

Lone Oak United Methodist Church

Church Council Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 16, 2025, 6:00 pm – 7:24 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		
P	Jack Feiler		Michelle Stroud		

Agenda Items:

Topic: Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation

Discussion: David Pope opened the meeting with a prayer. Freda Thompson presented spiritual formation based on “We Value Presence Over Appearance”.

Topic: Goal Review and Accountability Conversation - Connor Williams

Discussion: Connor is continuing to work with Washington Street Baptist to develop a joint society meeting. There are 4 members from LOUMC and 3 members from Washington Street are participating.

A 10% rebate from conference – considering the use toward mission

School supplies collection will be announced next week.

Staff are looking at a way to transition children to youth group.

Congregational Care is looking at ways to improve visitation and developing a phone tree.

A Town Hall is planned for October.

The Budget committee is looking at a pledge campaign in September.

Topic: Approval of Minutes

Kirk Edwards made a motion to approve Council meeting minutes from May with second by Ranee Gough.

Action: Motion passed.

Topic: Financial Review – Financial Report

Discussion: David Pope reviewed the financial report. Focus on Special Mission Fund Account. Review of items on the spreadsheet. David Pope will ask Christy about Disaster Relief, Food Pantry and Purchase District. Connor checking on Dayshore, payment for Hotel Metropolitan for Civil Rights tour and Stay Ministry. The Budget Committee will come up with a proposal to clean up the spreadsheet.

Expenses for May were \$22,008.14 with offerings were \$24,469.57 for net of \$2461. Currently year-to-date offerings are approximately \$7000 greater than expenses.

Topic: Review of Goals

Discussion: Council reviewed progress with Connor on the following questions:

1. Are we on track to meet goals?
 2. Where are the gaps?
 3. What shifts are needed? Handled by staff
 4. Are resources needed?
 5. How can Council encourage and support? Have council have a standing agenda item regarding goals
- Determined we are on track with goals and resources are adequate. Future goals need to be measurable.

Topic: Building and Maintenance

Discussion: David Cunningham replaced ice machine (now self cleaning). Jeanie Beth Morehead is interested in the old machine.

Motion by Freda Thompson to give the old ice machine to Jeanie Beth. Second by Ranee Gough.

Action: Motion passed

David Cunningham stated that the women's group requested updates to the Women's restroom before painting the kitchen. The council asked him to get specifics on what is being requested and present next month.

Topic: New Business

Discussion: Ann Boss (Missions) recommended that the rebate from Conference be split between the warming center and PCM.

Motion by Allen Burnett to split the money equally between the warming center and PCM. Second by Ginny Mann.

Allen Burnett made a motion to amend the main motion to \$1000 to each and remainder to the general fund. Second by Kirk Edwards.

Action:

Motion to amend motion passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Communication: Ranee Gough will give an overview of the meeting to the congregation on Sunday.

Next Meeting on Monday, July 21st at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by Allen Burnett, second by Jack Feiler.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Freda Thompson