

November Council Highlights

Council met twice in November. On November 1, the meeting focused on the normal business of the church. On November 8, the discussion focused on our future activities.

At the first meeting, council acted on several items. A request for use of the facilities for portions of the San Juan Choral Festival in June of 2023 was approved. This request came from Dave Conrad of our congregation. The new Charter for the Vice Chair of Finance was reviewed and approved. Changes to several policies shifting approvals from the Council to the Administrative Committee were adopted. Work was initiated on a new "interest survey" to identify volunteers' willingness to serve at UCSJ. Discussions of the PST selection process started in earnest.

On November 8, Pastor Charlie spent most of the time previewing his planned presentation to the congregation on November 21. He presented his analysis of the church based on his seven months as our interim pastor. During that time, he conducted interviews with many in the congregation. He also distributed and received responses to a list of questions. Charlie shared his "findings" and analysis about the status of UCSJ. This was one of the tasks that Charlie was hired to perform.

In his analysis, Charlie introduced the council to the concept that each church and each pastor have a certain DNA. Attempts to change DNA are unlikely to succeed. Discussion closed with planning for the appointment of the PST, including opportunities for the congregation to volunteer, timeline for council nominations, and membership vote.

As pointed out in the "It's Time to Search for a Pastor" article, on page three, council asks members to prayerfully consider helping with the search process