

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Oct 22, 2024

Present (In person or on Teams): Maggie Wilkinson, Marilyn Piotrowski, Caren Cate, Marion Axmith, Donna MacCandlish, Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, John Blevins, Kathleen Hull, Peter Wilkins, Hugh DesBrisay, Bob Blair, Gord B., Gord Thompson, Charlie Roden.

Special Guests: Doug McWhirter, Susan Moore

Regrets: Rev. Sarah Chapman (sabbatical)

Priorities:

Retirement Transition Team (Maggie)

- A team has been brought together to address gaps created by Don's retirement as of December 31, 2024.
- Kathleen moved:

That Council approve the creation of the Retirement Transition Task Team and their mandate of creating a plan, in consultation with the ministerial staff, the pastoral care team, the Worship, Music and Sacraments Committee and M&P, to provide coverage for the work typically done by the Minister of Pastoral Care.

Seconded by Gord Brookes

CARRIED

Business Items

Minutes of the Sep 17th meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Sep 17th meeting be accepted with two changes
- Seconded by Charlie

CARRIED

Minutes of the Oct 7th meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Oct 7th meeting be accepted with two changes
- Seconded by Charlie

CARRIED

Minutes of the Oct 15th meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Sep 17th meeting be accepted
- Seconded by Charlie

CARRIED

Minister's Update (Paul)

- Many thanks to Heather Parker and many volunteers for another highly successful Rummage Sale.
- Working with Susan on stewardship;
- Data pull with MJ;
- In planning for Anniversary Celebration, met with Rob Oliphant, Deborah Hart, Connie Capes-Leslie and Peter Merrick;

Shining Water (Peter)

- Monthly events calendar has been sent out including the ESG Anniversary Celebration.

M & P (Bob)

- Working on Ashley's contract to change to have a contract with her company;
- Murray was ill but has recovered and is back at work;
- Nathan will be brought on part-time on an as needed basis;
- It was noted that new hires have to be approved by M & P;
- Some discussion around Ashley using another member of her staff to photograph the Rummage Sale;

Property (John)

- Digging a trench is in progress;

Trustees (Hugh)

- Harrison Rowland Fund was available as of June 10th with an allocation used for the STRAAD consulting work;
- Finance requested Trustees to determine how remainder of funds be handled;
- \$150k not earmarked;
- Trustees could terminate fund and move remaining balance to unrestricted;

- It was decided that Trustees will present their recommendation to Council.
- Trustees will calculate Don's supplementary fund on his retirement,

Next Gen report (from Patti)

- Government of Canada/United Way Grant report: Completed and submitted by Chad Lewis and Susan Moore in the summer.
- We have a new Flourish House resident. Her name is Marnie Klassen. She is on a 3-month trial to see if it is a good fit for her. Alan has prepared her contract. We will be introducing her in church later this month.
- Replacement for Chad: We have a preliminary job description prepared by Sarah. We will be reviewing it and posting it by October 15th.
- New Ministries Grant: Alan will be following up in October.
- Love Alive: The next one is scheduled for November 10th. The theme is healing through energy. MJ is organizing it in Sarah's absence.
- Connie Roden hosted "Cooking for a Cause" on Oct. 10 along with volunteers and prepared 58 portions of soup used to stock our outdoor heated cooler during the Fall.

Nomination / Engagement (Donna)

- Donna presented the details of the Rotational Chair approach and schedule;
- Will start with next meeting on Nov 19th;

Finance (Gord)

- Pledges are ahead this month and YTD but lower than prior YTD;
- Overall, YTD slightly positive.
- Line 24 to be changed from "UC Transfer" to "UC Assessments" .

Family Ministry (Caren)

- Numbers are down but mainly due to unseasonable warm weather;
- Halloween party planned for Oct 27th.

Maggie's Appreciation (Doug)

- This is Maggie's last meeting as Chair of Council
- Appropriate that we pause to recognize her exemplary leadership over the past three years of her two-year term.
- As we reflect back, it has been a time of intense activity

- She seems to have had boundless energy as we emerged from COVID and she undertook an unending series of projects
- She immersed herself and provided leadership in the many activities of the church
- At the same time, she has been a key member of the EVOLVE team as it focuses on the future of ESG
- As a member of the choir, she rarely misses a Sunday service
- Her passion, however, has been outreach as she involved herself in Out of the Cold and a host of related initiatives
- Maggie, we thank you for your time, your energy, your insight and your leadership

Closing Prayer (Paul)

Next Meeting:

- North Toronto Cluster Event – Oct 27 at 12:30 at LPCC (Lawrence Park)
- Annual Congregational Meeting: November 3, 2024 after service
- ESG 25th Anniversary Celebration: Nov. 17, 2024
- Council Meeting: November 19, 2024 in person+Teams; prayer by Maggie

Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski