

## **Prayer and Constitution of the Court**

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Bill Bynum, who constituted the court able to undertake the business before it.

## **Attendance and Regrets**

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#### **Ministers:**

Rev. Bill Bynum, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Susan Clarke, Rev. Reuben St. Louis, Rev. Kristine O'Brien, Rev. Nick Pavel

**Representative Elders:** Kim Brandye, Janet de Groot, Bonnie Street, Jeanette Bomhoff, Rhonda Wright, Alex McNabb, Alan Israel,

**Regrets:** Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Diane Boyd, Rev. Courtney Crawford, Rev. Hugh Donnelly, Sue Senior, Rev. Glen Soderholm. Rev. Megan Penfold, Bob Galbraith, Vern Platt, Rev. Dr. Mark Richardson, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Alex MacLeod

## **Adoption of Proposed Agenda**

Moved by Reuben St. Louis/Ed Charlton that the agenda be adopted as presented/amended.

## **Reason for the Emergent Reading**

On Tuesday May 24, the Presbytery received the following communication from the Session of Knox PC, Elora:

Our Session meeting went well last night, there was lots of discussion to our current situation. There is still a sense of urgency to proceed with signing the contract to repair the Church roof in a timely matter in order to obtain the pricing quoted especially during these volatile market conditions.

The Session does understand that they are required to provide 25% of the loan and that the cash on hand for the loan is not immediately available from the Presbytery and will require a request from Presbytery to access these funds. The timing and terms will work for our roof contract.

## **The following motions were made:**

A motion was made by Brian Adams and seconded by Jean Low to send a letter to Presbytery requesting a loan for \$250,000.00. Carried. (Received)

A motion was made by Willie Amos and seconded by Carman Core that we send a letter to Presbytery informing them that we are considering selling our Manse. The allocation of proceeds would be as follows: A housing allowance for our minister of \$300,000.00 to be disbursed over a 10 year period; \$250,000.00 to replace the Presbytery loan for the Church roof repairs and the balance of funds would be placed into investments for future church repairs. Carried. (Received for Information pending agreement and congregational approval)

A motion was made by Jean Jackson and seconded by Sylvia Renshaw that we arrange for two meetings; one with St. Andrew's Alma to discuss the possibility of selling our Manse and to get their input and the other with our congregation at a later date to give an update. Carried. (Received for information, pending agreement between Knox Elora and St. Andrew's, Alma)

Emergent Meeting, May 30, 7PM, via ZOOM meeting call

If would be greatly appreciated if you would continue with your currently scheduled Emergent Presbytery Session meeting so we could meet our contract deadline. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

**The moderator noted that a motion pertaining to the reason for the meeting was coming from the Property and finance team.**

Knox-Elora has an urgent request from Presbytery that a loan be approved in an amount up to \$250,000.00 to cover the cost of repairs to the roof of the church building. They have obtained a quotation from a reputable firm which is valid until May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. The contract, to be awarded, will be completed over the coming months. The Congregation are / will be putting 25% of the cost into the roof repair contract. We therefore have the following motion which has been put forward by the Session of Knox-Elora and approved by the Congregation on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Moved by Reuben St. Louis/Nick Pavel that Presbytery approve the request of Knox-Elora to provide a loan of up to \$250,000.00 for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Church. This loan is to be repaid within the normal timeframe of ten years. Carried.

Discussion Followed. Several Presbyters asked questions about the loan and its project.

**Homologation of the Moderator's decision to call an emergent meeting.**

Moved by Reuben St. Louis/Kristine O'Brien that the Moderator's decision to call an emergent meeting, be homologated.

**Next Meetings Business Committee** June 14, July 5, August 2,

**Presbytery:** June 21, 202, 7:00 PM at Crieff Centre – a bbq dinner is provided– in person meeting.

Please RSVP for Dinner. Details to follow

Moved by Reuben St. Louis that the meeting adjourn.