



**EGLINTON ST GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE 21TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

OCT 18, 2020

APPROVED

Welcome

Doug McWhirter, Honorary Chair of the Congregation, welcomed everyone who joined the Zoom Annual Meeting. A quorum was declared and Doug called the meeting to order.

Recording Secretary: Marilyn Blair

The Rev. Paul Hutchison opened the meeting with prayer.

Doug reviewed the many things that ESG has to celebrate during this very difficult year of the Covid-19 Virus restrictions – the community gardens, the pastoral care programs that maintain connections, the outreach programs, the music presentations with soloists, the virtual services, the inspirational leadership in the Church School, Youth and Adult education, our spiritual and financial support of the faithful congregation and many more.

Voting Privileges:

It was moved by Paul Colman and seconded by Judie Thompson that for the purpose of this meeting, everyone present, both members and adherents, have voting privileges. **CARRIED**

Approval of Congregational Meeting Minutes Oct 6, 2019

It was moved by Jim Black and seconded by Caren Cate that we accept the Minutes of the 2019/20 Congregational Meeting. **CARRIED**

Priorities:

Susan Moore, Chair of Council, Rev Paul Hutchison, Rev Sarah Chapman, Shawn Grenke

Since the beginning of this journey started in 2016 of intentional reflection and renewal, ESG's congregational goals are Growth, Leadership and Extravagant Welcome. During COVID-19 pandemic we have established priorities of Comfort, Belonging and Intentional Survival to guide our decision making. Through our Website and Facebook we provide connection with many congregants and those outside our membership with virtual services, Children's Ministry Online, "We are not Alone" and weekly email messages.

Through Project Flourish ESG presents new approaches. Love aLIVE – Dinner Church revisited. By co-ordinating with RAMP marketing group we have a new logo and tagline which will be used on all aspects of communication.

Virtual Choir practises (enjoyed by people across the country) and presentations, guest soloists, continued support from Section Leads during services are musical activities that can be anticipated.

Planning for Advent and Christmas virtual services is underway. Advent Engagement packages are being prepared for the families of the congregation.

North Toronto Cluster is creating new connections with the 'Upper Room' initiative which will join groups within each church who have similar focuses (eg. finance, property, outreach).

Outreach has developed an alternative program to serve our homeless guests through the production of the 'Little Free Pantry' which allows us to provide food for those in need outside the closed building.

ESG New Administration Slate

It was moved by Ken Smee and seconded by Rob Crabtree that the following be appointed or extended:

Peter Wilkins, Penny Wilkins, Dan Lang – Regional representatives
Donna MacCandlish, Member at large, Church Community Engagement,
Chair Nominating Committee

Kathleen Hull - Member at Large – Pastoral Care

John Blevins – Property Committee – extended 1 year

Marilyn Blair – Secretary – extended to December 31, 2020

Gordon Henderson – Member - Ministry & Personnel;

Susan Moore – extended till June 30, 2021; Vice Chair in place January 2021

CARRIED

The Full Slate of officers is now

Honorary Chair Doug McWhirter

Regional Reps – Peter and Penny Wilkins, Donna and Dan Lang

Standing Committees

Worship, Sacraments, and Music – Christine Lawson

Outreach - Connie Roden

Pastoral Care – Arlene Duncan

Family – Rotating (Caren Cate –oversight)

Adult Education – Patti Thompson

Nominating – Donna MacCandlish

Revenue – vacant

Governing Council

Chair – Susan Moore

Vice Chair – vacant

Secretary – Marilyn Blair

Trustees Chair – Hugh DesBrisay

Property Chair – John Blevins

Ministry & Personal Chair – Heather Parker

Finance Chair – Gord Thompson

Treasurer – Charlie Roden

M@L Outreach – Maggie Wilkinson

M@L Family Ministry – Caren Cate

M@L Worship, Sacraments, Music – Rob Crabtree

M@L Pastoral Care – Kathleen Hull

M@L Church Community Engagement – Donna MacCandlish

Project Flourish

Sarah introduced the young adults who are currently living in the Craighurst house and they updated the congregation of the activities they have been involved in. Community gardening, reaching out to the community through parties, dinners, meetings, enhancing their own spirituality, aspects of living and sharing together. They have been involved with the congregation through youth programs, choir, outreach, emails, dinner-church.

Lisa Elder presented the new initiatives of Project Flourish in the production materials that have been developed to encourage ESG on the pathway to growth that does church differently. New logo, cultural kitchen parties, young adult ministry, ESG presence in the community, digital media are all programs that have been and will be worked on.

Financial Report

Fiscal Year Results ending June 30, 2020

	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Actual
Revenue	\$917.5K	\$913.7K	\$882.6K
Interfund Transfer	\$ 65.4K(*)	\$81.4K	\$80.9K(**)
Expenses	\$976K	\$987.6K	\$930.1K
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$(12.5K)	\$(3.7K)	\$33.4K

(*) Transferred \$37.5K to Property Fund

(**) Transferred \$25K to Property Maintenance Fund

(***) Received \$34.7 K from Canada Emergency Wage Subside

Noteworthy Financial Changes

Donations up by \$20K from the previous year

Rental income decreased by (\$22.4K) due to Covid-19

Blyth School is a major tenant

Hydro costs reduced by \$2K

Some costly but required expenses related to virtual services due to Covid-19

Generous Undesignated Bequests received

\$20,000 from two donors for which we are grateful.

Congregational Fund now at \$952K

	June 30 2019	June 30 2020
Leave a Lasting Legacy	\$490K	\$509K
Property Maintenance	\$224K	\$253K
Loan Receivable from Flourish		\$20K
Operating Reserve	\$132K	\$170K

ESG Funds Values as of June 20, 2020

Congregational Fund \$952K – up 12%

Endowment Fund \$924K – Down 3.2%

Restricted Funds: \$1,818K – Down 4.7%

Increase is due to generous bequests & input from operations.

Decreases due to disbursements and & lower investment returns

Financial Priorities for 2020/21

- Secular trend impacting membership and revenue

- Planning challenge: importance of pledges and PAR
- Donation revenues stretch
- Importance of grants
- Focused quarterly review of 2020/21 status

With these areas of focus the Finance Committee will be watching closely the changes in the financial position in the coming year to see how the continuation of the COVID-19 virus affects the stability of the finances. Finance Committee encourages members to pledge or use PAR in order that they can more efficiently predict the upcoming donation amounts.

Operating Budget for 2020/21

	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Budget
Revenue	\$913.7K	\$882.6K	\$780.2K(*)
Expenses	\$987.6K	\$930.1K	\$999.2K(**)
Interfund Transfers\$	\$ 81.4K	\$ 80.9K	\$162.6K
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (3.7K)	\$ 33.4K(***)	\$(56.4K)

(*) No budget for Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

(**) includes \$57.4K for sound system

(***) received \$34.7K Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

It was moved by Gord Thompson and seconded by Charlie Roden that the 2020/21 budget be approved.

CARRIED

It was moved by Gord Thompson and seconded by Charlie Roden that ESG appoint Kriens LaRose LLP to conduct the July 1,2020 to June 30, 2021 ESG audit.

CARRIED

Thank you to everyone who is involved in keeping the church alive, who provide comfort and connection, who serve the wider community, who maintain the property, who continue to remind us that **we are not alone**.

Honorary Chair, Doug McWhirter

Secretary, Marilyn Blair