

**EGLINTON ST. GEORGES UNITED CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (by Zoom)**  
**MAY 17, 2022**

**Present:** Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, Rev. Sarah Chapman, Charlie Roden, John Blevins, Donna MacCandlish, John Blevins, Marion Axmith, Caren Cate, Susan Moore, Maggie Wilkinson, Heather Parker, Kathleen Hull, Christine Lawson, Gord Thompson, Doug McWhirter, Marilyn Blair (as recording secretary)

**Regrets:** Hugh DesBrisay, Marilyn Piotrowski, Peter Wilkins

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Marilyn Blair for agreeing to record minutes of the meeting.

Charlie Roden opened the meeting with prayer.

**PRIORITIES**

**Growth - Revenue Framework Update**

Susan Moore reviewed the work being done on investigating the various revenue resources for the future – next generation fundraising, concert revenue, planned giving, grant availability.

**Dreaming and Planning Session**

Paul reviewed the plans for Rebuilding and Building for the future – changing the ambiguous past 2 years into intentional and clear directions using traditional events and new opportunities. “Know the Plan” and “Share the Plan”. Information will be available in August to carry out this initiative.

**Town Hall meeting June 5, 2022**

The meeting’s focus will be ‘Looking Forward’ and highlighting goals for various summer / fall programs taking place.

**June 4<sup>th</sup> Community Event**

This is organized by the Lytton Park community involving individual home yard sales. ESG will set up areas for lemonade, button making and a bake sale with the proceeds going to support the UN fund for Ukraine.

**Building Access**

This area of concern is looking into ways to reopen the building safely, recognizing the needs of visitors and the security of staff. Looking at people who need food assistance, people who have meetings scheduled or events planned and rental groups, the changes in the approach of staff working off site, how do we make the community feel welcomed and enhance security measures in the building. There are grants available for providing security measures for faith communities and the issue will be investigate more fully and reported on in future Council meetings.

### **Water Walk**

This is a Cluster organized event which involves walking to the Beaches area with an Indigenous Elder leading in ceremonies involving water significance. This will not be happening until after the fall, when we hope to know about possible funding through the Shining Waters regional fund for reconciliation. Council members were supportive of our involvement in the project.

### **BUSINESS:**

#### **Minutes:**

Marion Axmith moved and Susan Moore seconded a motion to approve the minutes of April 26. CARRIED

### **June 14 Meeting**

Given that the June meeting gives an opportunity for trying a hybrid approach, we will meet in person at ESG with a zoom in option for anyone who cannot make it in person. The Chair will ponder how to include some kind of social component if that is appropriate.

### **Paul and Sarah Update**

Sarah reviewed the success of the Confirmation Classes and the 8 members who were confirmed on Sunday. June 12 will be the congregational picnic. There will be 2 graduates from church school honoured in the fall.

Paul indicated that the choir will end on June 5 and that special music will be provided by Megan Jamieson on June 12<sup>th</sup> in keeping with the picnic informal atmosphere.

### **M&P**

Heather Parker requested that if there are any concerns regarding the staff that a call be made to her or any member of the M&P team to solve the issue.

### **Finance**

Gord Thompson explained the significant deficit the congregation is now experiencing and the need to remind members of the pledges made at the end of the last fiscal year and the need to request additional support. The responses from the stewardship letter are coming in gradually. To date, compared to our goal of \$170K - we have received \$42.8K - with \$127.2K to go.

**Trustees** – na

**Shining Waters** – na

**Nominating** – na

### **Property**

John Blevins and Doug McWhirter described significant costs coming up in replacing the AV system, the pathway to Duplex Ave. and the roof over the storage room all of which are affected by the shortage of supplies and workers at the moment.

### **Project Flourish**

Sarah listed the current and upcoming events of Project Flourish. Cultural Kitchen was a success with participants around North America. Love ALive, Community Garden, Summer Students, the cookbook, the departing and incoming residents of Flourish House.

### **Committee Highlights**

Marion shared that she and Connie Roden delivered 10 welcome baskets to a shelter in Scarborough where they were met with enthusiastic welcome.

Prior to Sarah leading the closing prayer Maggie encouraged everyone to have patience, be kind and take care of yourself.

**NEXT MEETING – June 14. 7 pm in person at ESG OR on zoom**

**Town Hall Meeting – June 5 1-2 pm**

**Community Yard Sale – June 4. 8 am - noon**