

June Congregation Council Minutes

Date: June 16, 2026; **Time:** 6:30 PM; **Location:** OSLC Conference Room

Present: Pr. Leland Armbricht, Pr. Susie Modrow, Kyle Bartholomay, Kerry Gustafson, Erin Hall, Lauri Pudwill, Matt Martien, Deb Morris, Sarah Ward

Remote:

Absent: Juli Ackerman, Tyr Altman

Guests: Seth Semmler

Agenda

1. Introductions

- Cassandra Troha, the new Director of Finance stopped in to introduce herself
- Seth Semmler, a member and seminary student, attended to learn more about the process

2. **Call to Order** by Deb at 6:40 PM

3. Devotions

- Erin

4. **Consent Agenda**

- Review and approval of pre-distributed reports and routine items for efficiency.
 - i. [May Minutes](#)
 - ii. June Agenda
 - iii. [Ministry Team Reports](#)
 - iv. [Pastoral Reports](#)
- Motion to approve: Kerry
- Second: Lauri
- Approved: All in favor

4. **Consent Exceptions:** Address any items pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

- Eleanor Squad event promotion (Kerry) - Monday synod newsletter information to be added to The Pulse
- Scouts topic (Erin) - Interested in partnering with the church this fall and winter to do a fundraiser; pancake breakfast, etc. Scouts to coordinate with Pastor Susie
- Pastor Susie's report (Lauri) Clarification on need for nursery volunteers; Could the interim staff support hosting Sunday morning Sunday School - most likely not as there would not be enough hours
- Revenue increase (PL) - Table this topic to to an email exchange in July
 - i. What percentage increase do we want in our revenue (What)?
 - ii. What will we do with that increased revenue (Why)?

5. **Financial Report**

- **Prior Month Review:**
 - i. Financial Statements
 - 1. Motion to approve: Sarah
 - 2. Second: Matt
 - 3. Approved: All in favor
- **Loan or Other Financial Details:**

- i. Loan paperwork is due in July, 2026

6. Council Working Groups

- o Know your congregation (Lauri) -Close this group
- o Beyond the Plate Conversations update (Deb) - No update
- o Stewardship for all Seasons (PL)

7. Old Business

- o Noah's Ark - June deadline update (Kerry) - Kerry is waiting for paperwork from Noah's Ark, security door training is to be scheduled; review of Noah's Ark and OSLC contract will be re-negotiated in July
- o Roles and Responsibilities (Kerry)
 - i. Motion to approve: Kyle
 - ii. Second: Lauri
 - iii. Approved: All in favor
- o Coffee Serving Coordinator, looking for a volunteer, PL has asks out to people
- o HR Policy/Employee Handbook Updates (Kerry)
 - i. Motion to approve: Erin
 - ii. Second: Matt
 - iii. Approved: All in favor
- o Council retreat - next steps, strategic planning- (PL) - table an update to August meeting
- o Parking lot list cleanup
 - i. Action - If any council member has information regarding MET actions, send to PL
- o Staffing updates; InterServe Youth Ministry, Finance Staff
 - i. InterServe Youth Ministry is targeting mid-July for providing staff
 - ii. The Director of Finance started June 16, 2026
 - iii. Interview for accompanist on June 24, 2026

8. New Business

- o July - no Executive Committee or Council meeting
 - i. Motion to approve: Kerry
 - ii. Second: Lauri
 - iii. Approved: All in favor
- o Insurance conversation with broker, who would be interested in attending - Kyle and Kerry to meet
- o Children's Ministry (PS) - Updates on
- o Youth Ministry Meeting (Sarah) - Council to provide treats for Nick's last Sunday, June 28, 2026
- o Council Liaison Duties - Connect about job descriptions, if appropriate, and mention volunteering a Sunday for coffee

9. Congregation feedback

- o Congregant asked to ensure that Congregation is prioritizing Children's Ministry especially with Nick's departure - PL to draft an update in The Pulse
- o Congregant thanked Council for getting to an agreement with Noah's Ark

10. Affirmations

- o Dwight and the construction team that has made big strides in getting the Sanctuary project underway.
- o Ellie, Tyr, Mark, and Dan for their many hours transitioning A/V capabilities to Luther Hall for summer worship.
- o Nick for his many years of compassionate ministry for and with our youth.
- o Renee for volunteering to coordinate Luther Hall set-up each week for worship.

- Our lawn-care teams for keeping our property looking nice.
- The Children's Ministry Team for pivoting and making plans for VBS and the fall.
- Pr Susie for taking on extra coordination in Children and Youth ministries.
- Sawyer Celotta for beautifying the fire pit
- Marianne Knutson and Jeanie Joo for taking on coordinating Youth Club
- Nick for the many relationships he has developed over the years and for his devotion to helping youth explore and deepen their faith.

11. Motion to End:

1. Motion to approve: Kerry
2. Second: Sarah

12. Lord's Prayer

Reference Docs

Parking Lot:  CC Parking Lot

[Council Meetings and Devotion Schedule](#)