

# Garden City Community Church Council of Trustees Meeting

8/19/2024

In-Person (Parlor, 245 Stewart Ave.)

## *COT voting members present:*

Kirsten Bahlke	COT Chair	In-person
Cindy Campbell	Ministry Committee	In-person
Tim Martens III	At Large - AV	In-person
Karin Melkonian	Program Committee, Connections	In-person

## *Nonvoting officers of the church present:*

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

*Clergy present:* None

*Voting members absent:* Robin Laisure and Tara Noll-Socha

*Guests present:* None

**Opening Prayer:** Kirsten read the five questions Rev. John Livingston mentioned in his sermon when he was our guest pastor on August 11, 2024. In addition to this reading the COT members present recited the R.E.S.P.E.C.T guidelines.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Council of Trustees meeting conducted on August 1 had been approved by email.

Discussion about approval to ask for volunteers for Personnel and Membership Committees.

- We will ask Gloria to send a dedicated email to ask for volunteers.
- Karin will write a job description for Service before October.
- Karin will reach out to Kimberly one more time before we take any action on the garden.

COT must be comfortable in any action we decide.

## **Update on feedback from outside Counsel:**

Discussion about independent contractor vs full-time. The overall contract is reasonable for both parties, but if we change terms then we would have a discussion in COT executive session.

**Review of Reports:** The following reports were given and received by the COT:

### 1. **Treasurer's Report -**

Joe will ask Gloria to put a chart of church revenue in the newsletter.

Martha Yasso, Jill Emmer and Paula Tusiani-Eng will be on the fundraising task force.

### 2 **Program Committee, Connections –**

- a. Karin discussed the possibility of having a Bible Study on Wednesday nights starting in late September or October. Jim Burdi and Karin will be leaders.
- b. Confirmation discussion as to who could be leaders: Doug Yasso, Amy McCoy and Amber Henriquez
- c. Kirsten will speak to Amanda about Confirmation 1 and 2.
- d. Discussion about Forum – the fellowship time will be in the parlor along with the forum. Once forum discussion begins, anyone who does not want to take part may continue to Kensington room. The ministry committee will review after the first forum.

**New Business:**

1. The Church timeline will be residing in the Kensington Room at the end of September.
2. Russ Fincher is the co-convener for the Search and Call Committee.
3. COT oversees the lunch for Welcome Day and Search and Call cottage conversations on September 15. Joe will inquire with the following places: La Bottega, King Kullen, and Dominick's Deli

**Closing Prayer**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Campbell, Chair of Ministry