

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Jan 21st, 2025

Present (In person or on Teams): Marion Axmith (Chair), Donna MacCandlish, Maggie Wilkinson, Marilyn Piotrowski, Caren Cate, Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, John Blevins, Peter Wilkins, Bob Blair, Gord Brookes, Gord Thompson.

Guests: Jennifer Thompson

Regrets: Susan Moore, Rev Sarah Chapman, Kathleen Hull.

Paul led attendees in a reflection on "How to align intentions with actions"

Priorities:

Update on ESG Pickleball Program (Jennifer)

- Jennifer reported on the success of the Pickleball program which has over 1,000 members;
- Net revenue for the period Aug 1st – Dec 31st 2024 was \$27,000;
- Possibility of a membership fee starting Sept 2025 which will be a pre-payment for playing;
- Jennifer was thanked for her time and energy in managing the Pickleball program.

Organ Replacement Session (Donna)

- Engagement session prior to Congregational meeting booked for Thursday Jan 23rd before choir practice;
- Donna will emcee, David Trick will present the report and Hugh will represent trustees;
- After questions from report in Community News, financials have now been included.

Co-Chairs Handover process (Donna)

- Donna and Marion have met with Peter and Caren, to be followed by another meeting;
- One observation is that perhaps 3 months is too short, could be 6 months;
- Co-chairs should record their observations as they go through.

Business Items

Minutes of the Dec 17th meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Dec 17th meeting be accepted;
- Seconded by Caren;
- Bob asked for one change re status of contracts.

CARRIED

- There is a CRA requirement for ESG's charitable status that Directors and Trustees be listed in minutes;
- Gord Thompson moved that the following persons be acknowledged as ESG Directors/Trustees;
 - Sarah Chapman;
 - Scott Cowan;
 - Hugh DesBrisay;
 - Paul Hutchison;
 - Douglas McWhirter;
 - Robert Blair;
 - Marilyn Piotrowski;
 - Charles Roden;
 - Gord Thompson;
 - Frank van de Water;
 - Maggie Wilkinson.

- Seconded by Peter.

- **CARRIED**

Minister's Update (Paul)

- Had a good session with Ayana this week;
- Working with Betty and Marnie on funerals;
- With Peter Long re update of deceased persons;

- Paul has requested clear expectations from Pastoral Care team as he takes on this role as first contact for pastoral care;
- Evensong will be led by Sarah in March and Paul in May;
- Guest preachers will be needed;
- This is recognized as a good start with what we know now;
- Openness with LPCC to manage pastoral care.
- At Don's final service, Susan will announce a Burning Bush shrub will be planted in his honour and Barb Lemmon will present a gift certificate to Don's wife, Marg.

Minister's Update (Sarah)

- No update.

M & P (Bob)

- Changes made to funeral coordinators' and custodians' fees;
- One funeral coordinator \$175, two will be \$125 each, custodian will be \$200 for 5 hours then \$40/hr;
- Decision made that HST is not to be paid by ESG on invoices where contractor has not charged HST but is liable for it.
- Such invoices will not be accepted, and contractors have been advised to obtain an HST number and to add HST to invoices.
- One contract employee and one potential contract employee have requested employee status; this has been declined.

Finance (Gord)

- Contributions negative for Dec but positive YTD;
- Concert income positive;
- Rental income short vs budget, Kim looking into it;
- Pickleball income moved into Misc. Income;
- Revenues negative for Dec but positive YTD.
- Compensation over budget – related to Christmas season;

- Overall- on target. Good News!

Property (John)

- To address quality of sound during live-streaming issue;
 - Will move video suite out of Sound Booth;
 - Adjust speaker positioning
- Hate Grant proceeds used for additional cameras and lighting.

SWRC (Peter)

- ESG Response sent re Shining Waters Regional Council Review of Ministry's Priorities.

Closing Prayer (Bob)

Next Meeting:

- Council Meeting: February 18th, 2025 in person + Teams ;
- Co-chairs Peter and Caren,
- Prayer by John.

Chair – Marion Axmith

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski