

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Mar 19, 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, Hugh Desbrisay.

Priorities:

- Trillium Grant
 - Has been submitted,
 - Response expected in July, to start Aug 1st if successful.
 - Many thanks to the team of Susan Moore, John Blevins, Rick Balmer, Gord Thompson, Maggie, Sarah and Paul for getting this application in
- Town Hall March 3
 - Positive message resulted in good feedback;
- Congregational Meeting April 14
 - Agenda will consist of a vote on the LLL changes and a financial update;
 - Coffee with treats will be served with short break after service.
- 25th Anniversary of amalgamation celebration – November 17, 2024
 - New Perspectives are planning a sit-down lunch;
 - Rob Oliphant will be speaking;
 - There will be a presentation after lunch.
- North Toronto Cluster
 - Met Mar 5th;
 - Focus on multi-point ministry, joint programs & worship;
 - Will have in-person workshop in Oct.
- Organ Proposal
 - This was passed to the Evolve team;
 - Will be consulting on this before bringing back to Council.

Business Items

Minutes of the Feb 27th meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Feb 27th meeting be accepted after changes requested by Peter, Donna and Charlie;
- Seconded by Charlie

CARRIED

Minister's Update (Sarah)

- Sarah presented the Next Generation and Growth report;
- Two new families have been coming since Christmas and some new young adults.

Minister's Update (Paul)

- Working on the plan for Fall and next year's calendar;
- Good Friday service combined with Lawrence Park;
- Letter sent to Toronto United Church Council re support for cluster and shared ministry.

Finance (Gord T.)

- Positive variance for Feb, YTD and prior year;
- Music budget on plan after correction;
- QR code for donations will be in place for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and Compassionate Justice.

M & P (Bob)

- Caretakers' contracts are now in place to end of June then will be on an annual basis.
- It has been determined that no change is needed to the M & P manual to accommodate remote working conditions;
- Heather & Sarah working on the sabbatical plan; Heather will chair Sabbatical Committee;
- Will review at April M & P meeting; likely to come before Council in May
- Bob moved that:

ESG Council having approved the sabbatical of Rev. Sarah Chapman for the period of August 5th, 2024 to November 3rd, 2024 at its special meeting on January 31, 2024, ESG United Church make an application to the Shining Waters Regional Council Sabbatical Fund in the amount of \$3,500.00.

- Seconded by Charlie

CARRIED

Property (John)

- Request for information to complete the IT registry of applications and services has been poorly received; one response and some opposition to completing this request.

Pastoral Care (Kathleen)

- Easter greetings have been sent out to ESG seniors.
- Pastoral Care supporting the Maundy Thursday service

Compassionate Justice speaker

- Bob brought to the Council a concern within the Compassionate Justice team that their next speaker may be considered controversial which could result in security concerns on April 7th;
- Jim Black is in touch with the local police to determine how this situation could be addressed.

Sarah closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Apr 16th, 2024 @ 7 pm, Prayer by Donna

Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski