



FAIRLAWN

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type:	FAUC Governing Council		
Meeting Topic:	See Below		
Date:	Tuesday, December 18, 2018; Fellowship Room		
Attendees:	<p><u>In person:</u> Douglas duCharme, Steve Dunk, Esther Ewing, Jim Pollock, Daniel Reed, Mary Ellen Richardson, John Ryerson, Kathy Salisbury, Jan Schlee (for AH), Don Smith, Marlene St. Jean (recorder)</p> <p><u>On phone:</u> Jennifer Arp</p>		
Regrets	Allan Hux, Vicki Stuart		
		Time:	6:00 – 8:45 pm

Meeting must wrap by 8:45 to accommodate custodians.

AGENDA ITEMS	DETAILS Welcome, Jan Schlee
1. ES Moment	<p>John Ryerson Roundtable discussion about ‘hopes’ for 2019:</p> <p><u>Summary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GC members are feeling optimistic having come out of a challenging 2018. There is much hope and excitement about Fairlawn for 2019! John led the group in an opening prayer: Hope We raised a glass and celebrated Esther and her work on our Explore Spirituality Council. We thanked Esther for stepping in to this role in the Fall of 2017 and helping to carry us through in 2018. <p><u>Individually:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GC members discussed hope and shared their hopes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Themes included: there are many people who are very committed to what Fairlawn is all about; reaching out effectively to congregants will help build a community compelled to listen, engage, participate, share their gifts; churches have a distinct role to speak 'truth,' now more than ever as divisiveness is becoming more vocal in society. We need to be more vocal; Fairlawn can be the 'light' against the 'darkness'; hopeful that Fairlawn as a congregation and community of people will find new leadership and begin to weave the fabric of meaning and sacred connections that are within the life that is happening here.
2. Approval of Minutes	<p><u>MOTION: Approval of November 2018 Minutes</u> First: Esther Ewing Second: Jennifer Arp Approved: All Abstained: n/a</p>
3. Council Updates	<p>Property Committee Some highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Church main doors</u>: We will no longer proceed with original manufacturer. We have met with an alternate provider, currently making a bid, part of which will include a 2-year commitment to continue to adjust the doors as the building expands/contracts due to weather and general movement as the building continues to settle. <u>Church sign</u>: Investigating options with a designer/builder who can make use of the existing sign frame and refurbish with digital signage that would make our sign far more versatile and useful in its messaging <p>Embrace Action <u>Highlights:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Red Door</u>: Group commented on the great work on this campaign, led by Laura Schlee. Two cars were needed to transport donations to Red Door upon completion of this program. <u>Refugee Ministry</u>: Hussaini family move now scheduled for January 5, 2019 <u>Refugee Fund</u>: Kathy S shared that the fund is currently healthy, due to the generous contributions that have been made

	<p>Explore Spirituality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ES members</u>: Amanda Hancox assumes the position of Chair, Explore Spirituality, in April 2019. • John Kimmel joins as Interim Chair for January-March, 2019. <p>Experience Belonging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Thriving in Retirement sessions</u>: The series was very much an enjoyable experience. We've had five new people who participated in this recent session, who have decided that they would like to become more involved with Fairlawn. • The group would like to repeat this program in the Fall 2019. • Kudos to Kathy Salisbury and Sandy Giles for their leadership in this program • <u>Pastoral Visitation</u>: Medical Assistance in Dying was a very successful event. Sally Bean did a lovely, comprehensive and sensitive presentation of the topic. She encouraged questions and encouraged dialogue between herself and the attendees (approximately 35). Almost all stopped to thank Jan Schlee at the end of the session. Some of those people were not from Fairlawn. <p>North Toronto Learning Cluster <u>Next Cluster Meeting</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 20, 2019 <p><u>Regional Council (which is the new organizing structure, following Presbytery)</u> <u>Regional Council May, 2019 meeting to determine</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of working committees will be created? • What are the opportunities for Fairlawn to engage/where will we be impactful? • Gain a better understanding of how the goals/activities available through this group help us to better live out our mission. • GC unanimously approved of John Ryerson assuming the role of Regional Council Representative, for Fairlawn Avenue United Church, for the interim period until the congregation can approve this nomination at the Annual General Meeting, March 24, 2019
<p>4. Transition Team update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transition Team is developing a detailed grid of activities (who, what and when). Currently there are 20 tasks, and the Transition Team has done their best to determine who should take the lead, who needs to be involved and what outcomes would signal the

	<p>completion of each task.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team is taking the month of January to flesh-out this grid and reach a consensus on the items noted above. • This will be communicated with Governing Council during a ½ day working session, tentatively planned for early-February. • Plans will include a series of invitations for Fairlawn congregation to be part of conversations, engage in discussion and help to direct the shaping of our church community in this transition
5. Update on progress of Council budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Dunk is collecting the budgets and will distribute a draft version of the 2019 budget to GC members before the end of December. • GC members will discuss the overall budget during our January GC meeting.
6. 'Job Fair' to highlight volunteer opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committee leads will participate during a March 3rd Job fair in order to outline/showcase the many opportunities in our diverse and broad range of offerings and activities
7. In-camera session	
Items for next GC meeting	GC members will email their contributions to Jim prior to the January GC meeting.
Adjournment	At 9:00 p.m.