

EGLINTON ST GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF GOVERNING COUNCIL (by Zoom) - June 15, 2021

Present: John Blevins, Caren Cate, Rev. Sarah Chapman, Kathleen Hull, Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, Susan Moore, Marilyn Piotrowski, Gord Thompson, Maggie Wilkinson, Heather Parker, Peter Wilkins, Marion Axmith, Rob Crabtree, Charlie Roden, Doug McWhirter.

Regrets: Donna MacCandlish, Hugh DesBrisay, Jennifer Thompson.

Caren opened the meeting with prayer.

Susan was presented with wine, flowers and a card with many thanks for her years as Chair.

Priorities

Stewardship Campaign update (Maggie)

Seventy donations received. High value donors will receive an email shortly, committee chairs have been asked to contact members and thank them if they have already donated.

Potential Cluster Amalgamation/Merger (Susan, Paul, Peter)

Progress report distributed prior to meeting, an in-camera discussion took place regarding where we are and what are next steps in this process. Role of Regional Council has been clarified and staff members assigned to advise Council and act as intermediaries. May 18th minutes to be amended to remove specific references to other churches involved.

Project Flourish – (Sarah)

Social media campaign continues with Pride-related messages, Flourish Friday interview with Sarah and Aidan. Events at Flourish House include Soup Wednesday with recipe posted, helping with Community Garden and Little Pantry. Mary Thomson is working on Mental Health for Young Adults initiative. Flourish House team will take part in Sunday's service.

Unglamorous Survey & Actions (Maggie)

Twenty-three surveys returned, interested in continuing anti-racism focus adding in Indigenous and other races. Some interest in connecting to agencies, more allyship, need for places to engage further. Sept 30th is new Statutory Truth and Reconciliation holiday, aka Orange Shirt Day. Patti Thompson will provide more information end of July.

Proposed Dates for ACM and Council (Marilyn, Maggie)

List of dates circulated based on 3rd Tuesday of each month and Oct 17th for ACM. December day brought forward 1 week because of Christmas Week and April moved out 1 week to avoid Rummage Sale conflict. Final list to be sent to Jennifer Torrens for Church Calendar.

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Business Items

Minutes of May 18th meeting:

Marilyn requested that any motions due to be presented in Council meetings please be forwarded to her prior to the meeting to facilitate recording of the minutes.

It was agreed that the names of all churches involved in the Cluster Amalgamation discussion be removed from the May 18th minutes.

Moved by Marilyn Piotrowski and seconded by Maggie Wilkinson that the minutes of May 18th, 2021 meeting be accepted as written with above change. CARRIED

Finance (Gord)

Monthly donations YTD are slightly down, positive variance on expenses due to lower costs plus government wage subsidy which ends in June. Stewardship campaign went out in May, should improve overall deficit.

Draft budget report was presented; this is first pass and discussions will continue until September. No new tenants have been included in budget. Someone championing a search for new rentals and revenue streams working towards targets would be optimal. Thanks to Kim for her support.

Paul & Sarah's Update (Paul, Sarah)

Paul is solidifying next year's worship plans with staff. He has study leave and vacation plans in July and August.

Five summer staff start July 5th, plans for Youth and a Grow project in August. Sarah attended a "Food & Spirituality" session at Five Oaks dealing with food justice issues. She is meeting with potential partners re rentals. Korean Cultural Kitchen Party held in May, possibly Jewish food evening next year.. Sarah has vacation in July and study leave.

M & P (Heather)

Working to finish year-end reviews.

Property (John)

Provided year-end summary of projects underway or completed in the past year.

Closing prayer - Paul

Chair – Susan Moore

Secretary – Marilyn Piotrowski