

Church Council Minutes – 8/20/26

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

Absent: Ed Fulk

Lindsay called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

1. Opening devotion by Jana
2. Brenda made a motion to approve the August agenda, Jana seconded the motion. No discussion was needed. The motion passed.
3. Strategic Conversations (15 minutes)
 - a. Next steps needed for implementing survey, Date to send? Deadline for completion? - keep the survey simple. It's good. Nat will email the MailChimp survey to the council to preview/test the survey. Will regroup at the next meeting.
 - b. Next steps for custodian search – put it in the bulletin to start. Word of mouth, post on Slater bulletin boards (Larry's, City Hall, Post Office, Methodist church? The job takes about 4 hours per week, paid. Invite someone to apply if anyone has someone in mind.
4. Decision items (15 minutes)
 - a. Approve July minutes – Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes. Cindi seconded the motion. No discussion was needed. The motion passed.
 - b. Review and approve June and July financial reports -
 - i. \$16,000 came in as a gift for air conditioners
 - ii. Board approved moving forward with air conditioners via email this month, Lindsay has emailed to get the ball rolling on purchase and install, haven't heard back yet
 1. Brenda made a motion to approve the financial reports (June & July). Jana seconded the motion. No discussion was needed. The motion passed.
 - c. Children's music lead – Anders is stepping down as the children's music leader. He is concentrating his time on confirmation aged children. Jonathan may be able to take that over. It's 5 hours a week. Too early to vote – Perhaps Stephanie can volunteer? Can we pay them?
5. Committee reports (5 minutes each)
 - a. Pastor's report
 - i. Come to church on Sunday for door blessing, doors will be installed next week
 - ii. God's Work Our Hands on 9/13 – tree planting/dog park clean up
 1. 9am service – sending hymn, kids register for Sunday school
 - iii. Locker wedding went fine
 - iv. Golf outing on 9/20 – pay when you show up, Lunch @ noon, Golf @ 1pm
 - v. Key pad on East door installed on Monday, also lock on janitorial closet
 - b. Committee reports
 - i. Property
 1. Doors – install next week, commission old doors 8/23
 - ii. Kitchen
 1. Brenda to provide update, full committee unable to come –

- a. Committee held/will hold aggressive fundraising dinner @ elementary school – banqueting table on a Sunday in October
 - b. Raised \$15K in 48 hours
 - c. Need a flyer designed
 - d. Invite committee after fundraising events (John, Cindi Johnson, Barb, Brenda)
 - iii. Investment Team
 - 1. Report doesn't reflect \$20K withdrawal
- 6. Additional business (5 minutes)
 - a. Pests –
 - i. Spent \$168 on bait stations for mice – looking at a monthly service \$140/mo., would discourage mice from coming back around
 - ii. Bats are above the sanctuary steeple – inspection found dead bats/squirrels, wall full of guano
 - 1. A proposal is being prepared to close gaps with a bat unfriendly foam, getting options
 - b. Choose council member in service
 - i. February 22: Ed, March 22: Lindsay, April 26: Brenda, May 24: Cindi, June 21: Lona, July 19: Lindsay
 - ii. August 23: Lona
 - c. Choose council meeting devotions
 - i. February 19: Cindi, March 19: Lindsay, April 23: Cindi, May 21: Rose, June 18: Lona, July 16: none, August 20: Jana
 - ii. September 17: Brenda
- 7. Next meeting is September 17, 5pm – Jana made a motion to end the meeting @ 6:10 pm. Brenda seconded the motion. The meeting ended with the closing prayer.
- 8. Closing prayer