

Church Council Minutes- 9/17/26

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

Absent: Rose Arrasmith

Lindsay made motion to start the meeting at 5:04 pm

1. Opening devotion - Brenda gave opening devotions
2. Approve September agenda - Brenda made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed seconded the motion. No discussion was needed. The motion passed.
3. Strategic conversations

a. Any comments on the survey?

It is good, straight forward - send out any time discussion about electronic payments

b. Additional approaches to move forward with?

- Annual report - add reminder about e-giving update amount or contact info with instructions
- Lindsay looked at 24-26 Financials - costs are rising, not declining generosity
 - 24-25 increase of 2%, up by \$4K, expenses up from \$200K to \$235K - biggest increases in healthcare & utilities
 - E-giving up 8%, envelopes down 20%, loose down 68%

4. Decision items

- a. Approve August minutes - Jana made a motion to approve, Brenda seconded. No discussion was needed, the motion passed.
- b. No August financial reports (Erica/Steph working on them 9/18)
Should be available tomorrow
- c. Once August financials are received, Lindsay will send out via email, then anyone available can stay after service the following Sunday for a brief budget only meet up to discuss

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d. Roznos memorial funds

- i. Initial memorial (\$55,898) wasn't designated - should have been 1/2 between kitchen & ½ to pantry
- ii. In 8/31/25, when reorganizing into buckets, was put into 'kitchen' to hold
- iii. In December 2025, when discussing possible kitchen funding, we talked about:
 1. \$30,898-\$25,898 of Rozmos memorial for kitchen (remaining into pantry, approx. half)
- iv. No vote was taken on where the Rozmos memorial should go, half was never moved to the pantry fund in our financials for tracking
 - need to firm up where funds should be allocated Brenda- Erica sent to her - want to check - there could be Pantry money in the kitchen fund.

5. Committee reports (5 minutes each)

a. Pastor's report

- Front doors installed
- conf. orientation 7th 8th combined this year
- Golf is this weekend - five 4-somes + maybe some more
- Christmas @ Bethlehem - the show doesn't lose money, but it is a lot for Jonathan - No promises that it will happen
 - More about DMACC connection coming - maybe
- There will be a notice on Sunday for a sign up for cell notifications from the church

b. Committee reports

i. Property

- Air conditioners install, 17th and 18th - they were here today, they are installed
- Looking to have 1 lock for all outdoor doors
- There was an estimate for Bat remediation

ii. Additional reports

- Tim Locker has offered to serve on Investment committee
 - Not sure if a vote is needed
 - Ed made a motion to appoint him. Brenda seconded the motion. The motion passed
- Banqueting table returns Oct. 7
 - Beef Burgers
- Norwegian Dinner Oct. 25 @ Ballard Elementary

6. Additional business (5 minutes)

a. Custodian search progress? - Nothing has happened yet. Ed suggested asking his niece Aila

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, August 23: Lona
- ii. September 20: _Cindi volunteered

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, September 17: Brenda
- ii. October 15: Lindsay volunteered

7. Next meeting is October 15, 5pm - the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

8. Closing prayer