



## **Church Council Meeting Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2025**

**Members Present:** Pastor Nick Billardello, Pastor Christine Cracchiolo, Tom Brekhus, Caroline Comer, Jeremy Court, Alan Kohutek, Mike McClement, Mike McTaggart, Claudia McWhorter, Emily Meinen, Dan Reckmeyer, Kim Saunders, Diaena Zamora

**Members Absent:** Kenn Mingus

**Call to Order** – Tom  
7:00pm

**Opening Prayer/Devotion** – Pastor Nick  
Volunteer for September: Emily Meinen

**Approval of Minutes** – Tom  
June council meeting – approval will be done next month

### **Treasurer's Report** –Mike

- June/July financial details
  - June was the end of our fiscal year.
  - General Fund monthly revenue was below budget for the month; however, July is historically a low month. The net operating income was still positive.
  - The designated gift for the Director of Faith Formation position is in a checking account. We can move some of the money into a higher interest account in order to earn more interest. Mike and Dave will investigate this.

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

- Property committee has an agreement with Bowman Landscaping to maintain the grounds.
- Finance committee put a process in place to catch a discrepancy between Portico and QuickBooks.

### **Building Use Approval / Fundraising Approval**

- A school club would like to use our space once a week on Tuesday nights. Nick will get more information.

### **Old Business**

- Facility Feasibility Committee
  - Updates on survey to congregation. The Property Expansion committee will work with the Communications committee to create the survey.
- Director of Faith Formation
  - Nick presented a candidate to be hired as Director of Faith Formation. There was discussion and we enthusiastically agreed.



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### **New Business**

- Pastor Christine will be taking three months maternity leave. She will be gone during Advent and Christmas. A Rostered Minister of Word and Service (Deacon), has been worshiping with us and has said that she is available to help. Nick has created a job description for a Temporary Minister of Word and Service as a three-quarter time position. Her salary will be covered by a designated donation.
  - Motion to approve hiring a Deacon with compensation commensurate with synod guidelines.
    - Motion passed

### **General Discussion**

None

**Closing Prayer** - Pastor Christine

**Meeting Adjourned** - Meeting adjourned at 8:20

**Next Meeting:** September 22, 2025 at 7:00pm