

LLWL Forum Meeting – Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 – 7pm on Zoom

MINUTES

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88555778933>

Attending: Cathy Gradante, Cheryl McMurray, Richard Weigand, Karen Bates, Paul Kneebone
Regrets: Nancy Payne

Welcome – Cathy

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement - Cathy

Minutes of the February 7th Meeting

(Motion to approve by: Paul, 2nd by: Richard)

Business Arising: if any.

- 1) Matter of 3 lapsed LLWLs that had earlier indicated they wanted to be reinstated: Tracy Kent-Hillis (working on it --- hopes to submit documents to me by end of April-early May), Wendy Lavalley (differing for now due to her father's ill health), Lorrie McConnell (not heard back from her at all this calendar year).
- 2) This month's Covenant Support Team was Darlene Hallett's last month as member of CST, and she was the LLWL representation on CST. Paul mentioned that he has submitted his interest in being a CST member through the ECORC online process (Nominations committee). Should know at Spring meeting who will be new CST member(s), going forward.

LLWL Network – update from last gathering, if any. Feedback from Paul and Richard about Darren's comments that evening and comments (written & verbal) from attending LLWLs.

New Business:

- Interview Discussion FU (March 23rd) conducted by Cheryl, Richard & Karen with Tanna Edwards and Shawn Pearce-Chambers. Both are recommended to be licensed as *newly approved* LLWLs! Motion by Cheryl, all voted yes.
- Spring Learning Event – April 29th 10-3pm at Bridgenorth United. 20-21 are attending, including 18 LLWLs. How you preach a message on Sunday, how you use monologues, how to use midrash's in your preaching.....
- Update on LLWL Handbook submission. Endorsed and approved by CST at their meeting this week. Now will go to the Assembly of Elders for final approval.
- There will be no ECORC Sacramental Elder training session in June as per Darren Liepold. Apparently, the Region as a whole does not meet the requirement for such a defined need. The present guideline is that such training is only intended for "remote rural" settings, so the majority of our Region does not meet these criteria.

Other business – if any.

- 1) Update from Paul about March-2023 requirements for Annual Declaration form and now annual Letter of Support from home church. 29 have completed these 2023 requirements, with just Ruth Olley outstanding (been away in Florida all winter). She should be submitting shortly. Lot of very positive letters of support this year, indicating all the great work being done by our LLWL team within ECORC.
- 2) Update from Paul about work Nancy & Paul are doing with Karen Wilson at ECORC on the LLWL Forum & LLWL Network webpages – new design and content, including FAQ section, pop-up buttons for topics, etc.
- 3) Paul mentioned that most LLWLs are very busy right now with pulpit supply – combination of study leaves, leaves of absence, ministerial vacation time and vacant ministry positions.
- 4) Possible need to add an additional member to LLWL Forum, since Kathleen Whyte resigned awhile back? Paul will mention to Nancy and bring up as agenda item for brief LLWL Network business gathering segment on April 29th. Either existing LLWL or clergy interested in doing so.

Next Meeting – TBD – 7pm on Zoom. Next meeting will be in September sometime.

Start time: 7:05pm

End time: 7:45pm

--- Paul Kneebone, ECORC LLWL Forum – Secretary