

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

October 25, 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING

2007-08

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at Central United Church, Sault Ste. Marie at noon. The meeting was led by Chair Rev. Doreen Sproule and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

Ordered Ministry: Jan Schenell, Doreen Sproule, Larry Burton, Phil Miller

Laity: Wilma Oliver, Leone Hamilton, Ruby Vaughan, Heddys Stevenson

Regrets: Norine St. Jean, Betty Pretty

OPENING: Chair Doreen Sproule read Opening Devotions.

MINUTES: Moved, seconded and carried that Algoma Presbytery approves the Executive Minutes of August 16, 2007 as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

FAITH FORMATION REPORT - Larry Burton

- **Camp McDougall:** a written report from Chair Rob McCutcheon and a Treasurer's report from Marnie McDonough were circulated and discussed. Please see Appendix for these reports.
- There will be a service of dedication and celebration to mark the closing of the ARC during November's Presbytery meeting. Invitations will be sent out to all those who played a role in its success.

EDUCATION & STUDENTS REPORT - Wilma Oliver

Jana Howson: Jana continues her courses at a local college in Illinois this semester and is catching up on her reading assignments while in the process of transferring to Emmanuel College.

John Porter: His Appointment Advisory team is working with him over the next several months of his discernment.

Eun -Joo Park: Eun-Joo and her Appointment Advisory team are meeting for over the next months as well.

The E&S committee is preparing to interview all 13 of the Licensed Lay Worship leaders in three gatherings on November 7 and 14. We will bring a recommendation to the November Presbytery meeting regarding their re-licensing.

PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT -- Thom McDonough

The PC&O committee met by teleconference. The "kit" obtained from Mantiou Conference was discussed and will be revised to suit Algoma Presbytery. Visits will begin in September 2008. Lay people will be involved at each meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT - Norine St. Jean

Treasurer's report: Phil Miller

There is one outstanding assessment from John Wesley, expected shortly. There are a few outstanding expenses coming in but it appears that there will be no over spending for 2007.

The new format for determining assessments (using supporting households instead of resident membership numbers) was explained again, using 2007 figures minus the allotment for the ARC.

PASTORAL RELATIONS - Leone Hamilton

- Peter Kingsbury will be in Algoma Presbytery from Nov. 12 (driving day) to Nov. 18. He will contact each person who has requested time individually. As of now, he will visit 8 clergy, 4 M&P committees, 2 Presbytery committees and one pastoral charge.
- All work on JNACs and JSCs is progressing.
- Police checks to be seen in November include Blind River, Bruce Mines, Echo Bay, Goulais and Manitouwadge.

WORLD OUTREACH REPORT - Heddys Stevenson

- More information regarding Waikato, an Ethiopian village, will be given at the November meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried: that Algoma Presbytery accepts all Committee reports.

New Business:

Heather McLean spoke about Planned Giving and the UCC Foundation. Heddys Stevenson offered to update Presbyters about this subject at the November meeting in order to give everyone an idea as to the scope of choices in this regard.

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING: November 16 & 17, 2007 at John Wesley United Church, Sault Ste. Marie.

DOREEN SPROULE, CHAIR

RHEA McADAM, SECRETARY

APPENDIX

Camp McDougall Report – Oct 25, 2007

Fall activities are in full swing. This year we have moved several items forward on our agenda to ease the burden in spring and to facilitate planning. Our new members are very keen and bring refreshing ideas and expertise to the table. Here are some items for your consideration:

1) Hiring: We are hiring early this year, with advertisements going out in November and hiring going into December. We hope to have a full staff by New Year so that they can begin to communicate and plan for the summer. The Director and Assistant cook have both agreed to return and we are very pleased, having heard many good things about them last summer.

2) Finances: Even though we had a camper shortfall this year and a few unexpected expenses, it looks like our books will balance. With an upcoming Pasta Dinner and some receivables still due, we are looking to come in more or less at a net zero, so cash looks not to be a problem this fall.

3) Promotions: The promotion committee visited Echo Bay and Bar River this fall and had a wonderful visit. This kind of outreach in the fall looks to be a wonderful idea and a good time to remind people of the camp and its work. If any other congregations would like a visit, please let us know and we'll send someone.

The Promotion committee has been working on planning some new kinds of promotional activities and reviving some old ones. Work will take place to make the camp leadership training present in the schools. In addition, we are working on expanding the kinds of programmes we will offer to include such things as Adult camp and Family camps, as well as organized outtrips for community groups.

4) The Site: Camp has been closed and winterized for the season. On the agenda for spring is widening and improving the driveway access and signage, renovating the chaplain's quarters and improving the water line into the lake. As those ministers who were at the camp in September are aware, low lake levels continue to give us problems, but a deeper intake and a more robust line should settle the problem.

5) Operations Manual: The camp is in the process of developing a comprehensive manual of all operations and activities of the board. This will be available by December.

6) Chaplaincy: We are currently recruiting chaplains for the 2008 season and have one confirmed already for Junior Girls. The summer theme next year will be Spirit in Motion. We are also developing a recruitment, training and welcoming programme for our volunteer chaplains to help them settle in to camp life and to address some suggestions made this past year around communications.

7) Nominations: The camp has begun its search for new members to come on board in January. We are replacing our chair this year and have 4-5 seats available. Every congregation is encouraged to nominate someone from their ranks to sit on the board. In addition, we welcome visitors to our open board meetings for anyone curious to see what we're all about. Please forward any nominations to myself.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ

Robert McCutcheon

Chair of Camp McDougall and

Camp McDougall Representative at Presbytery

Camp McDougall Treasurer's Report to Oct. 24/07

Bank Balance to Sept. 30/07	\$ 9,986.59
Actual Bank Balance Oct. 24/07	\$16,777.94
(includes Wolgemuth Bequeath	<u>-\$10,000.00</u> (Designated for Capital Project)
Accessible Funds	\$ 6,777.94

Outstanding Invoices todate: approx. \$5,500+

Deficit Coverage:

1. \$5,000 Overdraft, secured by same amount GIC
2. \$10,000 Wolgemuth Bequeath cash flow access
3. Fund raising efforts: Pasta Dinner Nov. 9th
UCC bulletin notices regarding deficit-encouraging donations

Other Matters:

- *Great Lakes Power: "Line Clearing & Branch control, including the use of herbicide"
- Registered Charity Information Return filed with Canada Revenue Agency Aug. 23/07
(submitted by Grant Thornton)
- Apply for a UCC Capital Grant of \$4,000– approval required by Presbytery
- Trillium Grant Deadline Nov. 1; no application at this time
- Algoma Presbytery Christian Development request funding for Board training in Jan. 2008
(meeting.Nov.5)
- Leigh unable to complete an application for Community Learning Grant before deadline

Marnie McDonough, Treasurer