

Ministry Council Minutes  
Zoom: June 17, 2024

**Attendees**

Tim Higgins: Moderator  
Molly Hankins: Designated Moderator (Absent)  
Julie Hapke: Past Moderator  
Jackie Plourde: Secretary  
Lela Lauricha: Treasurer  
Melody Ellsworth: Registrar (Absent)  
Julie Hapke: Worship Committee  
Molly Hankins: Communications/Marketing (Absent)  
Zach Jarabeck: Missions (Absent)  
Shelly Henry: Education  
Ed Hapke: Resource/Operations  
Carrie Evans: Community Life (Absent)  
TBD: Pastor/Parish

Start Time: 6:36

**1. Pastor Wally**

- Need to sign contract: Jackie & Lela
- Start Date: July 1, 2024
- Workdays: TBD
- First Service: July 7, 2024
- HR Onboarding
  - Direct Deposit Paperwork
  - I 99 paperwork
- Support for Wally
  - Emotional
  - Careful to not bombard him with everything all at once

2. Thinking Cap Discussion Time ensued where we asked and reflected on the following questions.

What kind of church do we want to be?

What is God calling us to do?

Summary of comments:

- Growth is needed and needs to be mission driven
- We are open to questions
- Hope is clearly needed in Aurora
  - So Much Hate; Need to Show Love
  - People who have been hurt by organized religion or know of others hurt by organized religion.
  - What is the relevancy of Church?

- Faith based voice of reason
- Sacred Time vs Action Time
  - Other social options available
- Are activities on Thursday night an option?
- Current and possible action items
  - Game Nights
  - JHLTB
  - Social Justice
    - Good Trouble
    - Only Love can Drive Out Hate
  - Connecting event ideas-
    - Feed My Starving Children
    - Politicians or Forums to discuss areas of concern/interest
    - Mutual Ground
  - Reach Out to Young People
- How do we turn thoughts into Action?

### 3. Each One, Reach One Idea

- Invitational Piece
- How do we get better at asking the ASK?
- We don't have to reinvent the wheel; Join Others
- Grow that JOY
- What Would Jesus Do Church
- Walk the Walk not just Talk the Talk
- Initial action- create a business size card that Hoppers can hand to people
  - Prototype of card to include:
    - Hope Logo
    - Address
    - Other Basics
    - Other Side: Nuggets from the Statement of Hope
    - Julie will ask Molly and Genna to create sample for next MC meeting

Next MC meeting- July 21<sup>st</sup> after church

Quarterly meeting- August 18<sup>th</sup>

End Time: 7:31 PM

Respectively Submitted  
Jackie Plourde