

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Mar 25th, 2025

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

Guests: Rev. Dr. Ayana James, Alan Walker, Al Morson, Jennifer Thompson, Patti Thompson, Janet Hardy, David Trick, Jackie Stothers, Doug McWhirter, Vicky Kondo,.

Regrets:

Reflection

Paul led attendees in a reflection on "Spring in the Garden"

Priorities:

Harrison Rowland Fund & STRAAD work (Hugh)

- Three motions were presented regarding the Harrison Rowland Fund:
- Motion to confirm Governing Council's request to the trustees to terminate the Harrison Rowland Fund established on June 10, 2004, with such termination to be effective June 30, 2024 and to present to Governing Council a proposal for the use of the balance of the capital and income in the fund. Moved by Gord T., seconded by Marion.

CARRIED

- Motion to direct the trustees to proceed with the establishment of a new internally restricted Harrison Rowland Fund to be effective as at July 1, 2024 on the terms described in the March 18th, 2025 draft trustee resolution. Moved by Hugh, seconded by Gord T.

CARRIED

- Motion to seek approval for the expenditure of an additional \$5,000 plus HST from the Harrison Rowland Fund to cover the cost of the in-person facilitation support for the March 29th session – preparation, delivery, debrief and identification of next steps. Moved by Hugh, seconded by Maggie.

CARRIED

Strategic Direction presentation (Paul, Sarah, Ayana)

- Preparation of the Strategic Direction was based on the Strategy Development Workshop on Jan 17-18 and working sessions with the Ministry team.
- Paul and Sarah, with support from Ayana, presented the Strategic Direction as documented in the one-page summary;
- A more in-depth review will take place on Saturday, March 29th.

Organ contract review (David Trick, Jackie Stothers)

- David reviewed the contract between the church and the J.G. Struve company for refurbishment of the organ and presented two motions to authorize the contract and budget management.
- Motion for approval of the proposed contract between ESG and J.G. Struve Company and authorization for John Blevins and David Trick to sign it on behalf of ESG. Moved by John, seconded by Donna

CARRIED

- Motion for authorization for David Trick and Jackie Stothers each to have signing authority for expenditures from the organ budget that has been approved by Governing Council. Moved by John, seconded by Donna

CARRIED

Business Items

Minutes of the Feb 18th meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Feb 18th meeting be accepted;
- Seconded by Maggie;

CARRIED

Finance (Gord T.)

- Good news but expectations are for \$50k+ contributions monthly until year-end.
- Contributions on target;
- Pickleball moved out of Rental Income into Fundraising & Misc. Income;
- Compensation \$6.3k overage due to higher custodial support for activities;

- Positive overall results.

M & P (Bob)

- Marnie Klassen's contract not yet signed;
- .Bob moved that M & P be authorized to spend \$5k to engage an HR consultant to advise on the independent contractor situation. Seconded by Gord B.

CARRIED

- Finance to decide where these funds would come from.
- Deandra interviewed and is transitioning in.

Property (John)

- Regarding AV Study of Sanctuary Sound Issues
- Motion for expenditure of \$10K from Property Maintenance to proceed with Aligned Vision for assessment and recommendations to improve the sanctuary sound. Moved by John, seconded by Gord T.

CARRIED

- Questions raised re impact sanctuary floor re-finishing may have on air quality and possible damage from organ renewal work. John provided assurances that these have been considered in planning.

Worship (Gord B.)

- Committee has shortage of funds and people to serve communion;
- Will survey to look for volunteers
- Lord's Prayer to be communicated on video screen.

Closing Prayer (Gord B.)

Next Meeting:

- Council Meeting: April 29th, 2025 in person + Teams ;
- Co-chairs Peter and Caren,
- Prayer by Donna.

Chair – Caren Cate

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski