

## **University Mennonite Church Business Meeting**

**May 13, 2018, 11:09 a.m.**

Pending Congregational Approval

May 13, 2017, 11:08 am

Attendance: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch, Karen Brandes, Cathy Bresee, Carolyn Brubaker, Rosita & Tim Derstine, Alison & Jeremy Gernand, Mark Hoover, Carl Keener, Becky & Dale Kephart, Fidele & Leah Lumeya, Elaine Mercer, Doug & Sue Miller, Nathaniel Myers, Fran Osseo-Asare & Osseo Asare, Ieva Perkons, Esther Prins, Karen Rath, Gabrielle & Mike Robinson, Gloria Horst Rosenberger & Jim Rosenberger, Eric Smith, Tom & Sharon Spicher, Amy Sattler, Evelyn Stauffer, Joel & Krista Weidner, Meredith Wideman, Leah Witzig, Scott Woods

Note: This was a special meeting to discuss and process the candidacy of Kate Heinzl as a pastoral candidate.

Karen Rath opened the meeting with prayer. Karen then shared an overview of the search process that was provided by Kathleen Stehouwer, search committee chair.

The committee reviewed twenty candidate synopses that were provided by Dave Mishler, our conference minister. The committee then asked for eleven Ministerial Leadership Information forms (MLIs). Out of the MLIs reviewed, four candidates were chosen to proceed with Zoom (remote voice/video) interviews. One candidate withdrew their name, and the committee moved forward with three Zoom interviews. After the initial interviews, the committee agreed to invite Kate Heinzl to State College for a day of in-person interviews with the committee. After the in-person interview the committee unanimously agreed to move forward and invite Kate as a pastoral candidate.

Karen shared some of the comments that Kathleen received when conducting telephone conversations with the references provided by Kate in her MLI.

Joel Weidner then opened the meeting up to anyone who wanted to share their impressions after experiencing the weekend and/or reading the information provided and listening to the recordings. The bulk of the meeting was dedicated to listening to each other, until everyone had an opportunity to speak.

Karen then confirmed the procedure for voting. Paper ballots were distributed to those who wanted one and email ballots had been previously emailed to the sharing list. Voting would begin immediately. All members of University Mennonite Church are eligible to vote.

Email ballots should be mailed to Gloria Horst Rosenberger and Karen Rath and are due by noon on Sunday, May 20. Be sure to include your name on the email ballot and clear language from the ballot indicating your vote. Anyone voting by email should expect a confirmation email reply that your email ballot was received.

Paper ballots should be deposited in the ballot box in the foyer by the end of the congregational meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Sunday May 20. Paper ballots must include your name.

Doug Miller encouraged everyone to keep Kate in our prayers this week as she is also discerning the call to be our pastor.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Joel Weidner, secretary