

SAINT LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Sunday, February 4, 2024, 10:40 am - South Narthex

*(*This meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by President, Marty Schmidt.)*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Violet Brooks, Phil Denton, Marsha Fey, Katy Forand, Wanda Gillman, Kathy Herron, Donovan Larson, Marty Schmidt, and Barbara Smith | Nine members.

MINISTER/S PRESENT: None

VISITOR/S PRESENT: None

MEETING TOPIC: Pastor Vicki's upcoming hip replacement surgery.

Marty called the meeting to order. He explained that very recently Pastor Vicki's surgeon had decided she should not wait until summer for her hip replacement (as she'd originally hoped for). Her surgeon has scheduled her for Monday, March 18th. It will be an outpatient procedure.

That date is the week before Holy Week. Before her doctor's decision, Pastor Merrimon and Pastor Vicki had previously arranged for her to do Maundy Thursday and for him to do our Good Friday service. However, now we will not have a minister for Maundy Thursday. This topic was then opened for discussion. The following suggestions were made:

- Marty asked our thoughts if we didn't have a service that night. (Two Council members would be very disappointed.)
- Can we secure a Supply Pastor - Marty has someone in mind. However, Supply or Bridge ministers will most likely be booked that night at this late date.
- Donovan suggested our members attend Trinity UCC/Merrimon's church - do we know if they are having a Maundy Thursday service? (The answer was unknown.)
- Barbara asked if Don Sabbert could do it for us... or Carleton Norton. (Wanda is a friend of the Norton's and advised he is now officially retired.) Marty will ask Don Sabbert at the Coffee Hour.
- Phil asked what the attendance is like during this service. (That response was about 25.) This service has typically been a challenge in the past. Katy asked if it would be likely for our members to attend this one service if an unknown minister was presiding.
- Marsha suggested a Tableau service as we've done in the past. Marty advised if Michele could put that together it is an option. *However*, we'd still need a minister for communion.
- Could we find out if any other UCC churches are having Maundy Thursday services and direct our members there? (Yes, that is another option.)

With these suggestions defined, Marty will first speak with Rev. Sabbert. If he declines Marty will contact Supply Pastor/s. Marty will also check with Merrimon about Trinity's schedule that night. Plus he'll also research a list of local UCC churches that are having a Maundy Thursday service.

With this plan understood by all, Marty asked for a motion to adjourn. Barbara made the motion and Wanda seconded it. The motion was accepted unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

(The Lord's Prayer was not recited after this very brief meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Smith, Recording Secretary

*(*The total length of this special meeting was 5 mins.)*