

Church Council Minutes – Approved

October 30, 2023

Present: Pastor Sal Sapienza, Mark Johnston, Stacy Honson, Jim Kern, Kelly Wright, Stan Greene, Mike Mok, Bernice Lopata, Mike VerMerris.

1. *Welcome and Introduction* – Mark called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
2. *Opening Prayer* – Pastor Sal opened the meeting with prayer.
3. *New Business*
Appoint Pastoral Search Committee:
 - a) In preparation for this meeting, Mark had requested council members submit him our list of 7-10 candidates whom we feel would be excellent members of the search process, along with any names of people who spoke with us to volunteer:
 - Our lists were compiled and consisted of 44 names. There were 5 names on the list who already said they were not available to participate in the search.
 - The compiled list was reviewed, the candidates' names and backgrounds were discussed.
 - Pastor Sal provided information and history on candidates that were unknown to council members.
 - b) After providing feedback to our questions, Pastor Sal stepped out as we discussed our final decision:
 - Discussion of options continued.
 - Diversity was considered: long term and short-term attendees, male and female, sexual orientation, age, etc.
 - Backgrounds and abilities were considered.
 - A final decision was made. The seven Pastoral Search Committee members chosen are: Bill Briggs, Pat Denner, Ginny Mikita, Phil Raywood, Greg Sherman, Jeff Spangler, Kirsten Stannis

Motion: appoint those named as DUCC Pastoral Search Committee members, from Jim to approve. Mike M. second. Motion approved.

Action: Mark will contact the new committee members, with our congratulations. He will contact those who volunteered but were not appointed, with our sincere thanks. A letter to update the congregation will be emailed. Mark will contact Reverend Cheryl Burke, to let her know our committee has been selected.
4. *Next Meeting Date* – Council Meeting, November 14, at 6 pm
5. *Adjournment* – 7:13 pm.
Motion: from Kelly to adjourn. Mike M. second. Motion approved.