

## Lone Oak United Methodist Church

### Church Council Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, November 17, 2025, 6:00 pm – 7:38 pm

#### **Members:**

P	Allen Burnett	P	Ranee Gough	P	Freda Thompson
P	David Cunningham – Lay Leader	P	Ginny Mann	P	Connor Williams - Pastor
P	Kirk Edwards	P	David Pope - Chair		
	Jack Feiler				

#### **Guests:**

#### **Agenda Items:**

##### **Topic: Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation**

**Discussion:** David Pope opened the meeting with a prayer and presented a spiritual formation entitled “Building Bridges: Show Everyone is Worthy of Christ’s Love”.

##### **Topic: General Ministry Update**

**Discussion:** Halloween Bash was successful with about 400 guests. The PCM mission drive started this week. The goal is to donate a 1000 items to PCM before Christmas. Connor is looking at May off for a post-graduation renewal/retreat.

##### **Topic: Approval of Minutes**

Allen Burnett made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from October with second by Kirk Edwards.

**Action:** Motion passed.

##### **Topic: Financial Review – Financial Report**

**Discussion:** David Pope reviewed the financial report. David Pope and Connor will determine a good time to have the representative from the UM Foundation and Development Fund speak to the church. Last two months have been lower in income. Insurance has been the major increase to expenditures. YTD remains positive.

##### **Topic: Insurance Update-Email from Wesley McGregor**

**Discussion:** David Pope reviewed email from Wesley McGregor responding to the questions about church insurance coverage.

**Action:** Agreed to leave insurance at the 125% coverage. The amount of savings by decreasing coverage is not worth the risk.

**Topic: Western Kentucky UMC Family Services**

**Discussion:** David Pope and Freda Thompson presented a request from WKUMFS to partner with Lone Oak United Methodist Church. The church would provide leadership and support to the mission as needed.

**Action:** Council was in favor of supporting this mission in the community. Freda will provide David Pope a draft Letter of Relationship between WKUMFS and LOUMC to share with Council Members.

**Topic: Memorial Garden Update**

**Discussion:** David Pope has tried multiple times to get estimate on landscaping for Memorial Garden. The group discussed what they could accomplish on their own. Kirk Edwards can get excavator for the day.

**Action:** David Cunningham has the authority to set date for cleaning out crepe myrtle and shrubs from the memorial garden.

**Topic: LOMS Request to help Family for Christmas**

**Discussion:** David Pope had received a request for the church to help a family from LOMS with Christmas. The Council agreed to assist.

**Action:** David will obtain more specifics from LOMS and amount of expenditure.

**Topic: Building and Grounds Update – Right of Way**

**Discussion:** The road right-of-way has cleared and seeded. Kirk Edwards made a motion to give gift cards (\$100) and send with a letter of thanks to excavator Greg McGill and operator Bobby Hamilton. Money will be from building and grounds account. Second by Freda Thompson.

**Action:** Motion passed. David Pope will get gifts and send letter.

**Topic: Building and Grounds Update – Water Meter**

**Discussion:** Changes have been made to the water meter as discussed last month. We expect the water bill to decrease by about \$100 each month.

**Communication:** David Pope will give an overview of the meeting to the congregation on Sunday.

Next Meeting on Monday, December 15th at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by Kirk Edwards, second by Allen Burnett.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Freda Thompson