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Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
Zoom

January 27, 2026, 6:30pm

**Members Present:** John Skillman, Pastor Ryan Miller, Hannah Goering, Nancy Westover, Dan Brewer, Charlene Quint

**Members Absent:** Carol Walton, Mark Harger

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with discussion of a proposal presented by Gary Elsbury, Director of Building and Grounds. The proposal recommended replacing the entire church roof in the current year rather than over the previously planned five-year period. Available funding would come from the Endowment Fund and designated gifts, potentially supplemented by an insurance claim.

After extended discussion, the Elders determined that additional information was needed before making a decision. Specifically, they requested details on how the use of an insurance claim, the choice of roofing materials, and bids from up to three roofing contractors would affect both current and long-term church costs. Pastor Ryan was to relay these requests to Gary.

At 7:20 PM, at Pastor Ryan's request, John moved and Hannah seconded to enter Executive Session. The Executive Session concluded at 7:27 PM.

Pastor Ryan reported receiving a request to allow Carrie Yeaman, Director of Children and Family Ministries, to perform a baptism. The Elders noted that the GCC Constitution does not prohibit a non-ordained person from performing a baptism and that there are Scriptural examples of non-ordained believers baptizing others. In the spirit of removing any obstacle for a believer to publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus, the Elders supported the request. They also agreed to review the GCC Faith Conclusions to provide future clarification on this matter.

Ryan announced staff decisions regarding the summer worship, which maintains the schedule followed in recent years: one worship service at 10:00 AM beginning Memorial Day weekend, with a return to two services after Labor Day. The fall schedule was to include a 9:00 AM Traditional service and a 10:45 AM Contemporary service.

The Elders then held a book discussion on chapters from *Leading with Prayer*, focusing on the practices of fasting and retreat. Elders shared personal experiences and the benefits of these practices, and Ryan discussed ways these disciplines could be incorporated into church life.

The meeting concluded with an extended time of prayer for the country, community, and church family. The meeting ended with prayer led by Ryan at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the GCC Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Westover  
GCC Church Secretary