

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Jun 14, 2022

Present: Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, Rev. Sarah Chapman, Marion Axmith, Susan Moore, Maggie Wilkinson, Christine Lawson, Marilyn Piotrowski.

By Zoom: Charlie Roden, John Blevins, Donna MacCandlish, Caren Cate, Kathleen Hull, Doug McWhirter.

Regrets: Hugh DesBrisay, Gord Thompson, Peter Wilkins, Heather Parker

Guest: Joan Wepler

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Susan Moore opened the meeting with prayer.

PRIORITIES

M & P (Joan Wepler for Heather Parker)

- M&P presented an overview of a staffing issue, and presented a recommendation for Council to consider. Council approved the recommendation moved by **John Blevins** and seconded by Susan Moore.
- **CARRIED**

Nominating Volunteer Leadership update (Donna)

- Seven of fourteen groups have responded to our request for updated role descriptions and informative content to attract volunteers. The Pastoral Care team will be featured in June's 'We Are Not Alone' communication.
- Under Hospitality search, six individuals plus Donna are looking at strategies for developing ESG's 'extravagant welcome'. Suggestions were presented around changes to the greeting process, name tags and coffee hour.

Building Access Proposal (John, Maggie)

- A Building Access Policy has been created to better ensure ESG's duty of care to everyone who uses the ESG premises.
- Except for Worship services, funerals, weddings and special events, as of Sept 1st all doors to the church will be locked as a security measure.
- Entrance will be controlled at the main grade level door off Lytton by security code or a Welcome doorbell to contact the on-site caretaker.

MOTION

Susan moved that ESG Governing Council approve the ESG Building Access Policy to be implemented by Sept 1, 2022. Seconded by Marion Axmith.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Marilyn** moved that the May 17th minutes be approved, seconded by Charlie.

CARRIED

Paul & Sarah's Update (Paul, Sarah)

Paul:

- Program Guide being prepared in form of 11x17 brochure with links to registration on ESG website. 3 copies will be mailed out to each member of the congregation in mid-August for distribution among community.
- Any suggestions on content to be included should be sent to Jennifer or Paul by end of July.
- Paul will be back from vacation July 25th.

Sarah:

- Hiring of Youth Leader underway, position posted, starting July 4th;
- Summer staff have been hired, Aidan will supervise;
- Flourish house – Rowena joining Sep 1st, Sarah meeting one other person Friday;
- Working with Ashley, communication strategy to be confirmed;
- Picnic was well-attended - over 30 people at games;
- Pizza oven procured for Food Ministry events in Flourish backyard;
- Sarah will be on vacation 1st week of July and all of August.

Property (John)

- Working on budget;
- Mini crises being handled.

Finance (Charlie)

- Contributions higher this month but down over year;
- Some renters are returning;
- Fundraising up – thanks to Heather and Rummage Sale and the lighting rebate received;
- Finance have not met yet this month but hope to by end of week so no May statement available yet.

Year-End Appeal:

(From Jennifer Thompson)

- YTD Contributions figure was \$483k in May plus \$21k from Jun PAR and \$41k in Jun donations leaves a shortfall of \$55k needed by end of June.
- 10-15 emails have gone out to donors.

Shining Waters:

- Donna will forward proposals.

Trustees:

- Quarterly Funds Statement distributed to Council.

Worship:

- Committee to meet on Jun 20th re hybrid worship.

Sarah led everyone through an affirmation exercise to close the meeting.

Those attending in person enjoyed snacks and drinks in Flourish House backyard.

NEXT MEETING

Sep 20th 7pm in person at ESG OR on Zoom

ACM – Oct 16th format and time TBD

Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski