

Church Council Minutes – 12/18/2025

Present: Doug Houser, Dave White, Lindsay Gustafson, Pastor Nat Bothwell, Brenda Neville, Sarah Seigfried, Ed Fulk Rose Arrasmith, and Cindi Zimmerman (No one was absent)

Lindsay led devotions. Doug called the meeting to order at 5:06. Brenda moved to approve the agenda, Cindi seconded.

Decision items:

- a. Minutes - Lindsay moved to approve November minutes, Brenda seconded, motion passed.
- b. Financial report - Doug called attention to summary, showing we are not meeting our budget for the year. We currently have a deficit of about -\$20,000, although that may change once we see how much we bring in from thank offering. Brenda moved to approve, Dave seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Approve Invoice from Dave Helland for \$2,515 covering costs for planning kitchen remodel – Costs will be covered by memorial funds. Dave moved to approve payment, Brenda seconded. Motion passed.
- d. Approve expense of up to \$4,000 to replace the ceiling fans and choir loft lights - Cindi moved to approve, Rose seconded. Motion passed.
- e. Proposed date for congregational meeting – February 1, 2025 (This will be after the January council meeting.) After discussion, February 8 looks like a better date. Brenda moved to approve Feb. 8 as date for congregational meeting, Ed seconded. Motion passed.
- f. Doug proposed to use \$34,000 from investment fund (low interest 7403 account) to be used to cover budget deficit at end of year, if necessary. (No vote needed.)
- g. Brenda moved to bring the following to the congregational meeting (Dave seconded): Approve budget of up to \$22,000 to replace front door. Motion passed.
- h. Discussed bringing a budget of \$80,000 for the kitchen remodel to the congregational meeting. It was decided to bring this to a vote in January, when we have a better idea of what the final cost will be.
- i. Nominating committee - still collecting names
- j. Lawyer to deal with Bethany cemetery deed transfer - Lindsay can't get any lawyers that she's contacted to respond. Brenda and Doug will contact a lawyer Brenda knows to see if they will look at the documents. We want to make sure we won't be on the hook for costs if we sign them.

Celebrations for the year: Jonathan and church choir; livestream services; people coming back who haven't been to church lately; Banqueting table is a blessing for the church; this council is amazing; New confirmation classes are another celebration

January devotions - Brenda

Council member in service January - Lindsay

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Cindi moved to adjourn at 6:23, Rose seconded, motion passed