

Governing Council Meeting Summary – December 9, 2018

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, the Called Church Conference met at Grace at 6:00 PM for a fellowship covered-dish dinner and celebration of Grace's ministry in 2018. There were 35 people present.

After the invocation, dinner was served and worship through song was held. The meeting was then called to order by the Rev. Dr. Robert Lopez, District Superintendent.

April Shaffer was nominated and elected unanimously as Recording Secretary.

Nick Cecava, Governing Council Chair, gave a recap of Council items in 2018, including but not limited to: movement to a single board model; we held 6 meetings in 2018, all open, and posted minutes are online; all decisions are based on our mission statement; we set goals and evaluated our pastors; we conducted a congregational survey; we worshipped as a group.

Carolyn Scheible, Lay Leader, shared how the Governing Council was in prayer for the church and the community, including a retreat that ended with worship and Communion, and prayer walks around the church and nearby apartment complex. She invited all of us to prayer walk wherever we may be.

Nick Cecava then gave a report on ministry accomplishments in 2018, including but not limited to: exploration of the option to host a teen pregnancy daycare; a new playground; provisions for a financial audit; goal setting by the discipleship team; approved new safety policy for children/youth; formed a parsonage task force to explore the sale of the parsonage and buying a newer one in 2019 (this will be a church-wide decision); preparation for receiving a new Senior Pastor upon Pastor Jason's retirement in July 2019. Nick then thanked Pastor Jason for his service to our congregation.

Pastor Jason, Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, reported on behalf of the committee. Pastor Jason moved the election of persons listed in the report, including Tara Perry to the Governing Council; and Mary K. Hines, Nathalie Lemley, and Johnnie Bickham to the class of 2021 for the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development. Dr. Lopez asked for other nominations from the floor; there were none, and those nominated were elected.

Dr. Lopez closed with a scripture and message for us to be the light of the world. He then led a prayer over Pastor Jason and his wife Joan for the love and affection we feel for them and for God's blessing on their lives. A final hymn and prayer closed our meeting.

A full report of the minutes can be found at ccgrace.org/governing-council