

 FAIRLAWN Connect with what matters in life.		Governing Council Minutes	
Meeting Type:	FAUC Governing Council		
Meeting Topic:	See Below	Recording Secretary: Mary Ellen Richardson (MER)	
Date:	Tuesday, November 27, 2018; Fellowship Room		
Attendees:	Douglas duCharme, Steve Dunk, Esther Ewing, Jim Pollock, Daniel Reed, John Ryerson, Kathy Salisbury, Don Smith, Vicki Stuart, Jennifer Arrp, Allan Hux		
Regrets:	Bill Dines, Marlene St. Jean	Time:	6:00 – 8:45 pm

AGENDA ITEMS	DETAILS
1. ES Moment	See Appendix Opening: Reading from: <i>Book of Faith: Advent Reflections – Making All Things New</i> by Kae Evensen, Carolyn Coon Mowchan, Margaret A. Krych, Peter W. Marty and Debbie Trafton O’Neal
2. Approval of Minutes	<p><u>MOTION: Approval of October 2018 Minutes</u> First: Esther Ewing Second: Kathy Salisbury Approved: Unanimous Abstained: Item arising from the last minutes: Action Item (Marlene): Deferred until Marlene is here. A list of available rooms, with seating capacity, will be generated and shared with members of the Governing Council and others, with an explanation of the meeting room usage rules.</p>
3. Discussion: The Fairlawn Call (Jim and all)	<p>Governing Council discussed The Fairlawn Call from a variety of perspectives: its strong acceptance/ embrace by the congregation; its success in encapsulating what Fairlawn is essentially about, focusing on the three ministries of Explore Spirituality, Experience Belonging and Embrace Action; its relevance today and how it may inform, and be changed by, the insights we gain through the Fairlawn Transition.</p> <p>Such discussions help the Governing Council and the Transition Team in ensuring that the work being done together is comprehensive and provides insights for how we envision our church community in the future.</p>

<p>4. Council Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a desire to better inform our congregation, adherents and the neighbourhood about the many volunteer opportunities at Fairlawn. Members of the GC will be sharing information in congregational announcements, at a planned “Job Fair” and via the FAUC website during the first quarter of 2019. It is important to find the many people who have the skills and talents to contribute to the work that the church is doing. ○ The FAUC budget will be presented to the congregation in first quarter 2019, and it is critically important that the results of the stewardship request are known as soon as possible to aid in budgeting. <p><u>Highlights: Presbytery Report to Governing Council (John Ryerson)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John Ryerson is our lead on working with a cluster of North Toronto United churches to find opportunities to work together. An initial meeting of the Minister and members of General Councils is scheduled for January 20, 2019. <p><u>Highlights: Embrace Action Report to Governing Council (Kathy Salisbury)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Dialogue for Discussion about the Fairlawn refugee ministry is scheduled for January 27, 2019, following the Social Justice Service. <p><u>Highlights: Property Council Report to Governing Council (Vicki Stuart)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work continues various structural improvements to the FAUC building. <p><u>Highlights: Experience Belonging Report to Governing Council (Allan Hux)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twenty-four packages were sent to our university students in November, despite the concern that mail strikes would delay delivery! Many thanks were given to the responsible group, recognizing the importance of their work. <p><u>Highlights: Explore Spirituality Report to Governing Council (Esther Ewing)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Great work has been done by the ES Council and plans are being developed for exciting initiatives in 2019.
<p>6. Transition Team update (Douglas, Don)</p>	<p><u>Highlights Transition Team Report to Governing Council Nov 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Don indicated that the feedback from the Listening meeting is that people wanted to feel that they were heard and valued. It was encouraging to the TT that this was a valuable initiative. The report from the listening day (November 4, 2018) was distributed to those who registered and/or expressed interest. ● The TT is currently evaluating its work plan and priority items, to share with the GC and others.
<p>7. Executive Director update (Jim on behalf of Marlene)</p>	<p><u>Highlights: Executive Director Report to Governing Council Nov 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Three new emails to help direct congregational questions are being introduced: governingcouncil@fairlawnavenueunited.ca for questions of the GC; transitionteam@fairlawnavenueunited.ca for questions put to the transition team; there will also be a separate email established for questions for the M&P committee (actual address TBD) ● Once added, these will be added to the email listing on the back of the bulletin. ●
<p>10. Historical information on website (Jim)</p>	<p><u>MOTION: To approve historical information being permitted on the FAUC website</u> First: Esther Ewing Second: Steve Dunk</p>

	<p>Approved: Unanimous Abstained: Action Item: A recommended protocol or policy with respect to information storage will be considered early in 2019.</p>
11. Adjournment	
Upcoming Meetings:	<p>Fellowship Room GC: Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m. GC: Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.</p> <p><i>*Meetings held on the <u>fourth</u> Tuesday of every month.</i></p>

Appendix Opening (Esther Ewing): What are we waiting for?

The Day and Hour Unknown

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert!^[a]! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Questions to ponder:

- What keeps you awake at night? What is your greatest worry?
- In what ways is it helpful for you to know that you and your loved ones are already taken into God’s story, a story brimming with promise?

Prayer:

Gracious Christ, it is your deepest joy to gather our story into yours. Keep us awake to your promises, promises that renew us each moment, each day. Amen.

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