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Elder Board Meeting Minutes

GCC Community Room/Zoom
August 11, 2026

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

Members Absent: None

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dan at 6:39 PM. Hannah moved to accept the minutes of July 14, 2026; Dan seconded. Ryan was absent for that meeting and requested an amendment to reflect that. The Board approved the minutes as amended. Carol moved to approve the minutes of July 28, 2026; Ryan seconded. He also requested some wording changes. The minutes were approved as amended.

Mark led a discussion of the Guiding Principles focusing on the job description for the newly created position of Director of Digital Media. Ryan was to discuss this with Dan and Mike Rancharan, the Director of Worship, to clarify role and report back to the Elders at the October business meeting. To comply with the requirement for period review, the Elders will review each section of the document over a six-month period. The first section was to be the Organization Principle, pages 17-18.

The Board discussed the progress of the Contingency Plans. Dan mentioned the need for a plan for overall security, not just that for an Active Shooter situation. Other areas addressed are nearing completion.

Mark reported from the Director's meeting that Dave Ulrich is starting work on a 5-Year Capitol plan for GCC. Pastor Brian submitted a written vision for the use of the North Wing and other updates needed with the building.

Pastoral Renewal leave was reviewed, updated and approved by the Board as of 8-11-26.

John reported both a decrease in giving and decrease in expenditures for the Renewal past month.

Pastor Ryan brought forward a concern from Stacie Hintz and Carrie Yeaman regarding their concerns about updating the Child Protection Policy. Hannah and Pastor Ryan were to review various resources made available to them and Ryan was to encourage them in this task.

The Elders, Staff and Directors planned to start reading the Book *Transforming Worship* by Rory Noland. The Elders were to be prepared to discuss the Forward -Chapter 2 for the next elder meeting on August 25.

The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM with prayer by Mark. The next meeting was scheduled for August 25 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Westover
GCC Church Secretary