

Church Council Minutes – 2/19/2026

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

Absent:

Doug called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05. Cindi led devotions/prayer. Lindsay moved to approve the agenda, Lona seconded.

Strategic Conversation: Pastor Nat covered a discussion/exercise regarding the identity of BLC & the ELCA. New member orientation

Decision items:

- a. Election of new officers for 2026 -
 - i. Pastor Nat nominated Lindsay for President. Seconded by Jana. Approved. Lindsay accepted.
 - ii. Brenda nominated Cindi for Vice President. Seconded by Lindsay. Approved. Cindi accepted.
 - iii. Brenda nominated Lona for Secretary. Seconded by Jana. Approved. Lona accepted.
- b. January Minutes - Doug moved to approve. Brenda seconded. Approved.
- c. January financial report - Brenda moved to approve. Cindi seconded. Approved.
- d. Approval of standing committees and teams by Continuing Resolution
 - i. The list of committees was discussed.
 1. Banqueting Table changed to Banqueting Table & Fellowship team.
 2. Adding Night Hawk Circle and Tuesday Afternoon Circle.
 3. Adding Outreach Team?
 4. Adding Personnel Team?
- e. March Retreat date set for April 12, 12:30 to 3:30pm, at possibly Heritage Hall location. Doug moved to approve. Brenda seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports:

- a. Pastor's report - Nat - Good annual meeting. Bethlehem is awesome.
- b. Kitchen - Brenda - well received at annual meeting. Surprised there weren't more questions or pushback. Still looking for other ways to reduce costs
- c. Pantry - ramping up fundraising - grants being processed - moving forward with Prairie Meadows grant
- d. Property - Doug -
 - i. Roof is fixed
 - ii. Fans & lighting are here to be installed
 - iii. Doors being measured again by Denny Mitchell

Any other business:

- e. Lenten Meal - March 11 - tator tot casserole - 40-45 ppl last year
- f. Council member in service - February: Ed Pastor's report - Nat - Good annual meeting. Bethlehem is awesome.
- g. March devotions: Lindsay
- h. Holden service on Wednesdays @ 6:45. Banqueting table before.
- i. Council install Sunday March 1st
- j. Easter is April 5th - We are serving breakfast at 8am

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm