

**EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**Feb 27, 2024**

**Present (In person or on ZOOM):** Maggie Wilkinson, Marilyn Piotrowski, Caren Cate, Bob Blair, Gord Brookes, Gord Thompson, Marion Axmith, Donna MacCandlish, Rev. Sarah Chapman, Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, John Blevins, Kathleen Hull, Peter Wilkins, Doug McWhirter, Alan Walker, Janet Walker, Susan Moore.

**Priorities:**

**Leave a Lasting Legacy** (Janet, Alan)

- Janet and Alan talked through a number of changes to the Leave a Lasting Legacy (LLL) Operating Manual and presented two motions;

Motion 1: That Council make a recommendation to the Congregation for the approval of a change to the year-end distribution of undesignated bequests and memorial gifts received by the Leave a Lasting Legacy Fund, such that:

- (a) 20% will be distributed to the Property Maintenance Fund (*changed from 10%*);
- (b) 20% will be distributed to operations;
- (c) 5% will be distributed to National & Global UCC Outreach (M&S) (*changed from 15%*);
- (d) 5% will be distributed to Local Outreach; and
- (e) 50% will remain in the LLL Fund.

with such change in distribution to take effect for ESG's 2024 fiscal year end.

Seconded by Gord Brookes

**CARRIED**

Motion 2: That Council make a recommendation to the Congregation to adopt proposed changes to the Leave a Lasting Legacy Fund ("LLL") Operating Manual (i) to update roles and responsibilities under the LLL program and (ii) to give effect to the changes in the fiscal year end distribution of bequests and memorial gifts received by the LLL Fund, all as set out in the

updated Operating Manual to be circulated to the Congregation prior to the Congregational Meeting scheduled for April 14, 2024.

- Two edits to the document were discussed and agreed to :
  - B iii) in *Responsibilities of Trustees* section amended to: Without binding Council, provide a written opinion to the Governing Council on the merits of any proposed use of the funds in the LLL Fund.
  - D ii) in *Responsibilities of Governing Council* section, Delete “Governing Council”

Seconded by Caren.

## **CARRIED**

### **Trillium Grant** (Susan)

- John, Rick Balmer, Gord T., Paul, Sarah and Maggie have been involved in preparing an application for a Trillium grant to renovate the basement kitchen.
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for funding in the period Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- Budget is \$156k.

### **Evolve update** (Gord)

- Gord presented an update on the Evolve work in progress;
- Over 75 people took part in engagement sessions in Nov and Dec;
- Five Priority areas have been identified and teams are in place for each.

## **Business Items**

### **Minutes of the Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and Jan 31<sup>st</sup> meetings** (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and the Jan 31<sup>st</sup> meetings be accepted

Caron seconded

## **CARRIED**

### **Minister's Update** (Sarah)

- Sarah presented the Next Generation and Growth report;

- Sabbatical team meeting in April then plan will be presented to Council.

**Minister's Update** (Paul)

- Paul presented his report of activities in past few weeks;
- Including planning Lent, Easter and looking ahead to next year;
- Mentoring Jamie and onboarding MJ;
- Participating in various meetings, committees and initiatives.

**Finance** (Gord T.)

- Gord presented the following motion:

Finance moves that the additional fee charged by the United Church of Canada of ¼% of all non-property assets be paid directly from the funds against which the fee is being calculated. And that Council approves this recommendation from Finance and directs Trustees to proceed with enacting any necessary changes to implement this additional transfer to Operations.

Seconded by Gord B.

**CARRIED**

- Results are generally positive to budget and ahead of prior YTD figures;
- Rental income 34% ahead of last year;
- Music score over budget – not approved by council.

**M & P** (Bob)

- Bob presented a motion to increase the fee paid per call to the ESG choir section leads to bring them into line with fees paid by other Toronto churches.

Moved that the fee per call for ESG Choir section leads be increased from \$62.50 to \$75 effective Mar 1<sup>st</sup>.

Seconded Gord T.

**CARRIED**

**Property** (John)

- Charge for two false fire alarms – some can be claimed back from Fire Alarm company;

- Some issues encountered with elevator – Murray following up with elevator company.

**Worship** (Gord B.)

- Proposal to purchase two new microphones to replace current rental units;
- These mics will be used to capture the sound of the blended choir during any worship (or similar) event where the choir is present;
- They are to provide sound to the live stream congregation or any recording of the service;
- Costs can be covered from Worship and Property budgets.

**Shining Waters** (Peter)

- North Toronto cluster continue looking into what joint actions can be done.

**Outreach** (Marion)

- Refugee Afghanistan family of six have arrived in Canada.
- Moving into their apartment on Mar 1<sup>st</sup>;
- Kristen has raised over \$50k total and significant donations of furniture have been received.

**Next Meeting:**

- Mar 19th, 2024 @ 7 pm, Prayer by Kathleen

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Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

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Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski