

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (by ZOOM)
April 26, 2022

Present: Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, Rev. Sarah Chapman, Charlie Roden, Donna MacCandish, John Blevins, Marion Axmith, Caren Cate, Susan Moore, Maggie Wilkinson, Heather Parker, Kathleen Hull, Christine Lawson, Jennifer Thompson, Cathy Nolan, Peter Long, Peter Wilkins

Regrets: Hugh DesBrisay, Marilyn Piotrowski, Gord Thompson, Doug McWhirter,

Maggie opened the meeting and thanked Heather for her work on a very successful Jumble Sale. Heather thanked Maggie for all her support during the week and said how much her legendary ginger cookies were appreciated!

Kathleen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Priorities

Stewardship/ Year End Appeal

Jennifer Thompson attended the meeting to discuss the Year End Appeal. As in the past, we will hold an Annual Year End Appeal. The purpose is to ask regular contributors to meet their intended commitment. As of March 31, we are behind in donations to local by \$50.5K. In addition to PAR donations, we need to fundraise \$170K in donations to local between April 1 and June 30, our fiscal year end.

While many donors have remained steady or increased their contributions over the last two years, we do have a component who have drifted away or their contributions have diminished. The appeal will consist of letters to most and some personal calls. Letters will be sent by May 13 and progress will be reported weekly.

Jennifer also reported that New Perspectives will donate \$1,750 to ESG, in addition to donations to other charities that focus on Women and Children.

AV Proposal for Approval

Peter Long attended to report on the proposal to purchase upgraded video and a live streaming system. Peter discussed the current situation with limitations, requirements for new equipment, the proposed new video equipment and the benefits that will be realized with the purchase of new equipment.

Motion: Moved by John Blevins, Seconded by Charlie Roden and Carried.

That ESG retain Aligned Vision to provide upgrades to the audio/visual system, in particular to enhance the live streaming systems as specified in the proposal #44641-PF-2 dated March 21. Aligned Vision will provide: system design changes, additional equipment including hardware and software, documentation of the as built systems, testing, training and support programs. Cost of the contract is not to

exceed \$31,500 plus HST. Property Committee will contribute \$13,000 from its 2021/22 budget and the remaining funds will be supplied from the Property Maintenance fund.

Business Items

Motion: To approve the Council Minutes of March 15 Meeting – moved by Marion, seconded by Donna and carried.

Motion: To approve the Council Minutes of March 29 Meeting – moved by Marion, seconded by Heather and carried.

Paul & Sarah's Update

Paul reported that the Worship Plans for the next year are complete. A planning and dreaming team meeting is planned for April 28. How do we intentionally build and rebuild our community?

Sarah reported that Confirmation Sunday is May 15. Social Media Communications Coordinator, Ashley Abdul, has been hired and started April 8. Palm Sunday Parade and Easter Sunday Children & Youth Programs were a great success with new families present. Five summer students will be hired with funding of \$21,000 from Canada Summer Jobs grant.

M&P – Heather

Jennifer and Bill signed their amended contracts. Shortly after, Bill resigned from his position and left ESG on April 20 since he felt that the position was not a good fit. A posting has been placed for Lead Caretaker and it is hoped that the position will be filled as soon as possible. Maggie thanked Heather & M&P for a very challenging week.

Don Parson's contract is up at the end of June & there is a need to have a conversation with him about the future. The Council expressed their desire for him to continue at ESG.

Trustees

Paul reported that the Trustees have awarded Shawn Grenke a financial contribution in support of his Doctoral Studies work.

COVID Response Team Update

Maggie reported that masking continues to be required for Church activities, services, weddings and funerals into June. Updates on requirements are reported weekly in the ESG Community Newsletter.

Finance Update – Charlie

- Donations are \$20K below budget year to date and below prior year actuals by \$50,504
- Jumble Sale raised \$10,662, plus additional funds to come from Recycling Matters.
- Actual elevator/lift costs of \$125,515 are to be capitalized and therefore removed from Occupancy Costs. Manse Fund still funded the elevator costs but moved costs as an addition to the Property Value as a Leasehold Improvement that will be capitalized.

Flourish – Sarah

Sarah reported that two Love aLives were held on March 27 & April 24, with another scheduled on May 29. Upcoming Cultural Kitchen Party will be held on April 28 featuring Kenyan cooking. Flourish House has a new resident, Suen Goonesekera. Both Thomas & Aiden will be leaving on Sept. 1. Community Garden is confirming plot renters. Grow staff will be hired this month. Soup for the Soul Outreach has been postponed. Outreach Sunday Meal planning hopes for a Summer Launch.

Shining Waters – Peter

Motion: Moved by Peter Wilkins, seconded by Paul and carried.
That Donna MacCandish attend the semi-annual Shining Waters Regional Council meetings on May 27 & 28 by Zoom, with proxy vote for ESG, representing Peter Wilkins who will be away.

Property – John - Report circulated & no questions.

ESG Volunteer Leadership/Nominating – Donna

Detailed Report circulated and Donna reported on progress to date, which includes responses from seven of the fourteen groups. She is optimistic that 80-90% of the requested input will be received by the end of May and is very encouraged by the richness of content being generated and comments on the overall exercise.

Committee Report Highlights – none

Paul closed the meeting with a Prayer.

Next Meetings

Council Meetings – May 17, 2022 – Zoom & June 21, 2022 – In person?

Town Hall – June 5, 2022