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Elder Board Meeting Minutes
Zoom meeting

August 25, 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 Hannah at 6:38 PM. Hannah moved to accept the minutes of August 11, 2026 as amended. John seconded and the Board approved. Mark clarified the timing of annual goals expected of the Senior Pastor, Staff, Directors and Elders. It was decided that goals will run according to the calendar year. Each group was to initiate a review of current goals and discussion of new ones in October for implementation as of January of the next year.

The purpose of a GCC Vision Statement was discussed along with the requirement that if one is developed, it will need to be brought to the congregation before being added to the church Constitution. Each Elder was requested to review samples collected in the online folder and add ideas to them. Further action was tabled.

Mark requested that the Board consider the services of a company specializing in Emergency Action Plans for churches. He was to plan a meeting with the following for further evaluation:

- Norman Moore, the company owner
- Dan Brewer and John Skillman, Elders
- Deanna Dreyer, Congregant

Pastor Ryan led an introductory discussion of the preface and first two chapters of *Transforming Worship*, for Elder Growth and Development. Two important observations were that worship is initiated by God and is interactive. The next discussion was to cover chapters 3-5 on September 22.

The Elders prayed together for each other and the needs of the church and community. Nancy adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 PM on September 8 in the GCC Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Westover
GCC Church Secretary