



Church Council Meeting Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2025

Members Present: Pastor Nick Billardello, Vicar Christine, Tom Brekhus, Lisa Derasaugh, Lori Anderson, Mike McTaggart, Dan Reckmeyer, Simon Scholtz, Parker Kruzel, Alan Kohutek, Claudia McWhorter, Diaena Zamora

Members Absent: Emily Meinen, Mike McClement

Call to Order – Tom

7:00pm

Opening Prayer/Devotion – Alan Kohutek

Volunteer for June: Mike McClement

Approval of Minutes – Tom

Correct spelling of Chris Babione's name

Treasurer's Report –Mike

- April financial details
 - Year-to-Date General Fund giving has now surpassed our target for the entire fiscal year
 - Generous gift received and will go towards the following:
 - Youth Director position
 - Ordination Celebration
 - Office Renovation
 - Worship and Music – numerous expenses were re-categorized and moved out of Worship and Music, primarily to Admin and Operations (licenses and subscription), Property, and other miscellaneous gifts in kind (hymnals)
 - Personnel Costs – are now almost exactly on budget year to date
- Budget review / projection

Mike McTaggart reviewed draft budget for upcoming fiscal year

Question about benevolence – 10% of general fund given to synod and monthly special offerings on last Sunday of the month to non-profit organizations
- Budget planning steps for 2025-2026
 - May 19: Council Review Full Budget Draft - Council reviewed and approved budget
 - June 22: Congregational meeting – vote to approve budget
- Audit Update – Final corrections being made



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Committee Reports – See attached collection of reports

- Reviewed Easter Service attendance
- Property Projects updates: Alan referred to the Property Project Status Spreadsheet
- Special Offering to Grand Prairie Homeless – special offering of \$818 mailed

Building Use Approval / Fundraising Approval

- None

Old Business

- Congregational Meeting Prep
 - Budget – Mike McTaggart will present
 - Constitutional Changes; by-law updates – have been sent to congregation and Tom Brekhus will ask John Nelson to present
 - Slides will be prepared by Tom, Pastor Nick, and Mike McTaggart
 - Claudia McWhorter will take minutes (Lori will not be present)

New Business

- Nominating Committee – new council slate for congregational meeting vote
Jonathan Kraatz is heading up Nomination Committee
Council Formation:
 - Diaena Zamora-Babione, Alan Kohutek, Mike McClement, Emily Meinen, Dan Reckmeyer will remain on council
 - Mike McTaggart will remain as Treasurer
 - Caroline Comer – Youth RepresentativeNeed four additional members (one as a secretary and three at-large members)
Lori, Claudia, Parker, Lisa, Simon, and Tom are rolling off; all but Lisa are eligible for re-election

General Discussion

- Insurance for Church Property – recommendation by Tim Draney sent to Pastor Nick and Tom Brekhus
- Property Expansion Team – will present at congregational meeting
- Youth Director/Faith Formation Search Team is being put together
- Dee Rose resigning as Co-Chair for Fellowship at end of June 2025; Jenni Hill will join Carol Court as co-chair
- Vicar Christine's Ordination will be June 8th – wear red

Closing Prayer – Vicar Christine

Meeting Adjourned - Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Next Meeting: June 16, 2025 at 7:00pm



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