

Lone Oak United Methodist Church

Church Council Minutes

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:05 pm – 8:03pm

Members:

	Allen Burnett		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				

Guests: Wesley McGregor (Lightwell Insurance)

Agenda Items:

Topic: Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation

Discussion: David Pope opened the meeting with a prayer. He also presented a spiritual formation based on “We Commit to Give in Gratitude”.

Topic: Church Property and Liability Insurance Decision

Discussion: Wesley McGregor gave a review of current coverage through Brotherhood Mutual. Discussion on coinsurance of 125% vs 100% vs 80%. Our premium of \$19,744.13 is due October 1st with current deductible increased from \$2500 to \$7500.

Action: The council asked Wesley to follow up on how selecting the 100% coinsurance would change the deductible and liability premiums. Also requested that he obtain a quote with Erie or other companies that Lightwell represents.

Topic: Goal Review and Accountability Conversation - Connor Williams

Discussion: The 120 Year Celebration was successful with 140 in attendance. Back to school supplies were delivered to Lone Oak schools. The Halloween Bash is planned for October 25th from 4pm to 6pm.

Our Charge Conference will be on September 28th. Connor will notify Council members regarding the time.

Topic: Approval of Minutes

Jack Feiler made a motion to approve Council meeting minutes from August with second by Kirk Edwards.

Action: Motion passed.

Topic: Financial Review – Financial Report

Discussion: David Pope reviewed the financial report. August ended with approximately \$10,000 greater than expenditures. Year to date is approximately \$24,000 greater than expenditures. Utilities is a major area over budget.

SPRC:

Topic: Approval and Discussion of 2023

Discussion: The Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2026. Amended to reflect changes to staff compensation. Total budget is \$289,074.

Jack Feiler made a motion to accept the budget as amended second by Ginny Mann.

Action: Motion passed.

Topic: Building and Maintenance Updates

Discussion: Painting continues.

Topic: State Right of Way

Discussion: Kirk Edwards has completed the permit to DOT. Approval was received today.

Communication: David Pope will give an overview of the meeting to the congregation on Sunday September 28th.

Next Meeting on Monday, October 20th at 6pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Freda Thompson