

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Feb 18th, 2025

Present (On Teams): Peter Wilkins (Chair), Donna MacCandlish, Marion Axmith, Marilyn Piotrowski, Caren Cate, Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, John Blevins, Bob Blair, Gord Brookes, Gord Thompson, Rev Sarah Chapman, Kathleen Hull.

Regrets: Susan Moore, Hugh DesBrisay, Maggie Wilkinson.

Reflection

Sarah led attendees in a reflection on "Where are we finding hope"

Priorities:

Update on EVOLVE progress:

- An update on the activities of the EVOLVE team from Janet Hardy was circulated prior to council meeting.

Business Items

Minutes of the Jan 21st meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Jan 21st meeting be accepted;
- Seconded by Bob;
- Kathleen asked that she be listed under Regrets.

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Minister's Update (Paul)

- Worked with Ayana this week;
- Processing feedback from retreat, integrating Paul and Sarah's language;
- Paul and Sarah will present to Janet and Hugh;

- Session with Shawn and MJ to discuss Worship;
- Data pull for stewardship – system working well.

Minister's Update (Sarah)

- Next Love aLive on Feb 23rd;
- Weekly Storytelling Circle launched;
- Food Justice series coming in Spring; preparing and sharing a meal together;
- Youth group lead church service on Feb 9th;
- Confirmation class has 4 teens from ESG plus 2 and a leader from Islington United;
- There has been an increase in Family Pastoral Care needs recently;
- reGenerate time on Jan 19th – 24th;
- Working with “Motion” AI technology for organizing.

Finance (Gord)

- Contributions slightly higher than last year;
- Fundraising positive;
- Custodian costs over budget but due to increase in rentals;
- Overall- on target. Good News!

M & P (Bob)

- Marnie Klassen's contract is still a work in progress;
- A draft was sent to her for March to December period;
- Ashley has terminated her contract as of April 15th;
- An early exit interview is planned;
- Seeking outside HR and legal advice on independent contractor issue;
- Custodial overtime needs to be reviewed;

- A flexible structure is required;
- An issue was raised around access to cameras in the gym, particularly during children's activities;
- Anyone with access should have police reference check;
- John will check on who has access.

Property (John)

- Rebate of \$1,200 received from Toronto Fire for false alarm fines;
- Sound quality is still an issue in sanctuary due to live-streaming requirements;
- The priorities of in-person vs live-streaming worship need to be addressed;
- Paul stated that this will be part of STRAAD worship review.

Pastoral Care (Kathleen)

- Committee very happy that Paul is attending monthly meetings;
- Would like Sarah to be connected into committee.

Closing Prayer (John)

Next Meeting:

- Council Meeting: Mar 25th, 2025 in person + Teams ;
- Co-chairs Peter and Caren,
- Prayer by Gord B.

Chair – Peter Wilkins

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski