

Special Council Meeting Minutes

Those present are indicated in bold:

Staff: Deacon Savannah Olaphson, Pastor Steve Olson, Kelly Meyers

Council: Tom Getchius (President), Julie Maes (Vice-President), Kirsten Stenoien (Treasurer), Rick Ites (Financial Secretary), Kim Whalen (Secretary), Jennifer Johnson (Adult Faith Formation), Emily Sienkowski / Karina Nelson (Children's Education), Amanda Ropchak (Evangelism), Bev Osekowsky / Ruth Lunde (Parish Fellowship), Jolene Engler. / Nicole Seieroe (Middle School Youth), Ellie Scheler (High School Youth), Lou Hernandez (Property), Kelly Robert (Social Ministry), Jim Andreen (Stewardship), Eric Lovestrand (Worship, Music & Arts)

Guests: Krista Berger and Karen Stengel (Chairs of the Call committee)

Call To Order: 12:01 PM Devotion: Rick Ites Adjourned: 1:52 PM Jim motion, Ruth second

Call committee chairs Karen Stengel and Krista Berger gave an overview of the process the committee followed, and a high-level overview of the considerations that went into the call committee's unanimous decision to recommend Pastor Dan for the Senior Pastor position. They also answered a variety of questions from council members. Karen and Krista were excused around 1pm, and the council spent more time in discussion.

Jolene E. made a motion to vote to approve the call committee's recommendation of Pastor Dan for the Senior Pastor role, and Lou H. seconded. A vote was made by secret ballot, and Tom G. counted 18 yes votes and 1 no vote.

A congregational vote is planned for Sunday, Dec. 7, with a specific time TBD. Tom G. will send an announcement to the congregation, and Julie M. will work on a follow-up detailed communication summarizing the transition and call process that has happened to date.