



Special Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 29, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Chapel

Members: Kelly Pollock, Moderator Barbara Metric, Clerk
 Matt Aeschleman Adam Alonso
 Lily Alter Gene Armstrong
 Marcia Ashton Cathy Cerniglia
 Melinda Haag Steve Pederson
 Janet Haisman Cate Reading
 Shanti Kulkarni Priscilla Sibley

Guests: Rev. Steve Pierce, Sallie Smylie, Art Spooner, Deborah J. Kapp, Bobbie Kmiec, Vickie Engelhart

Moderator Kelly Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with a quorum present and gave an opening prayer.

I. Purpose

The purpose of this special Council meeting was twofold: to meet and vote on Interim Pastor nominee Deborah J. Kapp and to adjourn to Executive Session to update Council members on a Personnel issue.

II. Executive Session

Action: Cathy Cerniglia moved to enter executive session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Council entered executive session at 7:05 pm.

Action: Clerk Barbara Metric became Moderator Pro Tem with a quorum of 12 members.

Action: Marcia Ashton moved to return to open session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Council left executive session at approximately 7:47 pm

III. Interim Pastor Introduction

Art Spooner introduced Deborah J. Kapp and summarized the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee process.

IV. Interim Pastor Candidate

Deborah J. Kapp introduced herself and shared many facets of her path to First United Church's Interim Pastor position.

V. Q&A from Council for Candidate

Questions from all members of Council to Deborah J. Kapp.

VI. IPNC Proposed Covenant

Art presented the proposed Covenant, there were no questions from Council.

VII. Executive Session

Action: Shanti Kulkarni moved to enter executive session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Council entered executive session at 9:10 pm.

Action: Art Spooner moved that Council approve the Interim Pastor Covenant between First United Church, Deborah J. Kapp, and the Presbytery of Chicago and authorize the Moderator and Clerk to be signatories of the Covenant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Action: Gene Armstrong moved to return to open session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Council left executive session at approximately 10:10 pm

VIII. Additional Items

Action: Art Spooner drafted a letter to mail to the Congregation on Wednesday August 30 along with an e-blast announcing the hiring of Deborah J. Kapp. Deborah will do the welcoming liturgy and be introduced on Gathering Day, Sept 10.

Action: Shanti Kulkarni moved to thank the IPNC for all of their work. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Action: Gene Armstrong moved that the Clerk confer with the Treasurer on the question of timing for an audit of the Church's books of account, and the scope of any such audit, and further provide a recommendation to the Church Council as to the timing and estimated cost of said audit." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Council left executive session at approximately 10:10 pm

IV. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Melinda Haag moved to adjourn at 10:20 pm. The motion was seconded and approved. Council gathered to lay hands on Deborah Kapp as she led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Metric, Clerk