

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

Special Session meeting

Thursday Dec 14,2017 at 7 p.m.

North Campus

Elders: Mark Beerends, Patti Benson, Tim Benson, Sarah Brakke, Jeff Charis-Carlson, Dave DeGroot, Kathy Duys, Ann Ford, Ethan Goers, Margaret Heidger, Bethany Lagani, Cecilia Norris, Bruce Walker, Jan Waterhouse

Excused Elders: Cindy VonderHaar

Pastor: Kyle Otterbein

Moderator protem: Kyle Otterbein

Guests: Bruce Hudson

Kyle opened with prayer.

Agenda and confidential documents sent by Jeff Charis-Carlson by e-mail December 4, including proposed contract.

Committee was unanimous in their support of Rev. Daniel DeBeer to become our interim pastor. The committee members phoned references and all were enthusiastic about him. He has a wide and successful experience, with his most recent experience at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Park, Illinois.

In the contract; full salary and housing is covered for 3 months after his service with us. Finance team has been consulted about coverage, and these costs are covered. But the budget is not yet set. Finance team is working toward a balanced budget for Saint Andrew. He has started looking for housing.

**Motion:** Approve the proposed contract?

**MSC**

Kyle has received a request for baptism of Lisa and Andrew Coons' baby at Saint Andrew. Andrew is the son of Kaye Eckhardt and grew up at SAPC, but neither parent is a member of SAPC. They would like to do baptism on a Thursday because his brother Sean and Sean's wife are both ministers (in Michigan) and busy on Sundays.

**Motion:** Approve baptism as above, date to be announced. Voted to approve.

**MSC**

Danie and his wife can be at our service this Sunday but cannot be introduced until his contract is signed.

Elders expressed thanks to the interim pastor search team for their work.

Kyle asked that we make a special effort to be at the new Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church this Sunday, December 17th. The regular services will be at 8:30 and 11:00. Cocoa and carols

at 9:45 in the atrium. An e-mail will go out tomorrow reminding about cocoa and carols. The work of the interim team is completed.

Closed with prayer. Dave Duys had dental surgery and is having problems. The Barber family needs prayer for Deb, who is in the ICU with meningitis in spinal cord. Ginny Barber had gall bladder removal surgery. Anne Dierking is in the hospital with pneumonia. Violet Lagani is recovering from a fractured growth plate in her kneecap and can't bear weight. Patti's sister-in-law is recovering from a heart attack.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.