called the meeting to order with prayer and the lighting of a prayer vigil candle received from the London Conference 'Church in Society' Committee. Executive members shared laments (e.g. visioning that didn't go forward) and signs of restoration (e.g. new energy from pain; joint initiatives) within the Presbytery.

MINUTES: **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approves the Executive Minutes of March 19, 2009 as corrected. (Note: The motion at the bottom of page 101 correctly reads "...that Phil Miller and Nancy Ferguson purchase a projection system as per pre-approved budget amount.")

CORRESPONDENCE: **Moved, seconded and carried** that the correspondence be accepted.

WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE: After discussion, it was agreed that, while the Executive will hear Committee summary reports and consider motions that require action before the next meeting of the full court, it is also the Executive's responsibility to do some visioning on behalf of Algoma Presbytery and to act as the program planning committee for meetings of the full court.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS FOR ACTION

Finance and Administration

This committee still requires a Chair. Helen Smith, as Nominations, was directed to approach the existing Committee members for consideration of this position.

Treasurer's report: Phil Miller

- The Conference Assessment has been paid in full.
- Total revenue to date is actually \$38,234.42; the second United Church of Canada amount received for the Focus on the Gay Family Conference was \$1,500 and not \$500 as recorded.
- The Presbytery LCD projector has been purchased at a cost of \$1,479 including tax, and will reside at St. Andrew's. There will be a sign-out system in place.

Education and Students: Helen Smith – No report.

Faith Formation/Communications: Larry Burton – No report.

Pastoral Relations: Leone Hamilton

- **Moved, seconded and carried:** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery declare a vacancy at East Korah Pastoral Charge for the purpose of calling a part-time (20 hours) ordained/diaconal or designated lay minister effective July 1, 2009.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** to move *in camera*.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** to move out of *in camera*.
- **Moved, seconded and carried:** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery approve the effective date of the end of the pastoral relationship between Rev. St. Jean and St. Andrew's United Church Blind River as 90 days following April 23, 2009.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** to move *in camera*.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** to move out of *in camera*.
- **Moved, seconded and carried:** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery establish a mentorship program for new ministry personnel within the Presbytery under the auspices of the Pastoral Relations Committee.
- The Pastoral Relations Committee will continue to work with the Blind River Pastoral Charge towards understanding and healing, and the Presbytery Chaplain and the Past Chair will continue to provide support to Rev. St. Jean.

Pastoral Care and Oversight – No report.

World Development and Outreach: Heddys Stevenson – No report

Moved, seconded and carried that all reports be accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Welcome to new Secretary Ailsa Hanson.** A round of applause heralded the announcement.
- **Focus on the Gay Family Conference** - Harry Stewart reported that planning of the conference is complete. The website should be finished by the end of the day Friday; posters, press releases and handbills will be coming out shortly. The cost of the Conference including meals is \$75, or \$25 without meals. Pastoral charges will be encouraged to send four participants from each congregation. For registration information, click on www.welcomefriend.ca.
- **Lay Worship Leaders Course** – Larry Burton reported that 15 are currently registered for the course. The first session of study will be Old Testament, and the course leaders are hoping to take the group to Toronto to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the R.O.M.

NEW BUSINESS

▪ **GC40 Election of Commissioners:** Algoma Presbytery will be represented by the following people: Rev. Nancy Ferguson, Rev. Doreen Sproule, Joyce Biggs, Jana Howson, Marnie McDonough. Our thoughts, good wishes and prayers go with them.

▪ **Appointment of Representative: Moved, seconded and carried** that Betty Pretty be appointed as Algoma Presbytery's representative to the Board of Regents for Huntington College for the term 2009-2011.

▪ **2009/2010 Presbytery Meeting Schedule:**

- Program suggestions for the August 20 Executive meeting were: future program planning, and reports on Camp McDougall and on Nominations.
- September 2009, full court, St. Andrews, SSM – It was decided that the business meeting will be scheduled from 1 to 5 pm. Within that timeframe, there will a service of recognition of the outgoing Presbytery Chair and Secretary and the installation of the new Chair and Secretary. Depending on how much other business is on the agenda, there may be a report from General Council. President of Conference Doug Wright will be invited to preach and his theme of 'Exile' will lead nicely into the rest of the weekend, the Focus on the Gay Family Conference.
- It was suggested that there be time for a discussion of the Conference at the October 15 Executive meeting.
- November 2009, full court, John Wesley – Topics for consideration included M&P and/or Joint Needs Assessment Committee workshops, discussion of Camp McDougall's anniversary plans, work on "healthy congregations."
- Subjects for future meetings included review of the Presbytery Gift Inventory and an M&S presentation by Heather McLean.
- Following are the dates for the first five meetings in 2010: January 15 Executive; February 20 and 21 Full Court; March 19 Executive; April 17 and 18 Full Court; June 18 Executive.

▪ **East Korah Maxwell – Use of Manse Sale Funds** (Although several members of the Executive left, there was still a quorum present for discussion and resolution of this issue.)

- **Moved, seconded and carried:** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery approve East Korah Maxwell's request to use the money from the sale of the manse to support the general funds should the need arise.

AJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: August 20 at Bruce Mines.

ACTION PLAN:

Item	Person Responsible	Due Date
Nominee for Chair of Finance & Committee	Helen Smith	September
Projector System Sign-out Program & advertise process to Presbytery churches	Phil Miller <i>with assistance from Ailsa Hanson</i>	June
Letter to East Korah Maxwell re: vacancy	Ailsa Hanson	June
Letter to St Andrews Blind River re: notice date	Ailsa Hanson	June
New Ministry Personnel Mentorship Program developed by the Pastoral Relations Committee	Leone Hamilton	November
Letter to Huntington College re: Board of Regents representative from Algoma Presbytery	Ailsa Hanson	June
Letter to East Korah Maxwell re: Manse Funds	Ailsa Hanson	June