

A special Zion Board meeting was held on Wednesday evening, August 29, 2012 at approximately 7:30 p.m. David Koogler, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following were present: David Benckert, Shirley Mills, Nancy Nicholas, Carolyn Dickerson, Marilyn Sumski and Shirley Moss, Secretary.

Head Elder David Benckert reported that Dan Stevens will serve as Zion's Interim Minister for at least 11 weeks. Dan may be willing to serve longer in that role if needed. The Elders will address this later, in a couple of months.

The main purpose of this meeting was to take the first step in searching for a new minister, as required by Section V.1. of Zion's Bylaws, which states as follows:

A representative committee of five (5), one of which shall be the Head Elder, shall be nominated by the Moderator and elected by the General Board to serve as a Pulpit Committee and be responsible for recommending a prospective minister to the General Board.

David Koogler described the extensive process he had gone through over last three weeks to talk to members who had volunteered to serve on the committee and also to other leaders at Zion to get their input. His goal was to nominate a diverse group that represented the demographics of our congregation. David said he was satisfied that the candidates he nominated were "representative" of Zion as they are from at least three generations, include men and women, include both long time members and those relatively new to Zion, and most importantly, include representation of a young family and a teenager. David noted that in a couple of cases, two individuals were interested in serving in one of the slots on the committee, and those individuals talked among themselves and decided who would serve on the committee, with the other serving as an alternate.

David presented the following nominees for the Board's consideration:

David Benckert
Hayden Cran
Shelby Gayle (Joyce Harris – Alternate)
Pam Steele (Jane Sasser – Alternate)
Chris Holloway

After very little discussion, Shirley Mills made a motion to accept the nominees and alternates as presented; Nancy Nichols seconded the motion and by voice vote they were approved. The Pastor Search Committee will begin its work by meeting with Lee Parker, Regional Minister, on September 6. The two alternates will attend also, and Moderator David Koogler plans to be there to observe.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with David Benckert leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley W. Moss, Secretary

