

January 19, 2026

Congregation Council Minutes

Present: Jerry Young, Beth Warner, Sally Finck, Julie Ingram, Julie Hippen, Jim Rengert, John Grangaard, Kerrill Foster (non-voting), Martin Gehring. Excused – Jerry DePalmo

Jerry Young opened the meeting with prayer and welcoming new council members Beth Warner and Julie Hippen.

After a bit of discussion and explanations, Julie Ingram motioned that last year's slate of officers remain the same for 2026; President, Jerry Young, Vice-President, John Grangaard, Secretary & Financial Secretary, Kerrill Foster, Treasurers Mark Finck and Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. Beth Warner seconded the motion and the slate of officers passed unanimously.

Installation of council members will be Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer's Report included a brief overview of church finances and encouraged anyone with questions to reach out to her. The end of the year deficit was just under \$23,000 which is much better than the predicted \$80,000! This happened because of higher than expected offerings and a total of \$33,600 transferred from the rental income generated this year. Kerrill asked that a note be put in the bulletin that the vote on the 2025 Annual Report be postponed until the week of January 31/February 1<sup>st</sup> to make sure that the reports get delivered by the post office before the vote. Jim Rengert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Beth Warner seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report – Thought the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> with Deb Dingus et al regarding the Community Center went well and several council members agreed that many questions were answered and much information was cleared up. A vote with a ballot will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Tim Utterback is retiring and his last Sunday will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will return if we cannot find anyone before Holy Week. Pastor will be out of the office at a conference Tues-Thursday Jan 20-22<sup>nd</sup>.

President's Report – no report

Motion to accept pastor's and president's report by Sally Finck, seconded by John Grangaard, motion passed unanimously.

Rental Properties – Jim reports that the Marx's at 25 S 28<sup>th</sup> street have been working with a government grant program called Passport that helps low income folks over 60 stay in their homes by affecting low cost home improvements. In past years they

installed a walk-in shower at the property and in 2025 installed a wheelchair ramp. Currently the Marx's are working with Passport to move the laundry room to the first floor from the basement. Jim also referred the Mason's at 107 W Locust to Passport to assist with a wheelchair ramp if possible.

Congregational Care and Property - no reports other than what is in the Annual Report.

Motion to accept the reports made by Sally Finck, seconded by Beth Warner, motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m. John Grangaard will chair.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kerrill Foster