

Emergent Meeting of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington
 Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira
 November 26th, 2018

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in emergent meeting at Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira on Monday, November 26th, 2018.

Constitution of the Court and Welcome

Mr. Gibson McIlwrath constituted Presbytery with Prayer. The Moderator extended thanks to the congregation of Gale Presbyterian Church for hosting the Presbytery. The Moderator welcomed all guests in attendance asking for them to be introduced.

ATTENDANCE

Ministers: Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Bill Bynum, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Scott McAndless, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Nick Pavel, Rev. Mark Richardson, Rev. Scott Sinclair, Rev. Greg Smith, Rev. Glen Soderholm, Rev. Frank Szatamri, Rev. Karla Wubbenhorst

Representative Elders: Carolyn Boyne, Janet DeGroot, George Forsyth, Henry Heidinga, Marion Hunter, Frank Kivell, Janet MacDowell, Gib McIlwrath, Vern Platt, Jim Zaryski, Dean Bulloch (alt. rep for Grant Scott)

Invited Guests of the Presbytery: Betty Lambier, Glen Cober, Dianne Horsburg, Lucille Seiler, Marian Deck

REGRETS:

Ministers: Rev. Jane Swatridge, Rev. Susan Clarke, Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. Aubrey Botha, Rev Ed Charlton

Representative Elders: Andrew Foster, William Cassels, , Ross Rowat, Grant Scott, Peggy Lennox

Welcome and Introductions

Dean Bulloch was introduced by Rev. Frank Szatmari of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, as alternate representative elder taking the place of the representative elder, Grant Scott.

Moved by Mark Richardson/Mark Gaskin that the members of the Session of Knox, Palmerston. Carried.

Reason for Emergent Meeting and Adoption of Proposed Agenda

The moderator stated the reason for the emergent meeting: A recommendation passed by the Presbytery at its regular meeting of November 13th, called for an emergent meeting of the Presbytery, to be held within two weeks of the regular meeting, to hear the presentation of the Session of Knox Presbyterian Church, Palmerston, on a matter before the Presbytery.

Moved by Mark Gaskin/Janet MacDowell that the proposed agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

Meeting in Camera

Moved by Vern Platt/Frank Szatmari that the Presbytery meet in camera to receive and consider the report of the Session of Knox Palmerston. Carried.

Question of clarification – can the elders of Knox Palmerston - sit and correspond in camera. The moderator confirmed that such a motion has been passed.

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Report of the Session of Knox Palmerston – Henry Heidinga, Clerk, with Elders

Moved by Henry Heidinga/Greg Smith that the report of the Session of Knox Palmerston be received and considered. Carried.

Moved by Henry Heidinga/Nick Pavel that the report be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Janet de Groot/Mark Richardson the report of the Assessor elders of the Session of Knox Palmerston be received and considered. Carried

Janet DeGroot presented the report of the Assessor elders.

Questions of clarification were received from the floor. Elders from Knox, Palmerston sought clarification of items in the report.

It was noted by Karla Wubbenhorst that the assessor elders have been providing good advice to the Session of Knox Palmerston.

Members of the Presbytery responded to the issues raised by the Session of Knox Palmerston.

It was noted that the assessor elders represent the Presbytery and are there to support the Session and to inform the Session of the processes and policies of the PCC.

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Johan Olivier that the report of the assessor elders be adopted. Carried.

Response of the Presbytery

Moved by Mark Gaskin/Scott McAndless that the Presbytery approve the Congregational Affairs committee be given the power to issue and appoint up to five voting assessor elders to the Session of Knox Palmerston. Carried.

Point of clarifications were raised.

Moved by Johan Olivier/Nik Pavel that the Session of Knox Palmerston be strongly urged to address decisively the dysfunction within its court by representing to the January meeting of Presbytery that Helen Woods be relieved of her office as active elder, together with her other offices of leadership and authority within the congregation. Carried.

Presbytery meeting resumes.

Moved by Vern Platt/Janet DeGroot That the Presbytery come out of in camera. Carried

Adjournment

Moved by John Borthwick that the Presbytery adjourn.
The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.