

Boulder Mennonite Church
Council meeting
8 January 2026

Present: Paul Classen, Barry Janzen, Toni Diaz, Ezra Tice, Karen Cox, Douglas Minter, Becky Neuman, Bruce Fast (recorder). By Zoom: Paul & Mary McKay.

Meeting opened by Barry with reading a prayer from Randy.

Transition: Barry has spoken with Amy. The PCRC input and the CIF (congregational information form) are in place.

Council discussed the pros and cons of advertising for an "interim" vs "transitional" pastor, where the latter would be explicitly excluded from consideration for becoming the long-term pastor.

The consensus was that our job description will be clear that the transitional pastor will not be considered for the long-term pastorate. The job description will get a final edit by Karen, who will distribute it by email to the folks who will get it posted. Ads should be posted on Facebook, Anabaptist World, Messenger, InterMinistry, ZING!, and the BMC website.

PCRC: met yesterday, discussing goals and points of discussion in job interviews. Add to job qualification: awareness of current trends in our congregation, and awareness of trends in broader Christian church with ideas for ministry going forward.

Transition work is being done by (1) Transitional team. (2) deacons, (3) worship committee.

It was suggested that we should put announcement with these decisions into the bulletin.

Deacons: meeting at 8:30 tomorrow morning, may work out a rotation so that one deacon per week is the primary contact.

Worship committee: Paul requested that there be an official group, choosing official leader email list restricted to actual members. Also, prioritize the worship experience for newcomers and folks on the fringe, and not get bogged down in issues important only to involved members.

Coming Sundays: On January 18, Karen is speaking, but Ezra will lead the Christian Ed hour with the Isaiah discussions. Barry & Douglas will be back on the following Sunday, January 25, when Amy Zimbelman is speaking, and will moderate a congregational discussion about transitional issues.

Trustees: Karl and Steve replaced the remaining fluorescent lights in the foyer with LED lighting.

(recorder left meeting at 6:15)