

Opening

Supper: Opening prayer by Pastor Ben.

Devotion by Pastor Ben: Titus 3

Call to Order

President Steve Junge called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Board members present were Jacque Thole, Nick Bass, Wendy Kropf, Beth Casady, Stefani Tanner, Melissa Woodruff, Steve B., and Jon Muller. Also present were Lead Pastor Ben Johnson and Executive Director Chris Thomson.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

April 21, 2026 Minutes: Stefani motioned to approve the minutes. Beth seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

Sr. Pastor (Pastor Ben)

- Cross Project: Rendering has been made. The lighting behind the cross can change color.
- Ministry Coordinator position: Ministry Coordinator with a tech component. Four applications so far. (Discussed a flow chart for employees)
- 3rd Pastor position: Still discerning the focus of the position. Senior ministry currently covered as are homebound visits. Need a 3rd “preaching” pastor, possibly emphasis on care/counseling. Timing of the call process is still being considered. Hopefully to be initiated before year-end.
- Baptisms have increased.

Executive Director (Chris Thomson)

- April Financials
 - Giving increased 20.7% vs. last April
 - Total income increased 20.9% vs. last April
 - Operating expenses increased 15.3%, Expenses under budget by 7.7%
 - Currently 3.62 months’ worth cash on hand
- Check Fraud update: We received those funds back. We have a new fraud detection process in place.
- Update on break-in from 2023: We ended up receiving \$1,658 from the City of Urbandale, which was recovered at the offender’s home. This is in addition to the \$2,000 that the offender paid the church as part of his probation.
- Playground: Ground-breaking June 17th. Total contributions so far \$121,539
- DMCS service day: Students helped in the facility and around campus.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- Governing Board Nominating Committee
 - Need 5 members
 - Governing Board chose who to call to be on the Nominating Committee. Beth and Melissa will make the calls.
- Financial Audit
 - Options: External firm, Internal CPA
 - Tabled to June agenda
- Review Policy Manual Section 4.1-4.3
 - Tabled to June agenda
- Congregational Listening Post

Housekeeping

Staff Birthdays: Sydney Anderson (June 15th - Stefani), Adrian Wilson (June 19th - Steve B)

Next Board meeting will be moved to June 23, 2026

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Wendy Kropf, Secretary.