

Church Council Minutes – 04/23/2026

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

Absent:

Lindsay called the meeting to order at 5:05.

1. Cindy led devotions/prayer.
2. Lindsay moved to approve the April agenda, Brenda seconded. No discussion needed.
Passed
3. Strategic Conversation:
 - a. *Review items from the retreat*
 - i. Is there anything we want to add to the list?
 - ii. A hand out was passed around with the list. Asked to mark top 2 priorities on the 2nd page. Went around table, tallies were taken
 - b. *Additional thoughts?*
 - c. *Discussion/decision of Council focus items*
 - i. Items need to be in an operations manual
 - ii. Cindy - we need to know who is involved with what (committees list)
 - iii. Brenda - look at creating check lists
 - iv. Looking into ELCA templates (send to Lindsay by Monday May 18)
 - v. Inventory of kitchen in fall
 - vi. Heat stairs on/off; air conditioning; other building maintenance
 - vii. Annual activities, such as annual golf outing (who played, who sponsors are; 4th of July root beer booth
 - viii. Need to be aware of audience - team leaders; needs to be useful
 - ix. What do we know that is essential
 - x. Manual needs to be updated at least annually
4. Decision items
 - a. Approve April minutes - Brenda moved, Nat seconded, no discussion needed, approved
 - b. Review and approve April financial report - Brenda moved, Jana seconded, no discussion needed, approved
 - c. Call out corrected January and February operating documents per Erica - 1st month in the black - discussion about getting utility audits
5. Committee reports
 - a. Pastor's report -
 - i. Had Easter, Holy Week; This Sunday is Confirmation - excited to have youth in the kitchen
 - ii. Youth were featured on facebook for City of Slater cleanup
 - iii. Grateful for youth leaders
 - b. Additional committee reports (Kitchen, Pantry, Property)
 - i. Doors update - contact attempted, not heard back yet
 - ii. Kitchen - hours spent with Dave Helland - some cupboards were cut from the plan

1. Going with AI group - 3
 2. There will be a separate bid for the fellowship hall
 3. John & Cindi getting bids for appliances
 4. Down to around \$155 from \$198K
 5. Dave would love to do the project over the winter. He has talked to the city about permits needed. He wants to have 4 months to do the work.
 6. We need to have funds secured before anything starts.
- iii. Food Pantry - Encouraging progress - possibly need corporate sponsors
 - iv. Banqueting Table - last one of season is May 6th

6. Any other business?

- a. Reminder: Spring Cleanup Day: Saturday, May 2, 9am to Noon
 - i. Bring anything you may find helpful ... put your name on it ;)
 - ii. Shelves (Cindi)
 - iii. Will have FREE table for people to be able to know what they can take home if they want
- b. Choose council member in service
 - i. February 22: Ed
 - ii. March 22: Lindsay
 - iii. April 26: _____ - Brenda volunteered
- c. Next Meeting is May 21, 5 pm
 - i. Choose council meeting devotions
 1. February 19: Cindi
 2. March 19: Lindsay
 3. April 23: Cindi
 4. May 21: _____ - Rose volunteered

7. Closing Prayer

Motion to Adjourn @ 6:04pm by Brenda, seconded by Jana, approved

Closing prayer

Minutes by Lona Boyarsky