



July Meeting Minutes 2025
Prepared for: Hope Strategic Planning Council
Prepared by Tuesday Williams
Date of Meeting: July 15, 2025

Members Present

Krister Ulmanis, Interim Senior Pastor
Michael King, Director of Finance
Wally Bishop, Director of Facilities
Evan Finley, SPC Member at Large
John Davis, SPC Member at Large
Tuesday Williams, Recording Secretary

Members Absent

Amy Cooley Higgs, Associate Pastor
Bob Benedict, President
Augusta Stephens, SPC Member at Large

Call to Order

The Strategic Planning Council meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Opening Prayer

Pastor Krister

Meeting Minutes Review

- **Approval of June Meeting Minutes - June 17th, 2025**
 - Could not vote, not enough voting members present
 - Will vote to approve next month

President's Report - Bob Benedict

- Open position on SPC due to vacancy from Allen Kneale stepping down

- Personnel is working to find a replacement
- Transition Team is ending and Call Committee has already begun
- Church Business Administrator
 - Position has been accepted - waiting for background check
 - Start date on Monday July 28th
 - Allen P will move to Finance

Senior Pastor Report - Pastor Krister Ulmanis

- Call Process
 - The Call Committee met with Rev. Jennifer Kiefer, Assistant to the Bishop on 7/9/25
 - Also came up with interview questions and decided to conduct a couple mock interviews with current clergy
- Worship
 - Summer season - one service
 - Hope Fest to be held September 7th, 2025
 - Need to get moving on this as soon as possible
 - Will add to announcements that we need volunteers for help
- Dinners for 8
 - Going great!
 - Great way for new pastor to meet congregation
- Worship Attendance - June 2025
 - 1st: Blended: 132 on-site, 58 on-line
 - 8th: Blended: 111 on-site, 46 on-line
 - 15th: Blended: 81 on-site, 26 on-line
 - 22nd: Blended: 91 on-site, 50 on-line
 - 29th: Blended: 122 on-site, 70 on-line
 - Avg: Blended: 107 on-site, 50 on-line

Financial Report - Michael King

- June finished in the positive
- One-time gift of \$14,000 helped this month

Personnel Report - Pastor Krister

- New custodian is doing a really good job
 - We still need help moving tables, chairs, etc.
 - Wally will check with Men's Ministry

Facilities Report - Wally Bishop

- Scouts will begin work on the trail this weekend and next

Stewardship Report - John Davis

- Stewardship for All Seasons campaign - contact with Paul (our leader)
 - They will handle publications if we want/need
 - Requesting 2 dozen photos or so of our church currently to get some promotions going
 - 2 statements about our Stewardship Campaign and what we want to focus on for this year

Matters Arising (New Business)

- No new business

Next Meeting

- August 19th, 2025 at 7:00pm

Closing

- Close out in Prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm