

## Lone Oak United Methodist Church

### Church Council Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, October 20, 2025, 6:00 pm – 7:51 pm

**Members:**

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

**Guests:**

**Agenda Items:**

**Topic: Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation**

**Discussion:** David Pope opened the meeting with a prayer. David Cunningham presented a spiritual formation entitled “Are We Engaging our Community?”.

**Topic: General Ministry Update**

**Discussion:** Halloween Bash date changed from Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> due to conflict with Family Kitchen.

**Topic: Approval of Minutes**

Kirk Edwards made a motion to approve both the Council meeting minutes and SPRC minutes from September with second by Jack Feiler.

**Action:** Motion passed.

**Topic: Financial Review – Financial Report**

**Discussion:** David Pope reviewed the financial report. September ended with about \$19,000 in expenditure greater than income. For the year expenditures have been approximately \$4800 less than income.

**Topic: Church Property and Liability Insurance Update**

**Discussion:** David Pope reviewed information received from Lightwell on rates for insurance from Brotherhood, Southern Church and Erie.

**Action:** David Pope will follow up with Lightwell on the unanswered questions regarding 125%, 100% and 80% coverage and if the deductible goes down if the insured value decreases. Kirk Edwards will try to find an estimate of the true replacement value on the building.

**Topic: Water Bill Issue – David Cunningham**

**Discussion:** The current size of the meter (1 ½ inch) requires a minimum bill. The water company recommended changing to a smaller meter (5/8 inch) to decrease the bill. Water pressure will need to be watched during higher usage times.

**Action:** David Cunningham will contact Paducah Water department.

**Topic: Building and Maintenance**

**Discussion:** Kitchen painting has been completed. The dishwasher still does not work properly even after calling for repair. David has been asked to price a replacement.

Holly bushes have been removed from corners of building.

David Cunningham contacted “Before You Dig.” There are no conflicts with utilities on the roadway where we want to clear.

**Topic: LOUMC Financial Thoughts/Discussion**

**Discussion:** Freda Thompson made a motion to combine Cleaning Bucket, Disaster Relief and Hygiene Kit money in Special Missions Fund to make a new category called Missions: Local and Outreach. Second by Kirk Edwards.

**Action:** Motion passed.

**Discussion:** Jack Feiler made a motion to take money from the Rental Property Fund to zero out the Building Fund. Second by Kirk Edwards.

Allen Burnett made a motion to amend the amount to move an additional \$2500 to the building fund. Second by Kirk Edwards.

**Action:** Motion passed as amended.

**Discussion:** The council discussed taking money from the Rental Property Fund and Liquid CD to invest with the United Methodist Foundation for Tennessee-West Kentucky (UMFTWK).

**Action:** Allen Burnett and David Cunningham will work with David Pope to get more information about the UMFTWK and determine amounts they would recommend being invested.

**Discussion:** David Pope will discuss with Chrisi to take funds with zero balance off the Consolidated Fund Activity Report.

**Topic: Memorial Garden**

**Discussion:** Two estimates have been received for work on cleaning up landscaping on the Memorial Garden. A third bid is needed to follow our Guiding Principles. David Pope will contact Kinseys.

Jack Feiler made a motion to create a Memorial Garden Oversight committee consisting of 3 members that would report issues and needs to the Church Council. Second by Allen Burnett.

**Action:** Motion passed. David Pope mentioned several people that have expressed interest in this.

**Communication:** Allen Burnett will give an overview of the meeting to the congregation on Sunday.

Next Meeting on Monday, November 17th at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by Jack Feiler, second by Kirk Edwards.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Freda Thompson