



## Special Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5, 2020

Place: Zoom Meeting

**Members:**  Gene Armstrong, Moderator  Carl Nauert, Clerk  
 Paul Raducha  Dan Pietrini  
 Samantha Duwe  Jamie Shamhart  
 Sue Saliny  Alissa Lonergan  
 Melinda Haag  David Hanson  
 Janet Haisman  Megan Lewis  
 Sallie Smylie  Priscilla Sibley  
 Carol Ingram

**Staff:** John Edgerton

**Guests:** Tom Wolford, Jackie Eckholm, Bob Giles and Maureen Wheeler

**Purpose:** A meeting to discuss First United's Paycheck Protection Program application.

Gene Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. We had fourteen Elders present and thus had a quorum.

John Edgerton, Lead Pastor, led us in prayer. David Hanson referenced the Finance Committee Motion to Council PPP Loan document, which can be found in the Council Packet for this special meeting.

Dave Hanson moved that "The Finance Committee recommends that Council ratify the decision to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan and accept the PPP loan of \$208,320 received on April 27, 2020. First United Church of Oak Park applied for the loan at a time of economic uncertainty due to the inability to run a significant fundraising event and the loss of contributions due to the closing of the Church. It will be significantly detrimental to the ongoing business and mission of First United Church of Oak Park as the Church moves into fiscal year 2021 if the PPP loan is returned."

The motion was seconded by Jamie Shamhart.

A motion to enter "Executive Session" was made.

Jamie Shamhart moved that we enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Janet Haisman and was passed unanimously.

We entered Executive Session at 7: 36 pm.

We chose not to create executive session minutes, as there was not anything discussed that was confidential or privileged. Please refer to the Memorandum re.PPP Decision.5-05-20-1 document that lists all information regarding our PPP decision. This document is in the Special Meeting Council Packet.

We exited Executive Session at 8:46 pm. The motion from the Finance Committee was called by Jamie Shamhart.

The Finance Committee motion passed with 13 aye votes and one nay vote.
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Gene asked Carl Nauert, Council Clerk, for announcements. Carl announced that will be sending out an eVote to approve the acquisition of a video production laptop. As announced in the April Council meeting, we need a video production quality laptop to produce the recorded Sunday Worship Service that we watch on YouTube.

**Gene asked for “Joys and Concerns”.**

We are thankful for the service of Carol Ingram who is moving with her husband to South Carolina. We will miss her. We are also thankful for the tremendous work of our financial community (Jackie, Bob, Maureen, the FPTF, the Finance Committee and all other members of our financial community) and our entire staff. We asked John Edgerton to pass Council’s gratitude on to the entire staff. All of them are working in highly stressful times and working longer hours. We gave our thanks to Tom Wolford who donated his legal skills and time in preparation for this meeting.

Janet Haisman moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Megan Lewis and passed unanimously. Rev. Edgerton led us in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Nauert, Clerk