

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
Sep 5th, 2023

Present : Rev, Dr Paul Hutchison, Maggie Wilkinson, Marilyn Piotrowski, Caren Cate, Charlie Roden, Bob Blair, Gord Brookes, Gord Thompson, Hugh DesBrisay, Marion Axmith, Donna MacCandlish, John Blevins, Peter Wilkins.

Regrets:, Kathleen Hull

Guests: Jennifer Thompson, Doug McWhirter

Maggie opened the meeting with a prayer.

PRIORITIES

Pickleball Proposal (Jennifer T)

- Jennifer presented the results of the successful Pickleball Trial in May and June.
- Proposal is to open up again in September for ESG members and non-members;
- Jennifer addressed questions on noise, conflict with other events, security ;

Donna moved that Council approve the Pickleball Proposal presented by Jennifer.

Gord T. seconded.

CARRIED

M&P Update (Bob)

- Bob provided an update on the search for a new Church Administrator;
- The Committee has made a decision on the best applicant;
- Bob moved that Council approves the decision in principle to complete negotiations subject to ratification at the regular meeting on the 19th.

Caren seconded.

CARRIED

Year-end operations statement June 2023 (Charlie)

- Charlie presented the Operating Statement for year-end June 2023;
- Although donations are \$40k below budget, overall revenues are \$4.3k below budget thanks to rental revenues returning, fundraising success
- Good news in the area of bequests of \$434.9k

- Overall results show a loss of \$76k due to lower donations and higher compensation expense.

Budget 23-24 overview and discussion (Gord T.)

- Gord presented the draft budget for 2023/2024;
- He expressed concern about the \$92.4 deficit;
- Discussion ensued and a variety of suggestions were made to try to offset the deficit.
- Communication with the congregation needs to be realistic, honest, but also highlight the programs being implemented and strategies for sustainability that are underway

Gord T. moved that Council present this budget to the congregation for approval at the upcoming Congregational Meeting

Gord B. seconded.

CARRIED

Paul closed the meeting with a prayer

Next Meetings: Sept 19, 2023 @ 7:00 pm In person at ESG – welcome back!

Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski