

## KVCC Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

**Present:** Pastor John Sampson, Debby Rice, Linda Bogardus, Susie Allen, Liz Jaques, Shawn Lamarche, Fritz Sabbow, Charlotte Lichtenberg, Elizabeth Davidson Derr, Katharine Preston, Annie Scavo, Pam Gothner, and Deborah Mitchell.

Debby opened the meeting at 5:32 PM (Zoom Meeting)

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor John led us in prayer.

**Quorum:** We had a quorum at tonight's meeting.

### Agenda Items:

Proposed Retreat Leaders Agenda: Based on feedback from the congregation, we would like to continue to have another spiritual retreat as we had last year with John Phillip Newell. These types of retreats are a return to the history of our church where we benefit from different thinkers and leaders in our spiritual exploration.

Based on input, Pastor John and Susie Allen suggested a retreat by Padraig O'Tuama and provided an overview about him (i.e. artistic, poetic, focus on restorative justice, theology, great sense of humor). Members of this group also shared their thoughts and perspectives based on their knowledge of Padraig O'Tuama.

We discussed having a similar format as last year's retreat with some changes. The retreat is tentatively scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We talked about preparing for this retreat by getting to know more about him, such as watching videos, book discussion group, etc. and how best to schedule this retreat, based on feedback from last summer's speaker retreat.

Fritz Sabbow made a motion we approve the speaker's retreat with Padraig O'Tuama. Elizabeth Davidson Derr seconded the motion. A vote was cast, and it was unanimous in favor of this event.

Deborah Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Mitchell, Clerk