

Refuge 16
Board of Directors Meeting Notes
August 11, 2026

-

Members present: Melanie Ainsworth, Cindy Puckett, Sam Scott, Destin Moore, Al Reed, Imogen Nicholas & Larry Nesbit

Cindy called the meeting to order @ 6:30pm.

Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with a devotional from John 15.

The July Board minutes were reviewed. Melanie made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry and approved by the Board.

Melanie informed the Board that Andrew Edwards has been hired as the music intern at 4 \$18 per hour. Zoe will fill in as needed.

Committee & team update:

Facilities and Grounds: Al informed the Board the need to hire an exterminator for the sanctuary at an approximate cost of \$300.

Staff Parish: Sam will schedule a meeting of the staff parish relations committee which will include members from Holly Bush. The committee will also write a job description for the music intern and meet with Pastor Jeff.

Finance: Sam gave an overview of the financial statements.

Ministries Council: Destin informed the Board that the mission team has requested donations to the following. The Board approved the following:

- Awakening MSU - \$2,400. Melanie made a motion and Cindy seconded.
- CPC - \$1,500 Imogen made a motion and Sam seconded.
- Thanksgiving boxes for seniors - \$3,000 Sam made a motion and Imogen seconded.
- Picayune, MS disaster relief - \$500 Al made a motion and Destin seconded.
- Bibles for church - \$1,500 for worship, teen and children Bibles. Sam made a motion and Al seconded.

Care and Nurture: Purchasing 3 handicap cones for the parking lot. Helping the mission team with the Thanksgiving food boxes.

Hospitality: Events are planned for September (tailgating night), October (chili & soup night), November (Christmas decorating) & December (Christmas program).

By-law update: Larry will provide Board members with draft updated by-laws with comments. Larry will hold several meetings to discuss the draft. The final draft will be complete and ready for final approval at the next Board meeting.

Pastor Jeff closed us in prayer.

