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Elder Board Meeting Minutes

GCC Community Room

May 12, 2026

Members Present: Hannah Goering, John Skillman, Pastor Ryan Miller, Nancy Westover, Dan Brewer, Charlene Quint, Carol Walton, Mark Harger

Members Absent: none

Guests: Gary Elsbury, Director of Building and Grounds, David Ulrich, Director of Stewardship

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dan at 6:35 PM. Charlie moved and Mark seconded with Elders approving the minutes of the April 14 meeting as amended. John reported from the May Director's meeting. Finances were reported to be steady. Pastor Brian was working on a proposal for the North Wing as envisioned by church staff.

The Board reviewed the application from Jenila Mathialagan and approved her nomination for the position to be open due to the departure of Charlene Quint from the board.

Gary Elsbury joined the meeting at 7 PM and reported on current Building and Grounds. He discussed preparing to leave the position by fiscal year 2027-28. He has consolidated information needed in this position and was recommending the consideration of paid staff in the future. There were fewer volunteers with the needed knowledge and skills available to cover maintenance needs. He also reported that an older building the size of GCC, approximately 40,000 square feet, typically had a higher annual budget.

Dave Ulrich joined the meeting at 7:50 PM to present the proposed Annual Budget for 2026-27. After discussion, the Elders approved the proposal as clerically amended to present to the congregation.

Pastor Ryan joined the meeting at 8:40 PM. He announced that the next Director's meeting on June 28 was to be a combined meeting with the elders. He was to lead a final discussion on the book *Lead with Prayer*, focusing on the implementation of suggestions from the book as well as further discussion on ways to welcome and keep new congregants.

Mike Rancharan's request for Renewal Leave was presented and approved for six weeks this summer with the requested stipend. Pastor Ryan closed the meeting in prayer.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for May 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Westover
GCC Church Secretary