

# **EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH**

## **MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**June 13, 2023**

**Present :** Rev. Sarah Chapman, Maggie Wilkinson, Marilyn Piotrowski, Caren Cate, Charlie Roden, Bob Blair, Gord Brookes, Gord Thompson, John Blevins, Kathleen Hull, Hugh DesBrisay, Marion Axmith, Peter Wilkins, Donna MacCandlish,

**Regrets:** Jennifer Thompson

**Guests:** Al Morson, Susan Moore.

Maggie opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **Evolve: an Update on Priorities, Communication Plan, Process (Gord)**

- Eight members plus Paul and Sarah have had 17 meetings since September;
- Susan went through the background of ESG's work to evolve from 2011 to 2017;
- Challenges now being faced are:
  - Secularization;
  - Donor demographics;
  - Financial;
  - Human resources.
- Gord presented the five priorities as defined by the team:
  1. Vibrant Programs and Events
  2. Marketing and Communications: Up Our Game!
  3. Technology;
  4. Human Resources;
  5. Financial Resources.
- Five task teams will be engaged to address these priorities.

- Donna outlined the plans for the next few months:
  - Presentations to Staff and Volunteer Leaders in September;
  - “Percolating” sessions in October/November;
  - Update at Annual meeting Oct 29<sup>th</sup>;
  - Newsletter starting in September;
  - Town Halls in January and April 2024.
- Next steps:
  - Create direction for Task Teams over summer;
  - Recruit Task Teams Sep – Dec.
- Gord moved:
  - That Council receives the report from the EVOLVE ad hoc committee and supports the continuation of its work as outlined in the presentation document previously circulated to Council and discussed in our meeting tonight.
- Seconded Charlie.

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Sarah closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Next Meeting:**

June 20<sup>th</sup> followed by some social time.

Opening prayer by Hugh.

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Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

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Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski