ESG Council

Minutes of May 19, 2026

Chair: Hugh DesBrisay
Co-Chair: Simon Cummings

In attendance: Paul Hutchinson; John Blevins; Gord Brookes; Caren Cate; Simon Cummins; Hugh DesBrisay; Kathleen Hull; Kevin Maynard; Gord Thompson; David Trick; Peter Wilkins; Maggie Wilkinson; Carolyn Woodland

Regrets: Marion Axmith

1. Opening

7:00pm. The Chair called the meeting to order and confirmed quorum. Sound & connectivity were confirmed for the online participants.

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2. Opening Reflection

Paul led the Spiritual moment.

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3. Organ Restoration Project

David Trick (on behalf of he & Jackie Stothers) presented the status and project outline, along with a brief review of the financials and timeline as we enter phase two of the project. The project is both on time and on budget. Paul asked for the scope of payments over the coming 30 days in order to best manage cashflow.

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4. Business Arising/Major Items

4.1 Outreach report from Maggie Wilkinson

Maggie Wilkinson reported on the progress in recruiting volunteer leaders.

- Cathie Stewart has agreed to assist in Finance.
- Potential Council Co-chairs are being interviewed.
- Shining Waters representatives are still sought.

- Christine LeLacheur and Sue Porritt are working with Caren Cate to transition to Family Ministry co-chairs.
- Catherine Hough will be replacing Marion Axmith as MAL for Outreach.
- Monthly newsletter is looking to launch in September.

4.2 Ministry & Personnel report

Carolyn Woodland reported that:

- Job descriptions have been updated for most staff.
- The staff contract renewal process has accordingly begun, 13 contracts in all. No significant increases are anticipated.
- Issues related to caretaking oversight were discussed by Rob Crabtree, MJ & Paul.
- Megan Jamison will be working remotely from Nova Scotia again from June 29 thru July 30.
- M&P is currently reviewing the minister's Education and Professional Development Allowance.
- M&P is still working with UCC to request funds for Sarah's Surrogate Leave reimbursement.

4.3 Pastoral Care report

Kathleen Hull presented a brief recap of the Pastoral Care Team luncheon of May 9.

The following three members have resigned:

- Betty Heininger – our funeral coordinator for over 13 years
- Marnie Malcolm – back up funeral coordinator
- Roberta McWhirter

4.4 Children's Ministry report

Caren Cate reported that the Children's Ministry was well attended this year, with 12 children regularly in attendance.

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5. Operating Income Summary

Net Operating Income is very close to current budget.

Income contributions were down slightly, but remain above prior year.

Total expenses are very close to projected budget, with variances from previous years in expected areas.

6. Updates and Other Business

- Paul mentioned that the worship plan still needs work, but it is complete through September.
- Lawrence Park is coming to ESG in July, so meetings will be held in the Sanctuary, not the Eglinton Room as originally planned.
- Council meetings will move to the 4th Tuesday of the month starting in September.
- There will be no ESG Council meetings in July or August.

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7. Approval of previous Minutes

Moved by Kevin Maynard; seconded by Caren Cate

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8. Closing Prayer

Caren Cate offered a closing prayer.

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9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.