



# Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## DEACONS

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
■		Peg Birk (2020)	■		Brian Siska (2018), <i>Clerk</i>
■		Pat Born (2018)	■		Jim van Iwaarden (2019), <i>Treasurer</i>
■		Ed Curtiss (2019)	■		Greg Zoidis (2019)
■		Katie Dillon (2018)		■	Beth Faeth, <i>Transitional Minister for Congregational Care</i>
■		Claire Kolmodin (2020), <i>Moderator</i>	■		Paula Northwood, <i>Minister for Spiritual Formation</i>
■		Catherine Shreves (2020)			

**GUESTS:** Allison Campbell Jensen

### ***Actions Taken:***

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Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting electronically approved.

Item 2. Motion passed electronically to approve the call letters for Paula Northwood and Beth Faeth.

Item 3. Motion was approved to approve the budget as recommended by the Board of Finance and Administration.

### ***Agenda and Minutes:***

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#### **Opening Meditation**

Ed read *A Vision* by Wendell Berry.

#### **Report of the Ministers**

The Board of Worship continues to discuss the proposed service time change and to receive feedback.

Paula invited a retired professor from Union Theological Seminary to assess the preaching of the ministers and Seth.

Philip and the planning committee are hard at work planning Philip's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, which should be quite spectacular.

We should hold an installation service for Beth, perhaps early in the next church year.

#### **Report of the Moderator**

No report.

#### **Report of the Treasurer**

No report.

#### **Budget for 2018-2019**

Pledge income has been declining at about 5% per year. Discussed how the draw this year is larger due to reflecting capitalized building expenditures. Part of the draw is being used for transition costs and is funded by Foundations for the Future from the capital campaign. Discussed need for growth of pledging, other income possibilities, and future building costs. Total draw against comingled funds will be \$418,687. Motion passed to approve the budget as recommended by the Board of Finance and Administration.

Agreed to hold budget information sessions on May 20 and June 3 at 9:00.

#### **Nominations**

The committee has received a number of nominations for Deacons and boards. They will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Interim Minister Search Committee Update**

There are two final candidates who will be interviewed again Saturday and Monday. Expect to have final recommendation by May 9. Deacons will have final approval. Deacons will also be involved in negotiating a contract with the interim.

#### **Transition Planning Task Force Update**

Meeting this week to discuss reaching out to some key older members of the congregation. Also continuing to work on ministry models.

#### **Next Meeting Preview**

Annual meeting

#### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Siska, Clerk*