

Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2026

Present: Diane Menchhofer, Myron Buxton, Ed Fuelling, Kim Smith, Moriah Plattner, Vicar Mary Miller, Don Trisel

Opening: Diane Menchhofer called the meeting to order. Vicar Mary Miller presented the devotional.

Support Pastor Report: Vicar Mary Miller gave a highlight of her Support Pastor Report. Sunday preaching positions are filled from present until the Sunday after Christmas. Vicar Mary is willing to preach the Sunday after Christmas with two services instead of a combined service as in the past. Council agreed the Sunday after Christmas will offer the usual **two services** (9:00 am and 10:45 am).

Business Manager Report: Don Trisel presented a summary of July Financial Report to Council. Kim Smith made a motion to accept the July Financial Report; Myron Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

- Audit team is scheduled to meet August 25; Council will hear an update on the meeting during the next Council meeting.

Property Report:

- No update was available on modification of the restroom for wheelchair accessibility.
- Some members of the congregation have raised concerns about climbing stairs at the front of the sanctuary up to the altar platform. Myron Buxton made a motion to source and install handrails for the altar stairs. Ed Fuelling seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

- Colin Brogan submitted his resignation as the Visual Content Creator. Sarah Plattner has been hired to the Visual Content Creator position.
- Due to health reasons, Terry McGlaughlin submitted her resignation from the Administrative Assistant position. Advertisements for this position have been placed to local job hubs such as Hometown Opportunities, Indeed, etc.

Committee Reports: The CALL committee interviewed a potential pastor candidate. CALL committee requested that the church reimburse the candidate for mileage. Ed Fuelling made a motion for the church to reimburse the mileage for the candidate; Kim Smith seconded. Motion carried. Council recommended for CALL committee to give a report to the congregation quarterly to keep up communication on process.

Unfinished Business: Diane Menchhofer made a motion to approve July Council Meeting Minutes; however, motion was tabled after it became apparent not all members had a chance to review minutes. The process for sharing proposed minutes will be amended moving forward. July Minutes will become open for approval by text once all members have had the opportunity to review them.

New Business:

- Diane Menchhofer reviewed that the Nominations Committee will be convening to discuss a candidate to fill the Council vacancy as soon as possible.
- Council members discussed the need to review staff job descriptions to accurately reflect the responsibilities and through scheduled staff reviews, determine accomplishments and expectations of each position.
- Dates for the Congregational Meetings set for November 15, 2026 and February 7, 2027, both to be held at noon.

Upcoming Council meetings:

- September 29 at 6:30 pm and October 27, 6:30 pm, both in the church library.in the library.
 - Council will review the proposed 2027 budget during the October meeting.

Adjournment and Prayer: Diane Menchhofer adjourned the meeting, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted respectfully,

Moriah Plattner

8/26/2026 Addendum: Ed Fuelling made a motion by text to approve July Council Meeting minutes. Myron Buxton seconded. Motion carried.

9/9/2026 Addendum: Ed Fuelling made a motion by text to approve August Council Meeting minutes. Myron Buxton seconded. Motion carried.