

Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting
May 7, 2017
Draft #1

Moderator Carolyn Yocom called the special congregational meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. on May 7, 2017. David Lindsey offered an opening prayer.

Carolyn gave some background information accompanied by a slide presentation, beginning with our Mission Statement, and some conclusions from the consultant's survey and the ministry models' team. (Photocopies of the PowerPoint presentation were made available before the meeting began.) Issues identified as needing additional attention from an associate minister were pastoral care, Christian education/faith formation, and outreach and social justice.

Cici Thompson gave the report of the Associate Interim Search Committee. Members of the committee are Carolyn Johnson and Carrie Douglas from the Board of Deacons, Mike Craven from the Board of Christian Education and Joy Faunce from the Board of Outreach and Social Justice. Cici stated that the committee had a couple of outstanding candidates whom they believed might be excellent candidates for a called associate pastor for our church. Recognizing that recommending a permanent candidate was outside the scope of the committee, they approached the Church Council for guidance. The Council was supportive, but determined that this required congregational input.

Mike Craven then moved that the interim search committee be reorganized into a called search committee, augmented with representation to include Greenspring and the youth. Cindy Fithian seconded. Discussion followed. The committee advised that the search would be an abbreviated national search and the goal was to have a candidate by the fall. Also discussed were Central Atlantic Conference issues. Budget and stewardship implications, including the need for roofing repairs were discussed.

Rob Peters was called on to announce a challenge grant of \$10k from an anonymous donor. For every two dollars donated to the building fund, the donor will donate one dollar up to \$10k. The pledge must be received by the end of June, but the congregation will have until Thanksgiving to pay. Funds raised in Silent Auction will count toward the goal of matching funds.

Sallyanne Harper called the question, and Ginny Peters seconded. The motion to convert and augment the interim search committee to a permanent search committee passed.

Bruce Douglas moved that committee be allowed to conduct a search for a full-time minister. Sallyanne Harper seconded. Discussion followed.

Tom Ross called for the vote. The motion passed.

Gayle Perry announced that BOSJ had many various discussions and programs which are now related to School to Prison Pipeline, Scared Conversations, etc. Announced that the entities are now under one umbrella: Racial Justice Coalition. She encouraged people to think about

becoming active. The group would like to see the church become a multi-racial and multi-cultural church. The film *13th* by Director Ava DuVernay will be shown on May 18.

The meeting was closed by a prayer by David at 12:32 p.m.

Submitted by Jean Wheelock, Church Clerk