

Garden City Community Church Council of Trustees Meeting

9/25/2024

In-Person (Parlor, 245 Stewart Ave.) and Virtual

COT voting members present:

Kirsten Bahlke	COT Chair	In-person
Cindy Campbell	Ministry Committee	In-person
Tim Martens	At Large - AV	In-person
Karin Melkonian	Program Committee, Connections	In-person
Robin Laisure	Finance & Administration	Virtual
Tara Noll-Socha	Program Committee, Education	In-person

Nonvoting officers of the church present:

Viki Rehkugler	Information Officer	In-person
Joe Stanco	Treasurer	In-person

Clergy present (guest): Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Council of Trustees meeting conducted on September 11 had been approved by email.

Discussion with Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams

Rev. Marsha expressed her intention to be involved in the work of the Search and Call Committee. She emphasized the need to complete the diversity inventory survey early in the process. There was discussion of the pool of candidates, and Rev. Marsha said that it changes every day, and the pool is larger with a full-time position posting.

Pulpit Supply update (Cindy) - The proposed schedule was shared (subject to change)

Sept 29 - John Livingston
Oct 6 - John Livingston (World Communion Sunday)
Oct 13 - Rayford Howell
Oct 20 - John Livingston
Oct 27 - Rayford Howell
Nov 3 - John Livingston (All Saints Day)
Nov 10 - Chris Dieguez
Nov 17 - Chris Dieguez
Nov 24 - John Livingston

The Blessing of the Animals service will not happen this year.

Some changes have been made to the Order of Worship.

Supply is still being considered for December. Rev. Marsha offered to fill- in on a Sunday and have the opportunity to spend time with the church.

Financial- Treasurer's Update (Joe)

November 24 is Stewardship Sunday (also a service of Thanksgiving). To be coordinated with Rev. Livingston.

Rev. Arlen apartment is accessible until October 28. October 23 is Arlen's last day. Work will be done to remove the furniture.

Confirmation discussion (Tara, Karin)

1. Having a minister present in Confirmation
 - a. Current leaders would prefer a minister but would find a way to work through if there is no minister.
 - b. Having a minister in the class is important. It's a long-term goal to support this.
 - c. Tara's perspective is that the in the interim, Zoom option is reasonable, especially if it is the minister the kids see leading the church in other areas.
2. Tara and Amanda will discuss with Confirmation leaders about students interested in rejoining Confirmation in a second year.

Update on Open Roles

1. We have descriptions for the three open Committees and Chairs (Personnel, Membership, and Programming - Service. Kirsten suggested that we build committees from volunteers (existing and new) and select Chairs.
2. Kirsten suggested no financial conflict of interest.
3. Karin Melkonian was appointed Chair of Personnel. The Personnel Committee has two members – Sue Bashian and Jeanne Ellis.
4. A motion was made to put out calls for volunteers for Membership (Chair or committee member(s) alongside Melva Victorino) and Programming Committee (either to oversee Service or General Programming) Seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes Publication

The Council agreed to continue publishing minutes, at least until a new COT is installed in 2025.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:44 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Viki Rehkugler