

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH
MINUTES OF GOVERNING COUNCIL (by ZOOM)
February 15, 2022

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

Regrets: Doug McWhirter, Hugh DesBrisay

Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Priorities

Strategic Goal: Growth – Revenue Framework

- Susan and Paul presented on Growth as an ESG Congregational Goal;
- Strategies needed for long term financial viability and sustainability
- Showing a Revenue Circle with 22 pieces within 6 areas
- Next steps socializing with teams
- Seeking common understanding and support from Council
- Input and feedback requested by end of February

Business Items

Minutes of Jan 18th meeting (Marilyn)

Follow up required on yellow pouches to be delivered to Scott Mission.

Approval of minutes of Jan 18th meeting proposed by Marilyn, seconded by Marion.

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Paul's Update:

- Worship plan completed up to September.
- Worked with Susan on Revenue Circle,
- Summer coverage being worked on,
- Starting to plan broadly for Sabbatical with Janet.

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Sarah's Update:

- Bonnie Joynt working on recipe book, looking for more contributions by end of February.
- Love Alive on Feb 27th will feature a theatre group
- Next Cultural Kitchen Party planned for Feb 23rd,
- Virtual "Encanto" viewing party will be held with handouts for families,
- Shrove Tuesday online Pancake event on March 1st,
- Hoping to have an outdoor Palm Sunday party with walk around neighbourhood,
- Aidan looking for feedback on his recent preaching occasions,
- Adaptive Leadership course, will share at next council meeting,
- Children's Ministry hoping to be in person for Easter but still under discussion.

Church Community Engagement/Nominating (Donna)

- Donna presented on the Volunteer Leadership project
- Will engage with a number of groups around the Church in next few weeks,
- Seeking better understanding of their objectives, organizational structure while gathering stories of their successes
- With a view to communicating out within the congregation to enhance volunteer recruitment and succession planning.

Property (John)

- Nothing to report

M & P (Heather)

- Working on details and finances involved in Paul's Sabbatical, possible financial support from Region,
- Paul preparing backup plan
- There will be a motion for March meeting to approve plans.

Flourish Update (Sarah)

- New initiative – Soup for the Soul – soup kits distributed to young adult community then perhaps get contacts from Outreach and Pastoral Care.
- Flourish House residents will be moving on, more news next meeting.

Finance Update (Gord)

- YTD Contributions significantly below budget compared to last year at this time

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- Gord and Charlie looking into why we are so far behind this year.
- Rentals were based on 6 months of COVID closures so budget of \$170k is challenged
- Total revenues \$49k below budget.
- Next month, findings from review will be presented to Council,
- Need to talk about what actions will have to be taken.

Shining Waters (Peter)

- Nothing to report

Town Hall (Maggie)

- Town Hall is planned for 1pm on March 6th,
- She is looking for Good News stories
- Agenda includes Children's Ministry, Lift, Outreach projects, Worship plans, Flourish

Heather closed the meeting with a prayer.

Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski