



## Church Council Meeting Meeting Minutes for April 21`, 2025

**Members Present:** Pastor Nick Billardello, Tom Brekhus, Lisa Derasaugh, Lori Anderson, Simon Scholtz, Mike McClement, Mike McTaggart, Emily Meinen, Parker Kruzal, Alan Kohutek, Claudia McWhorter, Diaena Zamora

**Members Absent:** Dan Reckmeyer

**Call to Order** – *Tom*

7:00pm

**Opening Prayer/Devotion** – Mike McTaggart

Volunteer for May: Alan Kohutek

Volunteer for June: Mike McClement

**Approval of Minutes** – *Tom*

Need to update status of Dan Reckmeyer to show he was absent and not present at March meeting

**Treasurer's Report** –*Mike*

- March financial details
  - Positive cash flow
  - Personnel costs are now almost exactly on budget YTD, with less than a 1% budget variance
- Budget review / projection
  - Mike reviewed budget projection based on submission of committee initial budget drafts
  - Personnel budget not included yet
  - Revenue projections based on revenue from historical data
- Budget planning steps for 2025-2026
  - April 21: Council Review #1 – incomplete due to personnel budget information missing
  - May 19: Council Review #2
  - June 22: Congregational meeting – vote to approve budget

**Committee Reports** – See attached collection of reports

- Men's Breakfast May 3<sup>rd</sup> conflict with Great Day of Service breakfast – Lori will confirm with Jared and Lisa will confirm with Fellowship
- Lori Anderson – Encouraged people to sign up for Great Day of Service

**Building Use Approval / Fundraising Approval**

- None



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### Old Business

- Update to by-laws for youth position on council to be one-year term with option to re-elect after one year
  - Pastor Nick will send notification to congregation by May 15

### New Business

- Call Committee: Motion for Council to approve a call for Vicar Christine ahead of May 4 special congregational meeting  
Unanimously approved
- Looking ahead to June congregational meeting:
  - Constitutional & by-law updates to consider
    - update language to be more aligned with 2022 ELCA model congregation constitution  
(ex. benevolence now referred to as mission support, Northern Texas Northern Louisiana as mission area removed and now retitled "synod")
    - changes
      1. one congregational meeting required per year (can have more)
      2. quorum requirement— change from 20% to 10%
      3. Youth council member – when elected, the candidate for the youth/young adult member of the congregational council will serve a one year term. The candidate is eligible to seek re-election for up to three subsequent one-year terms

Approved by the congregational council and also approved any required formatting updates

  - Nominating Committee / Council Slate  
Will assemble and begin work to select council slate
- Synod Delegate – Chris Babione replacing Mark Etheredge and Diaena Zamora-Babione going as non-voting member  
Approved
- Communication Committee – seeking Council approval to initiate a conversation with Breeze and Tithely to explore possibilities for more streamlined communication, ultimately with less overall expense  
\*Council taking no action – refer back to committee for further explanation
- Endowment distributions will be scheduled for Sunday April 27



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**General Discussion**

None

Next meeting May 19, 2025 at 7:00pm

**Closing Prayer** – Pastor Nick

**Meeting Adjourned** - Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Executive Council met briefly after conclusion of the regular Council meeting