

Council Minutes

March 9, 2026

Present: Pr. Joel Bacon, Eric Neff, Deb Meier, Bob Ubbelohde, Janet Rivard, Dan Bergschnieder, Jeff Reiche, Randy Neumann, Paula Gaida

Not present: Andy Vergeront, Madeleine Bernard

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Council President, Eric

Pastor Bacon gave the opening devotion.

A motion to accept tonight's agenda was made by Dan seconded by Jeff and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Jeff, seconded by Bob and the motion carried.

Pastor Joel and Eric presented the treasurer's report in Andy's absence. The receipts/expenses/balance sheets were distributed to the council for reviewal. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Dan, seconded by Bob and the motion carried.

In Pastor's report it was noted that he will be presiding over the funeral of Sandy Sheehan on March 21. Pastor will be on vacation from June 22-28 for his daughter Anya's wedding.

Jeff reported on updates for the Children, Youth and Family position. Julie will be gone for the month of March. Jeff and Jill Reich will be working with HS students on 2 service projects including preparing and packaging baby kits for pregnant mothers through LW Relief and a tech clinic for congregational members struggling to use iPhones and computers.

Eric reports that he will be working with 3 of the HS students to help out with the projectionist broadcasts.

Fellowship report by Bob that a fun time was had by the 27 church members who participated in the "Ski/hike across the Bay last month.

It was noted that the Relay for Life will be requesting funds from the Memorial Endowment fund to cover the cost of luminary lights for next year.

Music and Worship- Sarah Adair will be off the 4th Sunday every month and the Spirit Within will play for this service. Discussion about not holding Wednesday Noon Lenten services next year. Just a handful of people participate. Thought would be to do the Soup and Pie before the evening service during the Wednesday night dinner time. Vote on this was tabled until next year.

Outreach/Good Works project for this month is Wells for Malawi Personnel- Jeff handed out a draft for putting together a “Council Handbook” for incoming council members. Each Council member was asked to write a short explanation of their respective committee assignment to help with this project and forward to Jeff.

Pastor reported under Property committee that the shed next to the parking lot is sitting in water and upgrades need to be done. A proposal by Randy and 2nd by Jeff to ask Ray to price out a new shed was made and this proposal passed. It is also noted that a Property Chair needs to be obtained. A few names for potential members was discussed. The property committee and Pastor will follow up on this.

Beautification committee is progressing with the “coffee kiosk” in the Narthex. A significant gift was given to the church for this project. A plumber has been here to determine what needs to be done. Randy will follow up with an electrician for this project.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 13th

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy and seconded by Deb at 5:45 pm after which Pastor led us in the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Gaida