

St. Francisville United Methodist Church
Special Meeting of Church Council: November 14, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Church Council was properly noticed to Church Council (CC) members via email from Church Council Chair, Stacey King on November 9, 2022. Agenda for the meeting was sent to CC members on November 14, 2022 from Council Chair, along with other meeting materials.

The Minutes of this meeting as set forth below are hereby certified by Recording Secretary, Mathilde McCann.

Church Council Members Present

Brenda Ard	Cathy Howard	Pam Rabb
Nancy Bailey	Joe Kelley	Danielle Ritchie
Jerry Beauchamp	Neal King	Martha Robertson
Virginia Crawford	Stacey King	Sam Rosso
Lauren Daniel	Ada Lord	Theresa Stevens
Debra Davis	Mathilde McCann	Via Zoom:
Haley Green	Amanda McKinney	Michael Clinton Sullivan
Daniel Hixon	Claire Mott	Mike Gammil
Linda Holmes	John Piper	

Church Council Members Absent:

Matt Paxton

The meeting was audio and video recorded which is available upon request for Church Council and guests.

Handouts: Agenda, Meeting Format, Information Packet, Ground Rules for Sacred Discussion and minutes from November 1, 2022 and October 11, 2022 meetings.

Minutes Presented in Order of Agenda Topics:

- I. **Welcome & Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Church Council Chair, Stacey King at 5:20 pm
 - Roll Call was accomplished via sign-up sheet. In addition to Church Council members, Discernment Leadership Team, Consultant, Mike Gammill (zoom) and other church members attended as Guests. See attached Sign Up for record of attendance.
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Rev. Daniel asked for prayer requests and then proceeded to open us in prayer
- III. **Agenda:** Presented by Stacey King
 - Meeting Objectives
 - Meeting Format & Participation (attached)
 - Minutes & Recording (minutes limited to motions)
 - Approval: Motion by Debra Davis to approve the agenda and other above items presented, seconded by Danielle Ritchie. All approved.

IV. **Congregation Discernment Information Packet:**

- Debra Davis made a motion to add the following to the Information Packet: “If you have questions after reading the Information Packet, please send them to the church office or drop them in the Comment Box in the sanctuary foyer. The Discernment Leadership Team will respond to the questions in January. While we may not have the answer to every question, we will try to respond or point you in the right direction to get the answers you seek.” Danielle Ritchie seconded. Opened for discussion.
- Stacey King addressed the motion on the floor to approve putting a Comment Box in the Sanctuary and Discernment Leadership Team to respond to questions in January. Stacey asked for a vote in favor, no objections, no abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.
- Stacey King asked for a motion to accept the Discernment Information Packet Letter. Martha Robertson made a motion, Nancy Bailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Martha Robertson made a motion to strike Stay-Theology-“Jesus never excludes anyone” as it implies those wishing to disaffiliate don’t share same view. John Piper seconded. Stacey King opened floor for discussion.
- Nancy Bailey proposed an alternative amendment to the motion to add reciprocity language in Culture-Disaffiliate-#3. Cathy Howard seconded. Following discussion the vote passed by majority. Martha Robertson tabled her motion and no other amendment or substitute motions on that were passed.
- John Piper made motion remove Stay-Connections & Opportunities-#3 entire sentence, Virginia Crawford seconded. Opened for discussion.
- Mike Gammil recommended replacing “rarely” with “typically”. John Piper agreed to amend his motion to replace the word “rarely” with “typically”.
- Stacey asked for a vote on the motion, no objections, no abstentions, approved unanimously.
- Martha Robertson made a motion to accept page 3 with changes voted on, seconded by John Piper. No opposition, no abstentions, approved unanimously.
- Debra Davis made a motion to take out “disaffiliate without having to turn our property and facility over to the conference” and replace with “sell, lease or mortgage our property without approval of Conference.” Martha Robertson seconded. Opened for discussion.
- Stacey King asked for a vote on the motion on the floor. Eight in favor, nine opposed, five abstained. Motion fails.
- John Piper made a motion to accept page 4 with changes voted on, seconded by Danielle Ritchie. No opposition, no abstention. Motion passes unanimously.
- Theresa Stevens made a motion to remove last sentence of Step Six on page 5, remove “Next Steps” title and label each bullet under that as a Step. Nancy Bailey seconded. No opposition, motion passes.
- Michael Clinton Sullivan made a motion to accept the timeline segment, pages 5 & 6, with changes voted on. Nancy Bailey seconded. No opposition, no abstention, motion passes unanimously.
- Debra Davis made a motion to remove “UMC” add UM denomination on pages 7 & 8. John Piper seconded. Stacey opened for discussion.

- The Council voted to approve pages 7 & 8 with changes, no opposition, no abstentions, motion passes unanimously.
- Theresa Stevens made a motion to change “affiliation” to “disaffiliation” in #15 last sentence. Nancy Bailey seconded. Virginia Crawford abstained. No opposition, motion passes.
- Debra Davis made a motion to add “Methodist” before denomination in #12 page 9, sentence 3. John Piper seconded. Opened for discussion.
- Vote to approve motion, 3 abstain, no opposition, motion passes.
- Neal King made a motion on #12 page 9 to insert “your membership” in “unless your membership is moved elsewhere prior to that date.” Virginia Crawford seconded. 4 abstain, no opposition, motion passes.
- Daniel Hixon asked to add URL links throughout FAQ section. Stacey King asked for a motion. John Piper made a motion to add the entire URL, seconded by Sam Rosso. No opposition, no abstentions, motion passes unanimously.
- Nancy Bailey made a motion to accept the FAQ pages with changes already approved, John Piper seconded. No opposition, no abstention, motion passes unanimously.
- Haley Green made a motion that the complete Discernment Information Packet with changes approved go to the Discernment Leadership Team to review prior to sending out to membership, John Piper seconded. Debra Davis added a timeframe of Tuesday afternoon, to DLT then to office by Wed am to be mailed out Thurs evening. Vote to approve motion, no opposition, no abstention, motion passes unanimously.

V. Other Business:

- Theresa Stevens made a motion to accept the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes.
- Danielle Ritchie made a motion to accept the November 1, 2022 minutes. Lauren Daniel seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjournment:

- Motion made to adjourn by Theresa Stevens and seconded by Lauren Daniel.

Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Audio and video recordings of the meeting are available for review in the Church Office.

Date: November 14, 2022