

Special Council Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2022

Approved Minutes

October 18, 2022

Marlene Kiser

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM by Carolyn Andrews

Opening Prayer was provided by Shirley Prouty.

Present: Carolyn Andrews; Marlene Kiser; Shirley Prouty; Paul Maki; Cathy Davis; Linda Duffek; Clarence Korhonen; and Carole Vance

Visiting Guest: Chet Madison

Absent: Christina Hisamoto; Kirsten Ireton; and Laura Tice

Purpose of Special Meeting:

Chet Madison, Chairperson of the Call Committee, requested a Special Council Meeting to present the candidate the committee had chosen for Pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California.

Discussion:

Carolyn Andrews, Council President, handed over the Special Council Meeting to Chet Madison to lead the discussion on the candidate being presented by the Call Committee.

Background of Candidate:

Chet Madison presented the candidate: Pastor Brian Hiortdahl

Pastor Brian Hiortdahl was ordained in 1997. He is a graduate of California Lutheran University (history and religion) and received his Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. His first call was as an Associate Pastor in Chico, California, serving there for 4 years. This followed serving in Chicago Illinois for 12 years. For the next five years Pastor Brian was the Senior Pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas. Since 2019 till present, he has served as Pastor for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in West Hills, California.

Pastor Brian has made several written contributions to the "Faith Lens" blog on the ELCA website and in the "Living Lutheran" magazine.

During the discussion of this candidate, Chet wanted to convey to all the Council Members though they had only one candidate presented to St. Luke's, that the Call Committee spend a lot of time discerning and praying about this candidate and they all felt that he would be a good fit for our St. Luke's Family. Chet also conveyed if he did not feel that Pastor Brian was a good choice for St. Luke's he would of not made this recommendation to the Church Council Members.

Motion:

Motion was made by Marlene Kiser to accept the Call Committee's Candidate-Pastor Brian Hiortdahl, as their choice for the future Pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California. This was 2nd by Carole Vance. Those present: Shirley Prouty, Linda Duffek, Carole Vance, Clarence Korhonen, Cathy Davis, Paul Maki, Carolyn Andrews and Marlene Kiser all unanimously voted yes to the motion, with no further discussion.

Next Steps:

- The Finance Board will set up a Special Meeting to develop a Compensation Package.
- Once the Compensation Package is completed the Executive Committee will meet with Pastor Brian Hiortdahl and Pastor Manda Truchinski (Assistant to the Sierra Pacific Bishop) to work out any details that need to be addressed.
- When a Compensation Package is agreed upon by all parties, a Special Council Meeting will need to be held to approve the agreed upon Compensation Package.
- When the approved Compensation Package is ready both the Compensation Package and the Candidate will be presented to the Congregation by the Church Council President-Carolyn Andrews.

Communication:

Chet Madison to let candidate know that the church is working on a compensation package and further information will be coming.

Closing Prayer: Provided by Chet Madison

Meeting ended: about 8:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Kiser
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