

**Minutes**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**January 23, 2017**  
**7:00 pm – 8:40 pm**

***Council Attendees:* Bruce Hadley (Moderator), Joan Barrington, Lynn DeHart, Lynne Devnew, Heather Edwards, Jim Garrett, Patti MacLennan, Nancy Von Stackelberg, Sandy Von Stackelberg, Kate Sturgis, Drew Thawley, Peggy O'Connor, and Emily Keller.**

This, the last meeting of the Pilgrim Church Council in its current structure (moderator, prior moderator, 2 at large members chosen each year, the church clerk, the Chair of Deacons, and the Chair of Trustees) was called to order by Bruce at 7 pm and Peggy opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was devoted to working on the formation of our future senior minister search committee. We began with a report on our phone calls to potential search committee members who we had asked "If invited to serve on the search committee, would you serve?" We were excited by the wonderful list of potential search committee members.

We created a list of the characteristics and demographics we would want to see represented on the search committee. These included: familiar with church history, knowledge of recent issues, parent of young children, parent of teen, youth who is a church member, demonstrated interest in Pilgrim Church, deep spirituality, church member who is a senior, passion for music, passion for outreach, familiarity with PCCP, and commitment to Pilgrim Church.

We mapped the potential search committee and this list of characteristics and demographics and found we were well covered in all but two of the categories: parents with young children and youth. Heather is preparing a spreadsheet including this information.

We identified youth to contact and determined to ask Angelique to suggest parents of young children who might be willing to serve on the committee.

Committee members were reminded or assigned to follow-up with potential members they had not reached yet. Call results are to be sent to Peggy.

We wrapped up this final meeting with an enthusiastic thank you to all those leaving council and the reminder we anticipate seeing them all actively participating in new church roles of their choice. Kate Sturgis shared that she and Jan Zabilski were willing to organize another Progressive Dinner for this coming March – the information was enthusiastically received.

Minutes prepared by Lynne Devnew, Pilgrim Church clerk