

Deacons' Meeting Minutes

14 April 2026 at 6:30 pm

Call to Order (Sandy M.) – Meeting convened at 6:30pm

Prayer Requests/Praises (Sandy M.) – Sky Merryman will be having radiation to her foot following successful melanoma surgery. Don Parrish passed away today. Please pray for his family (Shirley – wife). Diane Carter had hip surgery and is recovering well. Carol Brown's surgery for infection went well. Bob Stroupe had an anonymous request for prayer. Susan Cove is recovering from hip surgery – in rehab now. Lauri MacKoy will be having knee surgery (again) on Thursday – pray for successful outcome.

Opening Prayer: - Tom Gamble (**Bob Stroupe will lead prayer in May**)

Five Minute Devotional: (Wayne Austin) – A good way to start each day is with Psalms 51:10 – 13. (**Dave McCombs will provide the devotional in May**)

Old Business:

1. Review of last meeting minutes – approved.

New Business:

1. Church Calendar (handout)
 - a. Men's Breakfast – April 18th at 8:00 am.
 - b. Blood Drive – April 26th.
2. NSC Animal Policy reviewed (handout)
3. Deacon Recruiting – we need deacons! A live link for nominating deacons is on the NSC website.
4. Easter Service attendance – we had 679 people in worship!
5. Handicap parking additions – four new spaces have been added.
6. South door – new door has been installed. Check your key – it may no longer work.
7. Benevolence Report (John A.)

Previous balance:	\$14918
Contributions:	\$ 2001
Distributions:	\$ -3192 utility bills, groceries, medical bills
New balance:	\$13727

8. Deacon job briefing (Dave McCombs) – Dave thoroughly reviewed the golf cart driving requirements. He reminded us that in many cases ours will be the first person from NSC that a visitor may encounter – make them welcome!

9. Deacon job descriptions (Sandy M.) – Let Sandy know if you want to edit the current job description for the job you are responsible for.

10. Word of the Month. (Frank J.) – Dagon 1Sam 5:1-5- see handout.

11. Sub-flock communications (Sandy M.)

a. The month of April is Connections Month. Send the new Connections info to your subflocks.

b. If you are interested in helping with donut pickup/delivery on Sundays (not necessarily a deacon duty), contact Bill Carter or Cyndie Sells.

c. The Deacons' gift item for the Spring Fling raised \$1207.00 for 'Kids for Camp'. Well done Deacons!

12. "Deacon Dialogue" - New subflock lists were handed out. May 3rd Communion helpers are **Phil Gerbino** (11:00 service) and **John Altermann** (9:30 service). **Ken Derksen** will be helping with communion at Worthington Manor on May 10th.

Pastor's Comments (Pastor JJ) – Earlier today, a member of the church who wishes to remain anonymous gave JJ a check for \$80,000. He asked that the funds be used accordingly:

General Fund	\$30,000
Missions	\$20,000
Camp Scholarships	\$10,000
Apologetics Curriculum	\$10,000
Benevolence Fund	\$10,000

God is good! We are blessed!

JJ also encouraged each of us to make personal visits to our subflock members whenever possible. The visit need not be long, but to let them know that Jesus loves them as does North Shore Church. The bigger we become, the smaller we need to become.

Closing Prayer: (Pastor JJ)

Adjourn – 7:21

Next Meeting: 12 May at 6:30 pm – “Second Tuesday”

Text Sandy (281) 615-7978 if you would like to include agenda items for the upcoming meeting