



MEETING MINUTES

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| Meeting Type: | FAUC Governing Council | | |
| Meeting Topic: | See Below | | |
| Date: | Tuesday, April 23, 2019; Fellowship Room | | |
| Attendees: | Jennifer Arp, Steve Dunk, Amanda Hancox, Allan Hux, Jim Pollock, Mary Ellen Richardson (recorder), John Ryerson, Don Smith, Vicki Stuart | | |
| Regrets: | Douglas duCharme (on sabbatical); Marlene St. Jean | | |
| Guest(s): | Rosemary Pryde (on behalf of Transition Coordinating Team) John Kimmel (for ES presentation, along with Amanda) | | |
| | Note: Due to the absence of a Minister at the meeting, Governing Council did not have a quorum and was, hence, unable to commit to major financial or policy decisions. However, the group did discuss items with the goal to develop a consensus position, and the understanding that major financial or policy decisions would be brought forward at or before the next meeting, with the Minister in attendance, for ratification. | | |
| | Time: | 6:00 – 8:45 pm | |

| AGENDA ITEMS | DETAILS |
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| 1. ES Moment Jim | <p>Jim spoke about death, loss, rebirth and renewal in light of the solemn occasion of the one-year anniversary of the van attack, with 10 killed and 16 injured, and recalling the grief of the entire city. It was acknowledged that in these circumstances, renewal is unique, and is tied up with living with the grief--living with it in a way that does not kill the life that is yet to be lived, sitting with it as a lasting companion to share it with our thoughts. We were reminded that when our days become dreary and nights become darker, to recall the creative force working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil to transform dark yesterdays into brighter tomorrows.</p> <p>Jim then read the names of those killed in the 2018 van attack, and quoted Toronto's poet laureate that year.</p> |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | <p><u>MOTION: Approval of March 2019 Minutes</u> First: John Ryerson Second: Allan Hux Approved: Unanimous Abstained: Jennifer Arp, Steve and MER due to absence from March meeting.</p> |
| 3. GC, Leadership and Priority Tasks Rosemary Pryde | <p>Rosemary Pryde presenting and discussion with all The Transition Coordination Team overall responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support task team leaders in their work • To communicate transition activity and progress with the congregation through Governing Council • To provide focus for the work and encourage timely completion. <p>Rosemary reiterated that we want and need to involve the congregation as leads and volunteers for task work, and for input on what we are doing. We need a clear understanding of the tasks by all of us, and a work plan that sets appropriate priorities and timelines. In addition, communication with the congregation is key and that we need to take time to think through what it is we <u>collectively</u> want for Fairlawn. Once we have listened to the congregation, heard from the neighbourhood and completed our broader market research, we must work to develop, in collaboration with the congregation, a vision of what we believe</p> |

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| | <p>Fairlawn should be in the future. As this becomes clearer, the related transitions tasks are planning how to get there. These tasks include: setting directions, priorities, identifying existing and needed resources, capabilities and capacities and an appropriate governance structure.</p> <p>Among other things, we also discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible new avenues/vehicles for communication • Where we can involve members of the congregation in the collaborative transition process (to be determined) • How we can communicate consistently and effectively |
| <p>4. Ministry for Children and Youth Recommendation for review. (Amanda, John K)</p> | <p>John Kimmel presented the outcome of his consultation and analysis of the Children and Youth ministry. Governing Council had a good discussion concerning this analysis and a motion will be presented to Governing Council when Douglas returns and Governing Council again has a quorum.</p> <p><u>Discussion arising from the analysis included:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seeking a staff person who can direct the Children’s program and work effectively with Spirit Space staff. Noted that the primary purpose of this person needs to be on engagement (outreach to promote the program and to attract more students/ parents). 2. Role of a Children and Youth Advisory Committee which reports to Explore Spirituality Council. Lead minister will provide guidance as needed and appropriate, particularly if new staff doesn’t have theological training. 3. There is a desire to involve inter-generational groups in the programs & events, as well as in service so as to engage them, actively and spiritually. Also, to recognize opportunities when there are natural Embrace Action and Experience Belonging elements in what the children and youth are doing. <p>A recommendation will be circulated to all Governing Council members after Douglas has reviewed the analysis and his presence can provide the quorum for voting the motion.</p> |
| | <p>Note: It was determined that the two discussion points (GC Leadership/ Priority Tasks and Ministry for Children and Youth recommendations were so important that they needed the time we ultimately gave to them. Hence, the other agenda items (see below) were not discussed.</p> |
| 5. Council Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Welcoming process and capturing names for database NOT DISCUSSED. • Question/ comment box in sanctuary: Who can take on? NOT DISCUSSED. • Eastminster visit: NOT DISCUSSED • Property Council report: NOT DISCUSSED |
| 6. ED updates | NOT DISCUSSED |
| 7. Nominating Committee John R. | NOT DISCUSSED |
| 8. In-camera session | <i>Not required</i> |
| Items for next GC meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Nominating Advisory Committee • Update on Welcoming process and capturing names for database • Question/ comment box in sanctuary: Who can take on? • Eastminster visit |
| Items for future meetings | <p><u>May/ June:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about the new M&P role (Jennifer A) • Policy for allocating percentage of donations to local: Steve to look at \$ amounts and he and Kathy to discuss; Steve to report back to GC on proposed approach |

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| NEXT MONTH'S ES MOMENT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Volunteer for June 4 meeting: Amanda.</i> |
| 11. Adjournment 8:45 pm | Jim |
| Upcoming Meetings: | <p>Fellowship Room GC: Tuesday June 4, 2019, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m. PROPOSED subject to Douglas's availability. GC: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.</p> <p><i>*Meetings held on the <u>fourth</u> Tuesday of every month.</i></p> |