

Unapproved Congregation Council Minutes February 23, 2026

Attending: Julie Ingram, John Grangaard, Jim Rengert, Sally Finck, Beth Warner, Pastor Martin, Kerrill Foster (non-voting)

Excused: Jerry Young, Jerry DePalmo, Julie Hippen

Guest: Juli Rauch

With Jerry Young being out of town, Vice-President John Grangaard led the meeting. John opened with today's devotional from Word In Season Psalm 32.

Motion to approve January's Council Minutes by Jim Rengert, 2nd by Sally Finck, motion passed unanimously. Motion to approve President's Report by Julie Ingram, second by Beth Warner, motion passed unanimously.

Juli Rauch expressed her belief in the importance of hands-on ministry and while the community drop in center might have been too much for us at this time, some sort of social ministry is very important. She encouraged us to consider the Sunday afternoon meals again and is willing to get a group together to make those happen. Juli will provide an article for the March Forward.

Pastor interjected some of his report at this time concurring with Juli's thoughts and then talking about the Organist Search Committee and that Dustin will be the contact person for him. Also told council of the resignation of Dale & Genny Faller and searching for a new sexton. Kerrill suggested an hourly rate of \$15 to \$15.50 per hour in keeping with the budget. This led to a discussion of what to pay Kathy Jordan - Motion to pay \$250 per week as an employee was made by Martin, seconded by Sally and motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Income was surprisingly good due to several congregation families making their annual contributions. So for the first month of the year we are in the black. No unusual expenses to comment about, just same old, same old. All reports agree to the Treasurer's Report.

The annual Congregation Report has been sent to the ELCA. Jim moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Beth seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports - Pastor's, Congregational Care, Property - no report just a note from Diane, Rental - furnace replaced at 28th Street - roof repair at same address in progress. Motion to accept reports made by Julie, seconded by Sally and motion passed unanimously. Other - Constitution Revision - Kerrill handed out to council a copy of the most current form of the church's constitution. We are fortunate that the 2020 committee left a document that was almost complete except for editing out the old language. Greta Blegvad and Kerrill added the slight language changes that brought it

up to date with the August 2025 ELCA version. There are a few areas in chapter 12 and 13 where decisions need to be made concerning the council and standing committees. After discussion, council decided to bring suggestions for revisions to the March council meeting and would like Greta and Kerrill to then add the revisions to the constitution document. Kerrill will attached a copy of the revised constitution draft along with the minutes of this meeting. Kerrill and Greta will continue their revisions of the bylaws and handbook to bring to council.

Next Meeting March 23rd at 7 p.m.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerrill Foster Secretary & Financial Secretary