

Church Council Minutes – 7/16/2026

Present: Pastor Nat Bothwell, Cindi Zimmerman, Lona Boyarsky, Jana Mitchell, Brenda Neville, Rose Arrasmith, Lindsay Gustafson, Ed Fulk, Brenda Neville

Absent: none

Lindsay called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

1. Opening devotion (Jana) – n/a
2. Brenda made a motion to approve the July agenda, Cindi seconded. No discussion needed. The motion passed.
3. Barb Mallon came to talk for the Cemetery Committee. There was a bill from Stone Setters of Iowa. 67 stones were repaired. The bill for \$7,768.00 needed to be approved. They had the money from the donation to cover the invoice.
4. Strategic conversation (20 minutes)
 - a. Review survey questions. Thoughts? Next steps? – There will be a survey sent out to the congregation at the end of summer/early fall using Mail Chimp. The survey questions were reviewed. They look good and we expect to get good feedback from it.
 - i. Nat did some envelope research, totally doable if we want this option – if needed, will decide after results are in from the survey. Leaning towards an opt-in option for envelopes. They will be generic, so anyone can use them at any time.
5. Decision items
 - a. Approve June minutes – Brenda made a motion to approve the June minutes. Cindi seconded the motion. No discussion was needed and the motion passed.
 - b. Review and approve May financial reports (have not received have June yet)
 - i. \$20,000 transfer request passed by council via email 6/26 (thank you!), email sent to Juli to move forward, funds will be transferred to general fund account in two deposits: \$9851 should be 7/10, \$10,249 hopefully 7/13 or 7/14
 - ii. The A/C units are 29 years old. Discussion to look into replacing them. The freon was partially filled to help limp the system along for the rest of the summer.
 - iii. Brenda made a motion to approve the financial reports. Cindi seconded the motion. No further discussion was had and the motion passed.
 - c. Tammy and Joe to retire at end of year. Next steps – they worked here for 20 to 25 years. We are looking for someone close to the church that cares as much as they did about the church. It will be put into the bulletin that they are retiring and they we are looking for someone(s) who can/will do it. We will celebrate Tammy & Joe at the end of the year, as well as Erica.

6. Committee reports (5 minutes each)

- a. Pastor's report – Nat will be taking a vacation after next Sunday.
- b. Additional committee reports

- i. Property

- 1. Doors – Cindi update – the glass is in, just needs to be put into the doors. Estimated 2-3 more weeks before done. Will do a blessing before they are hung.
 - 2. FYI – cemetery headstone cleaning, \$7768 invoice, already money to cover – see above from Barb Mallon.
 - 3. AC unit – Freon leak continues, replenished enough to get by, getting estimates for new. Two pounds of freon were added at \$200/lb. There may be a leak. Looking to replace and work into budget for next year.

- ii. Kitchen

- 1. Brenda update – putting a report together for the committee. It will be comprehensive for the council. They met w/ Dave Helland and cuts were made from the plan. They are working on fundraising ideas. Other concern – possible using funds out of reserves. Fellowship hall is a separate quote. Will be based on feedback from meeting that is set for two weeks from today.
 - 2. Committee at next meeting? – maybe August or September

7. Additional business (5 minutes)

- a. Choose council member in service
 - i. February 22: Ed, March 22: Lindsay, April 26: Brenda, May 24: Cindi, June 21: Lona
 - ii. July 19: Lindsay
- b. Choose council meeting devotions
 - i. February 19: Cindi, March 19: Lindsay, April 23: Cindi, May 21: Rose, June 18: Lona, July 16: Jana
 - ii. August 20: Jana

8. Next meeting is August 20, 5pm

Jana made a motion to adjourn. Ed seconded the motion. No discussion was had, and the motion passed.

Adjourn at: 6:07 pm

9. Closing prayer

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