

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

May 20th, 2025

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

Regrets: Peter Wilkins, Donna MacCandlish, Marion Axmith.

Guests: David Trick, Jackie Stothers

Reflection:

Paul led attendees in a reflection on "What do you need to plant?" and "What do you need to pour out?" in this new season.

Priorities:

ESG Music Hall Plan (Paul)

- Paul presented a Music Hall Plan;
- Seeking musical acts and community gatherings to expand sanctuary rentals.
- Funding will be from next year's budget.

Organ Replacement Project Update (David & Jackie)

- Work is proceeding on schedule and on budget;
- Plan will accommodate the sanctuary floor sanding project and rental bookings;
- Update to congregation in the Fall.

Strategic Direction Update (Sarah)

- A video recording has been made to explain the three areas of focus;
- Video will be made available for 3 sessions to discuss more thoroughly;

- Moving forward on Staffing Structure;
- Looking for replacement for Rowena at Flourish House;
- Introducing Faith Journey stories next year.

Business Items

Minutes of the April 29th meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the April 29th meeting be accepted;
- Seconded by Gord T.;

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Minister's Update (Paul)

- Prepared outline worship grid for next year;
- Coverage plan for Sarah's mat leave in planning;
- Summer coverage in progress;
- Budget drafted, to be verified.

Minister's Update (Sarah)

- Confirmation class of 3 youths will take part in service;
- Moderator group online;
- Capstone project - How story-telling is key;
- Community garden was launched;
- Two videos created for stewardship campaign;
- Mat leave will be Oct to Dec.

M & P (Bob)

- Ayana attended the M & P meeting;
- Discussed team structure and role of M & P;
- Re compensation:
 - Recommendations for Finance;

- Team structure evolving is an issue;
- Hard to settle on compensations until this is settled;
- Anticipated by July.

Finance (Gord T.)

- Contributions under budget for month and YTD;
- \$150k needed to end of year;
- Fundraising \$46k over budget - record rummage sale of \$36k;
- \$58k positive over year.
- Requesting budgets by May 28th.

Property (John)

- Report received on the sound system;
- Computer model in 2 weeks with options and prices;
- Contract to be finalized for IT provider;
- Reid Robson leaving Property Committee;
- Budget includes \$6K to replace him;
- Paul and Sarah to organize a Thank You for him.

Worship (Gord B.)

- Spending time on the Worship Grid.

Children & Youth (Caren)

- Rowena is leaving, new Youth Leader needed;
- June 8th will be Picnic with blessing at the end.

Closing Prayer (Caren)

Next Meeting:

- Council Meeting: Jun 17th, 2025 in person + Teams ;

- Co-chairs Gord Thompson & John Blevins,
- Prayer by Hugh.

Chair – John Blevins

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski