



Council Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2026

In-Person/Zoom Options

Call to Order: Marty Yohn, Council Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Attending: Pastor Heather Brown, Kent Mueller, Sally Rakovec, Chivaun Rabbitt, Alivia Schiferl, Jen Smith, Renee Stafford, Don Streiff, Marty Yohn and Tayllor Thompson Unable to attend: Nancy Young and Amelia Aldrich.

Opening Devotion led by Pastor Heather Brown.

Reminder of Meeting Guidelines accepted by Council in March – Marty Yohn

Approval of today's Order of Business: I, Don Streiff, move to approve March 31, 2026, Council Meeting Agenda. I, Sally Rakovec, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes

Approval of last month's Council Meeting Minutes: I, Sally Rakovec, move to approve April 26, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes. I, Renee Stafford, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes

Pastor's Report: Pastor Heather shared her April/May written report and brought forward a non-member wedding request. I, Don Streiff, move to approve the non-member wedding request for Desirae Schuh and Darren Ladwig on Saturday, October 24, 2026 @ 3 p.m.. I, Tayllor Thompson, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes

Reports of Teams/Committees: Sally Rakovec proposed offering new summer worship times; Monday evenings. This could be part of our long-range planning.

Financial Report: Kent Mueller, Treasurer, provided a basic explanation of financial reports.

General Orders & Unfinished Business:

- 1. Online approval of new members:** Jon & Andrea Swenson's family (read into minutes). – M Yohn
- 2. Immigration Advocacy Group Activities:** Next internal group meeting scheduled for June 2 at FLC. – Jen Smith, Pastor Heather
- 3. Long Range Planning Update/More ideas for questionnaire – – Marty Yohn/handout from Nancy Young.** If each member of the council could respond to the “survey” with your ideas that would be so useful. Just two questions and it will take you only a few minutes of your time. The link

is https://qualtricsxmjnmknxbq.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9qUQC5iG76Ao_m2.

- 4. Development of list of funds for donation – Renee Stafford.** Tayllor and Marty will work together to update online options and create brochures and flyers for the pews, new member bags and monthly newsletters.

New Business:

- 1. Personnel update & request to hire – Pastor Heather, Marty Yohn.** I, Don Streiff, move to approve the hiring for a limited position, from 6.3.26 – 8.26.26, that will be revisited in the fall. I, Jen Smith, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes.
I, Sally Rakovec, motion to hire Mary Schweiger for the temporary position as the Office Manager Assistant. I, Don Streiff, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes.
- 2. Worship and Music request for feedback – Sally Rakovec.** Done under Teams update.
- 3. Sanitary pump replacement proposal from Facilities – Don Streiff.** I, Don Streiff, motion to approve \$15,000 bid from Rigel to replace the original sanitary sewage pump from the 1970's. I, Sally Rakovec, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes. Discussion on how to pay for the replacement. I, Sally Rakovec, motion to use \$6,700 from the Undesignated Memorial Fund and use Capital Funds to cover the remaining balance up to \$10,000. I, Renee Stafford, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes.
- 4. Capital campaign structure and current status – Renee Stafford.** This will be discussed further with Kent Mueller and the Finance Team and on June 10th during the Calendar meeting.
- 5. Communications Team television replacement – Marty Yohn** – Discussed replacing TV in Lower Room with something newer and portable: 65" vs Smart Board style tv, or decide not to replace the TV. Marty will do more comparison on tv styles and prices and share with the committee via email. Plan to vote on decision next month. Old TV will be donated to the Marshfield Electronics Recycling Program.
- 6. Branching Out Returns? ! - Pastor Heather.** June 24th 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. @ Wildwood Pavilion. Food, music, fellowship, and fun! Free will offering.



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7. Finance Team request to increase flood coverage – Renee Stafford. I, Jen Smith, motion to increase the flood coverage for FLC from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for only \$80 a year more than what we currently pay. I, Tayllor Thompson, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes.

Announcements: The next council meeting will be on June 28, 2026, at 10:20.

Adjournment at 11:45 am: I, Renee Stafford, move to adjourn the meeting. I, Tayllor Thompson, second the motion. All in Favor: Yay (All) Nay (0). Motion: Passes

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Chivaun Rabbitt.

Minutes approved by Congregation Council on June 26, 2026.