

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN LATVIAN CHURCH OF TORONTO
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING #619
Thursday, May 26, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present:	Karlis Vasarajs (Chair) Ieva Osis Lilita Tannis Amanda Sebris Gunta Reynolds Karena Grasmanis	Anne Reinbergs (Vice-Chair) Astrida Ezergailis (Secretary) Peteris Avenins Larry Gifford Mara Strazdins Raimonds Rutitis
Clergy:	Rev. G. Grietins	
Staff:	Inta Baze, Normunds Goba	
Committee Reps:	Maija Sukse	
Regrets:	none	

Call to order: 7:38 pm.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Grietiņš

1. Acceptance of the Agenda:

Accepted by acclamation

2. Review and acceptance of Council Meeting #618 Minutes

Council Meeting Minutes April 29, 2021, #618

Motion to accept as written

Maija Sukse recommends last names be included in point 3

Moved: Larry Gifford

Seconded: Ieva Osis

Motion carried

3. Review action items from #618

- #2 & #6 donation over \$350 giving - \$1000 to be marked for thank-you card (for now, Inta Baze is creating cards – discuss w/ Beta Ludviks about designing a card)
- #8. Peter Avenins needs to discuss with Saulalaine staff, also create cloud for photos & docs

4. Clergy Update:

- question re 5 Sundays
- June 14th memorial service

See written report for details

5. Chair's update:

- Burnout - what is the source? not feeling effective, or too much of a workload.
- Position statement re Andreja Draudze
- ongoing collaboration with other congregations/pastors
- Centrs targetting end of July for potential re-opening, as a hopeful sign on the calendar. Can we consider same?
- Kaspars Reinis – central online info structure funded by ?
- SMIJ website – proposing an art sale page – cooperating with LATVIS

Action: Karlis send link to SMIJ website

Action: KV talk to Mara Jansons re art inventory and sale

Action: KV send Kaspars' proposal along with SMIJ info

6. Administrator's /Treasurers Report

- Edward Jones amount has since been transferred to Saulaine Building fund

NG to note for future Statements: Revenue and expense line not including transfers

7. Committee updates:

- a. **Vēstis:** requesting Vestis blurb from each Council member
- b. **Saulaine Management:** Raimonds Rutitis reports: Steve is working, time is monitored and recorded for any future dispute
- c. **Other committees** – no updates this month

8. St. Andrew's Collaboration document discussion:

each council and staff member commented on the document.

9. Other Business

- a. Lilita Tannis – soliciting thoughts re 70th celebration at Saulaine (to be organized by Peter Avenins and Pavils Hawkins)
- b. Question re possible cloud storage for shared documents

10. Review Action items:

Adjournment: 9:45 pm

Closing prayer

In Camera

Chair: Karlis Vasarajs

Secretary: Astrida Ezergailis