

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

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**Dec 17th, 2024**

**Present (In person or on Teams):** Maggie Wilkinson, Marilyn Piotrowski, Caren Cate, Donna MacCandlish, Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, John Blevins, Kathleen Hull, Peter Wilkins, Bob Blair, Gord Brookes, Gord Thompson, Hugh DesBrisay, Rev. Sarah Chapman.

**Regrets:** Marion Axmith.

Sarah led a seasonal reflection.

**Priorities:**

**Evolve – Update on Worship & Music/Organ Proposal (Hugh)**

- Workshopping Evolve W & M report before draft then presentation to Council;
- Ayana has been working with Paul, Sarah and Shawn;
- David Trick and Jackie Stothers reviewed organ presentation with Donna and Marion;
- Will hold review sessions in January – timing TBD;
- Aim is to present at a Congregational meeting on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> solely to provide approval for Trustees to access Centennial Bursary Fund;
- Hugh moved that a Congregational meeting be held on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> solely to provide approval for Trustees to access Centennial Bursary Fund;
- Seconded by Peter

**CARRIED**

**Retirement Transition Team Update (Maggie)**

- Maggie presented the plan from the transition team on Don's retirement;

- Communication will be issued in January re contact points for Pastoral Care needs.

## **Business Items**

### **Minutes of the Nov 19th meeting (Marilyn)**

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Nov 19th meeting be accepted;
- Seconded by Bob;

## **CARRIED**

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

- Working with Ayana;
- Effect of PO strike on stewardship TBD, \$80k needed in last 2 weeks;
- Working through email contacts;
- QR codes are setup for Christmas services;
- Christmas planning in work.

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

- Planning for Food Ministry;
- Love aLIVE on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>;
- Family party of Dec 6<sup>th</sup> big success;
- 5 new Grade 8 youth joined;
- Sabbatical report to be presented to congregation after service on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Prepping for January retreat.

### **M & P (Bob)**

- There will be a 3% COLA adjustment for ministers.

### **Property (John)**

- Quality of sound during live-streaming under investigation;
- There was an issue with late payment of one invoice which has been rectified.

### **Finance (Gord)**

- There was a significant donation of securities;
- \$24k ahead for November;
- \$2.4k for YTD.

**Pastoral Care** (Kathleen)

- Coral Martin has joined the Pastoral Care committee

**SWRC** (Peter)

- Request to forward responses to Shining Waters Regional Council Review of Ministry's Priorities before Christmas.

**Closing Prayer** (Donna)

**Next Meeting:**

- Council Meeting: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 in person + Teams ; prayer by Bob.

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Chair – Donna MacCandlish

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Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski