ESG Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 29, 2025, 7 pm On Teams

Chair: Hugh DesBrisay

In attendance: Marion Axmith, Bob Blair, John Blevins, Gord Brookes, Caren Cate, Hugh DesBrisay, Rev. Paul Hutchison, Susan Moore, Charlie Roden, Gord Thompson, Peter Wilkins, Maggie Wilkinson

Maggie offered to act as notetaker for the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Paul opened with a blessing for Sarah, Lauren, Anna and Ruby as they welcome their new baby into the family.

Business Items

1. Finance (Gord): 2024-2025 Financial Statements

   Charlie reviewed the financial statements, drawing attention to the auditor's qualification related to Project Flourish accounting changes made this year. It was decided by Finance to not take on the considerable expense of rewriting past statements to reflect comparative numbers. Gord pointed out the final deficit of ($6,359) showing as a transfer from the Operating Reserve and reviewed the Funds Balance sheet which shows the distribution of Leave a Lasting Legacy monies as well as the change in the Harrison Rowland Fund from externally to internally restricted.

Proposed Motion: Resolved that:
ESG Governing Council approve the audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30 2025, as circulated. (Gord T, Charlie). Carried.

Clarification: the approval of the auditor is done by the congregation at the October ACM. Maggie will check on the budget document needed from Gord for ACM materials.

2. M&P (Bob)

Proposed Motion: Resolved that:
In view of the pending leave of the Rev. Sarah Chapman relating to the birth of her child, commencing September 29, 2025, ESG Governing Council approves the continued payment of her salary, less amounts received by her from Employment Insurance, during such leave, and recognizing that arrangements with the United Church of Canada for the receipt of top-up payments by ESG under the United Church of Canada policies are still to be formalized.
(Bob, Charlie) Carried.

Closing Prayer – Paul closed the meeting at 7:30 pm with a prayer giving thanks for the hard work of Gord, Charlie and Irina and the M&P team to accomplish all we saw this evening.

Next Meeting: Council Meeting October 21st, 2025 in person +Teams

Hugh DesBrisay, Chair: _____
Maggie Wilkinson, Notetaker: _____