

Church Council Minutes – 5/27/25

Present: Lindsay Gustafson, Dave White, Cindi Zimmerman, Brenda Neville, Doug Houser

Absent: Ed Fulk, Rose Arrasmith, Pastor Nat

Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Lindsay led devotions. (Bird call app = Merlin)

Went over agenda for the meeting. Brenda motioned to approve agenda, Lindsay seconded, motion passed.

Went over minutes from April. Brenda motioned to approve minutes, Cindi seconded.

Looked over treasurer's report for April. Discussion of Alliant Energy bill—it seems high. Are we using more energy? Are they charging us more, or is there possibly a billing issue? Doug and Erica will look into it. Lindsay moved to approve, Cindi seconded.

Pastor's report:

Doug read the pastor's report. Pastor is taking a trip over Memorial Day weekend. He is concerned about where we are financially right now, including utilities. Discussed setting up automatic recurring giving for offering. Discussed length of services, but have had a lot of extra stuff going on recently (seniors, Myrna/Tami/Jana, Marty Haugen, etc.) One hour is a good amount of time for worship. New groundskeeping shed is working out well, and now has electricity, and mowers work. Had some water in the women's restroom recently. Ministry teams are getting geared up. Time and Talent change for 2025—every 3 months instead of doing whole year at once. Confirmation has new leaders. Will be using current curriculum, but pastor will be making it available digitally. Using ChatGPT to help with this project. Church calendar is updated for 2025-26. Will soon be looking at new directory and GWOH.

New Business:

Welcome Brenda! Thank you for joining us!

Church council meeting dates – keep as is or change to Sundays? Currently we meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We decided to keep 4th Tuesday of the month. Executive council will meet the Sunday before the meeting.

Sarah will give Council member in service talk this Sunday, Lindsay will give it at the end of June.

Will discuss God's Work Our Hands at next meeting (need to add link)

Will also discuss Rose's email at next meeting.

Old Business:

Kitchen project update from Brenda – Still waiting on getting estimate. Some of initial estimates are way more than anticipated. Have Dave Helland on hold for this summer. Brenda is hoping we can get it done in a couple of months once it is started, but need to keep in mind there may be delays.

Food Pantry update from Brenda – Didn't get Prairie Meadows grant. Have a list of other grant applications they are working on. Focusing right now on agricultural groups with food security as a mission statement.

Updated Constitution update from Doug – Andy is still working on the constitution update.

150th Anniversary update from Cindi – The group is finalized, getting initial meeting set up but haven't settled on a date yet.

Audit update from Cindi – John Johnson, Trent Seigfried, and Bob Krause have agreed to meet and work on this.

Next meeting new business will include God's Work Our Hands, Memorial Fund rework, and Rose's email.

Council said Lord's Prayer.

Brenda moved to adjourn, Cindi seconded.