

Special Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022

Minutes Approved
March 15, 2022
Marlene Kiser

Meeting Call to Order at 7:01PM by Carolyn Andrews

Opening Prayer was provided by Interim Pastor Bill.

Present: Carolyn Andrews; Kirsten Ireton; Interim Pastor Bill Wessner; Marlene Kiser; Linda Duffek; Shirley Prouty; Laura Tice; Carole Vance; Clarence Korhonen; Paul Maki; and Peggy Moser

Visitors Present: Jack Fenski; and Assistant Bishop Pastor Manda Truchinski

Absent: Christina Hisamoto; and Cathy Davis

Introduction: Assistant Bishop Pastor Manda Truchinski

- Pastor Manda provided a brief history of her service with the ELCA as a Pastor and now with the Synod. Currently works in the Synod with churches that are in transition.
- Future visit to the church will be on April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday. To meet with congregation and with Call Committee.

Process of the Transition for the church provided by Pastor Manda:

- Ministry Site Profile (from this point referred to as MSP) – procedure discussed on how the MSP is used in facilitating the process to look for a new minister for St. Luke's. Pastor Manda facilitates the process at the Synod by matching up St. Luke's MSP with prospective ministers by using the Roster Minister Profile (from this point referred to as RMP) that prospective minister's complete who are searching for a new church congregation.
- Once St. Luke MSP is submitted on the website it will be available to see on the ELCA website.
- Currently 11 churches in Synod have posted their MSPs on the ELCA website.

Call Committee Process:

- Training for the Call Committee process will be started by Pastor Bill as soon as the Call Committee is chosen. Pastor Manda to also review the process with the Call Committee when she comes for a visit to St. Luke's on April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday.
- Once candidate(s) are provided to St. Luke's by the Synod the Call Committee through a discernment process will vent the candidates by using the RMP provided to find the best fit candidate for St. Luke's. Further training on the process will be coming for the Call Committee.
- The venting process is done in confidence by the Call Committee and no information will be shared by the Call Committee members until a candidate has been chosen by the committee and is ready to be submitted as a roster minister to the Church Council to be called to serve as the pastor at St. Luke's.

- Once the Church Council approves the candidate it will then be present for a final vote at a Special Congregational Meeting where 2/3 of members will have to approve the candidate.

Transition Committee Summary – present by Peggy Moser

- Discussion occurred about the process used to prepare the MSP.
- After the discussion it was recommended that no change to MSP was needed at this time.

A motion to approve the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) as written was made by Carole Vance. The motion was seconded by Kirsten Ireton. All Council Members present approved to adopt the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) as written. No objections to the motion were made.

Call Committee Nominees and Vote:

Amber Mansfield
Peggy Moser
Faith Thomas
Brenda Sulzmann
Chet Madison
Phil Karlstadt
Jack Fenske – NAME WITHDREW 2/28/2022
Paul Maki
Christina Hisamoto – NAME WITHDREW 2/28/2022
Linda Duffek – NAME WITHDREW 2/28/2022
Connie Reule

- Discussion of remaining candidates took place. It was presented that members of committee should not be of the same family, so with further discussion the Council Members agreed that the committee would include a diverse group of age and gender.

The following seven congregational members were submitted as the Call Committee as required by St. Luke's Constitution section C13.05:

Amber Mansfield
Peggy Moser
Faith Thomas
Brenda Sulzmann
Chet Madison
Phil Karlstadt
Paul Maki

A motion to approve the 7 congregational members to the Call Committee as presented above was made by Kirsten Ireton. The motion was seconded by Laura Tice. All Council Members present approved the members for the Call Committee. No objections to the motion were made.

Chairperson for Call Committee

After a short discussion the following member, Chet Madison, was submitted at the Special Council Meeting to be voted on as the Chairperson for the Call Committee.

A motion to approve Chet Madison as the Call Committee Chairperson was made by Clarence Korhonen. The motion was seconded by Kirsten Ireton. All Council Members present approved Chet Madison as the Call Committee Chairperson. No objections to the motion were made.

Pastor Bill ended the Special Council Meeting by thanking everyone for the work, energy, prayers, and the enthusiasm of the congregation to complete the first step in the process of the call for St. Luke's new pastor.

Meeting ended at 8:34PM

Respectfully Submitted,
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