

Garden City Community Church Council of Trustees Meeting

Date July 1, 2024

In-Person (Parlor, 245 Stewart Ave.)

COT voting members present:

Kirsten Bahlke	COT Chair	In-person
Cindy Campbell	Ministry Committee	In-person
Tim Martens III	At Large - AV	In-person
Karin Melkonian	Program Committee, Connections	In-person
Tara Noll-Socha	Program Committee, Education	In-person
Celia Petersen	Membership Committee	In-person
Robin Laisure	Finance & Administration Committee	In-Person
Kimberly Pauley	Program Committee, Service	In-Person

Nonvoting officers of the church present:

Viki Rehkugler	Information Officer	In-person
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Nonvoting officers of the church absent:

Joe Stanco	Treasurer
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The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

The minutes of the Council of Trustees meeting conducted on June 17, 2024 were approved.

1. Updated on the Search Committee
 - a. COT Chair and Search Committee member Kirsten Bahlke reiterated the Search and Call Committee's role to facilitate the congregation's work to create a Church Profile.
 - b. Rev. Arlen had surveyed the committee's availability for an initial training session, and they had not yet found a date and time.
2. Rev. Arlen's Contract as Interim Minister
 - a. The Council discussed Rev. Arlen Vernava's contract, renewal, and alternative scenarios. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have a vote to approve renewal of Arlen's contract for another year, seconded by several Council members. The vote was 5-3 to renew his contract for another year. Motion carried.

- b. Celia Petersen and Kimberly Pauley verbally resigned from the Council.
- c. The Council of Trustees agreed that it would provide more feedback and direction to Rev. Arlen going forward.
- d. There was further discussion about the terms of a new contract. Jim Burdi's firm and Jackson Lewis (Labor and Employment focused) have provided services in the past.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Viki Rehkugler

Information Officer