# Elder Meeting Minutes

Date: October 27, 2026

## Members Present

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| Eric Vande Zande | Tim Franklin | Matt McCartney |
| Aaron Will | John Anderson | Micheal Simmerman |

## Meeting Agenda

| Topic | Discussion | Action Items |
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| **Prayer** | The meeting opened in prayer. | |
| **Membership** | Membership applications were on the agenda. Fernando and Shay Garza and Isaiah and Audrey Ranslow were approved for membership. Aaron Will made the motion. (See Motions and Votes.) | |
| **Prayer** | The elders prayed for the body. | |
| **Master Plan of Evangelism, Ch. 8 to end** | Discussed chapters 8-end. Personal application and implications on the life of our church. | |
| **Elder candidate bios** | Candidate bios on Keith Kramer and Mark Arjes are complete. Matt will pass on to Micheal to post. | Elder bios will be posted by 11/1 |
| **Annual Mtg Agenda** | Elders set the annual meeting agenda. It will be handed out at the annual meeting on 11/15 | Micheal will publish and make available. |
| **Budget items** | Reviewed the budget and the Cap Ex budget. The 2027 general fund budget and capital expenditure budgets were approved unanimously.<br>(See Motions and Votes and Financial Discussion.) | Prepare the reserves math and publish the budget packet by Sunday. |

## Motions and Votes

| Motion | Moved by | Seconded by | Outcome |
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| Approve Fernando and Shay Garza and Isaiah and Audrey Ranslow for membership | Aaron Will | Matt Mccartney | **Approved (unanimous)** |
| Approve the 2027 general fund budget | Micheal Simmerman | Eric Vande Zande | **Passed: unanimous** |
| Approve the 2027 capital expenditure fund | John Anderson | Tim Franklin | **Passed: unanimous** |

## Financial Discussion and Decisions

| Item | Discussion / Decision | Follow-up |
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| **Budget** | Finance will do the math on the numbers David sent out: how far the spending would dip savings, and how many months of reserves would remain. The comparison is against active reserves as they stand now. Interest earned in the first six months of the year can be pulled from Wesleyan, with balances as of the end of September.<br>The analysis will be part of the budget packet, published by Sunday. | Prepare reserves analysis; publish budget packet by Sunday. |
| **Cap Ex budget** | 2027 capital expenditure budget approved unanimously to put before the body (see Motions and Votes).<br>The 32-year-old roof is expected to be next year's big ticket, with the parking lot the year after. Next year is expected to run another $200,000 or more. At some point the church will need to raise money for a youth center in the back, and the kitchen is also on the list. The elders noted the value of having a vision and a plan to follow. | |

## Ministry Leader Updates

Using the Ministry Leader Update template of questions. No updates recorded.

- Women's Ministry: Jolene Kunkel (John A.)
- Finance Committee: David Allard (Micheal)
- Welcome Team: Paul Byrge (Micheal)
- Counseling Ministry: Sue Geary (Tim)
- Prayer Team: George Langland