

Little River United Church of Christ
Church Council Meeting
November 9, 2016

PRESENT:

Cici Thompson, Moderator	(Absent), Stewardship Committee
Carolyn Yocom, Moderator-Elect	George Leonard, Endowment Committee
(Vacant), Past- Moderator	Barbara Lowrey, Music Committee
Ann Lingo, Clerk	Jan Curtis, Communications Advisory Team
(Absent), Membership Clerk	Camille Brooks,
Mary Summers, Treasurer	Nominations & Appointments
Dave Curtis, Comptroller	Bruce Douglas, at large
(Absent), Archivist/Historian	John Forrest, at large
(Absent) Board of Christian Education	John Mingus, at large
Dawn Forrest, Board of Deacons	David Lindsey, Senior Pastor
Amy Mireku, Board of Outreach & Social Justice	Jean Wheelock, Personnel Committee
Robin Petrusak, Board of Trustees	

Cici called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. David offered an opening prayer.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Church Council October 12 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 16 Congregational Meeting. That motion was also seconded and approved. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 23 Congregational Meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved with corrections.

Church Survey: Cici said that over 55 of the surveys asking members to respond to our consultant, Dr. Claire Bamberg's report have been received. Members can turn in their responses until Tuesday, November 15. Cici urged that members submit their survey to have their voices heard. She said that in response to the questions about the building, governance and staffing the responses seem to be pretty consistent and that there were no surprises.

Interim Associate Pastor Search Committee: Cici is chairing the committee which includes Carrie Douglas, Joy Faunce, Mike Craven, Carolyn Johnson, and David Lindsey. The committee met with Marvin Silver, acting conference minister, last week. Rev. Silver will assist the committee in locating potential candidates for the position with the understanding that it may be filled by more than one person. The committee is currently developing a preliminary job description to address our immediate needs in the areas of parish care, Christian education and outreach and social justice. It is expected that the incumbent or incumbents will spend about 30% of the time on Christian education, 30% on parish care, 20% on social justice and the remaining 20% on miscellaneous duties. It was noted that the Interim Associate Pastor will need to be approved by the congregation. It was suggested that a time line be developed for moving forward to permanently fill the associate pastor position.

Concerns: A concern was raised that at the Jim Crow meeting last week, some members recounted how they had felt ignored the first several times they visited the church. There were also concerns about communications and information getting from the boards and committees to the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. at which time the Governance and Ministry Boards met separately.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lingo
Clerk

At this point the meeting divided into 2 board meetings.