



## Special Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2020

Place: eVote

**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

### Purpose - An e-vote on the following motion:

Memo from Gene Armstrong to Council

Given the current circumstances and the need to adapt and make decisions quickly, I recommend that the Council take up now a provision that is contained in the draft Governance Chapter. That provision would allow for Council Leadership (which is a defined term meaning the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Clerk) and the Lead Pastor to make decisions on emergency matters, followed by prompt reporting to Council on the action taken. It will likely be some time before Council is called upon to decide on the Governance Chapter, and there could well be matters before then that require immediate decision-making. An e-vote is not necessarily a viable alternative as we normally keep an e-vote open for five days before declaring the result of the vote.

Carl Nauert moved that Council approve the following provision for inclusion in the Church's Policies and Procedures for Governance:

"In the event of an emergency the members of the Council Leadership and the Lead Pastor (or Interim Lead Pastor) may serve as an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has all the authority of the Council as required to act with respect to an emergency. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by any member of the Executive Committee, on no less than two hours' notice in writing by email, by facsimile or other electronic means, or by telephone, and two members of the Committee will constitute a quorum. Within seven days of any such emergency meeting, a meeting of the Council will be held, or a written communication will be made to the Council, to review any action of the Executive Committee.

An emergency is a matter requiring a decision that in the judgment of the Executive Committee cannot prudently await a regular Council meeting or consideration by means of electronic voting.”

The motion is seconded by Sallie Smylie and the motion passed with 13 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Nauert, Clerk