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Elder Board Meeting Minutes

ZOOM

May 26, 2026

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

Members Absent: none

Charlie opened the meeting with prayer at 6:36 PM. Pastor Ryan reminded everyone to review the book *Lead with Prayer* prior to the joint meeting with staff scheduled for June 28. John and Dan were to be unavailable for that meeting but everyone was encouraged to submit thoughts and suggestions based on the book to Ryan.

Ryan reported that Stacie has asked for approval to use a housing allowance from her salary as permitted by IRS rules. Nancy so moved with a second from Charlie and the Board approved. Ryan suggested that the church standardize the Building Use Policy by September 14, 2027 given the number of outside organizations that either use or rent the building. The board recommended including language addressing liability protection. Ryan was to follow up.

Ryan also moved that the Board recommend Jenila Mathialagan as the Elder candidate to the congregation at the upcoming Congregational Meeting. Charlie seconded and seven board members approved with John abstaining until he reviewed her application. The motion carried.

The Board then reviewed the procedure and agenda for the upcoming Congregational Meeting. Two meetings were scheduled immediately following the services on May 30 and June 7 for the congregation to review the proposed budget for 2026-27 and the application from the elder candidate. Dave Ulrich, the Director of Stewardship, was to be present in both meetings to explain the proposed budget and answer questions or concerns. Elders volunteered to attend each meeting to address any concerns regarding the elder candidacy:

- Nancy Westover and John Skillman were to attend on May 30.
- Dan Brewer and Mark Harger were to attend on June 7.

The Annual Congregational Meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2026 to immediately follow the service. The next regular elder meeting was scheduled with the Staff and Directors for June 28, 2026 at GCC following the service.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Westover
GCC Church Secretary