

Minutes Strategic Leadership Council 01/07/13
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

St. John United Church of Christ

Location: Pastor Keith's home

In attendance: Pastor Keith, Mary Ann Reilly, Tim Smith, Mitch Leigh, Sandy Kerlin

Agenda: Structure of Council and by-laws; communion bread

Meeting opened with reading of Vision and Mission by Mitch Leigh and Prayer by Pastor Keith.

1. Discussion was on what the best council structure would be for St. John UCC. Given the size of our congregation, those who attend, the difficulty of finding members willing to serve, the short time the new structure has been in place, continuity on council, the ratio of members to those new to the church, and the number of long time attendees who have not joined the church it was decided to:
 - Recommend to the congregation at the February 9, 2014 congregational meeting that six persons serve on council; President, President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, two members at large; three to be elected on even years and three to be elected on odd years.
 - Recommend that the position of Financial Secretary continue to be an appointed position, as it is currently, without a requirement to serve on council.
 - Recommend revision of by-laws (last amended 9/15/2013) to reflect council structure and other related changes.
(Tim Smith will make changes in by laws to be included in e-weekly and to be attached to these minutes. Some hard copies will also be available.)

2. A request has been made that we use regular bread in addition to gluten free bread for communion. It was agreed on recommendation by Pastor Keith and by SLC vote that this change be made.

Future Action:

- Explore the meaning on "Church membership" and why people attend but do not wish to join in order to discern if we continue current membership practices or recommend changes.
- Continue to recruit a member to serve as secretary of the council. It is critical that this position be filled.
- Appoint a nomination committee for council for 2014.
- Create a document that defines council positions and duties for use by the nomination committee and congregation. The purpose is for better communication and understanding of council roles, time commitments and responsibilities.
- Meet on January 14, 2014, 6:30 PM at Church. All meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.