

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

Feb 21, 2023

Present : Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, Rev. Sarah Chapman, Maggie Wilkinson, Marilyn Piotrowski, Donna MacCandlish, Caren Cate, Charlie Roden, Peter Wilkins, Bob Blair, Gord Brookes, Gord Thompson, John Blevins, Kathleen Hull.

Regrets: Doug, Marion, Sarah, Hugh DesBrisay

Kathleen opened the meeting with a prayer.

PRIORITIES

Strategic Goal: Growth

Evolve Update (Gord)

- Evolve team has met several times over past few weeks;
- Has shown great commitment with no pre-conceived agendas;
- Came up with mandate then worked on what's working/ what's not;
- Five Vibrant Themes defined:
 - Helping Others
 - Cohesion
 - Connections
 - Readiness
 - Scale
- 7 Viable Major Themes defined: Work started on Financial Viability.

Sabbatical Worship plans (Gord B)

- Committee and staff met to review what will happen during Paul's sabbatical;
- A week by week schedule is in progress;
- A liturgist champion will coordinate & communicate up to and during day of each service;
- Finance and Trustees will operate without support with Don available in emergency;
- MJ will provide administrative support;
- Document will be distributed to Council once final.

Gord moved, seconded by Peter Wilkins, that Worship plans include the following collaborative services:

There will be no service at ESG on:

- Good Friday – service will be at Lawrence Park with combined choirs

- Jun 18th – UCC Moderator will be at Rosedale United, no service at ESG

Summer Worship – worship switches between ESG and Lawrence Park July services at ESG with LPCC ministers preaching; August services at LPCC with ESG ministers (Don) preaching

CARRIED

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of Jan 17th Council meeting (Marilyn)

- Marilyn moved that the minutes of the Jan 17th Council meeting be accepted;

Caren seconded.

CARRIED

Paul's Update

- Participating in budget planning process;
- Working on next year's church calendar;
- Fall Worship Grid for MJ;
- June stewardship campaign;
- Jennifer looking to improve Database Pull in Powerchurch;

Finance (Gord T./ Charlie)

- Rental Revenue strategy was reviewed;
- Summer camp has been booked for summer;
- Proposal reviewed for purchase of furniture to support rental strategy;
- Cost will come out of Property/Maintenance Fund which has received bequests of \$85k this year;
- Space for storing the new furniture is TBD

Moved by Gord:

- Motion: That the purchase of furniture to support Rental Strategy be approved by Council

Seconded by Bob

CARRIED

- Finance Report
 - Donations negative YTD and vs last year;
 - Positive variance in concert and rentals;
 - Total revenue (\$16,158) YTD;
 - Positive variance in Expenses due to timing;
 - Since 10% of bequests go to Op. Budget at year end, this \$25k will cover \$19k deficit.

M & P (Bob)

- Carolyn Woodland and Vicky Kondo will be joining committee;
- Still looking for one more member;
- Shawn's 10th anniversary is Jun 23rd, \$250 agreed for gift;
- Worship Plan is completed;
- Policy Manual is completed and approved by M&P. The policy manuals for ESG Ministers and Lay Employees and for ESG M&P Committee will be distributed to Council to review for approval next meeting
- Custodians needed for weddings and funerals;
- Murray's son in place acting as part-time custodian

Property (John)

- Storage Roof – should have quote information next month;
- Investigating possible basement kitchen upgrades.

Nominating (Donna)

- Two new members found for M & P;
- Search for Treasurer position continues;
- Hosting now has twenty volunteers.

Shining Waters (Peter)

- No report

Trustees (Hugh)

- No report

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting March 21st on Zoom –Charlie will do opening prayer;
- Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.

Chair – Maggie Wilkinson

Secretary - Marilyn Piotrowski