

ELDER MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2026

Present:

Elders: Jon, Mike, Blair and Chris

Elder Advisors: Karen Stothers, David Belgum

Absent: Tanya Martinez

Meeting began at 6:03pm:

1. David opened in prayer.
2. Something to Consider:
 - a. Discussed chapter 5 of Lead with Prayer :Leaders Pray through tough times
3. Prayer: We shared prayer requests and reviewed those from the body and then prayed.
4. Approval of minutes from 1/29 mtg - deferred until the next meeting as Blair was still cross-checking notes with Karen.
5. Financial Update - First Fiscal Qtr. 26 – Mike
 - a. First quarter of FY26 was positive by over \$107k and income was significantly higher than last year's Q1
 - b. This was largely from non-cash income (stock) received in Q1
 - c. Next financial update to the church will likely be next month (March)
6. Review and response to insights and questions shared by leaders of the women's book club at the last elder's meeting.
 - a. The decision was made to defer discussion until the next elders meeting so Tanya could be present to participate.
7. Youth JD/Hire Task Force update - Chris
 - a. Chris provided an update on the leading candidate and remaining steps to discern if there's a mutual fit.
8. Mike provided an update on the rental homes.
9. Discussed specific needs in the body requiring attention and pastoral care.
10. Mike closed us in prayer at 8:10pm.