

Council Minutes

May 11, 2026

Present: Pr. Joel Bacon, Eric Neff, Deb Meier, Bob Ubbelohde, Janet Rivard, Dan Bergschneider, Jeff Reiche, Andy Vergeront, Paula Gaida
Not present: Randy Neumann, Ted Urban

Meeting was called to order by Eric, council president, at 5:00 PM

Pastor Bacon started the meeting with a short devotion and prayer.

A motion to approve the agenda was proposed by Dan, seconded by Jeff and the motion carried.

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

Andy reviewed the Receipts and Expenses and the Balance sheet for April and copies were made available to the council for review. Andy pointed out that we are ahead of the giving budget and behind on our spending. Bob made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report this was seconded by Jeff and the motion carried.

Pastor reported that the parsonage remodel was on track. He is still looking for a Pastor to cover his vacation at the end of June.

Committee Reports:

Children, Youth and Family: Amanda has completed her responsibilities for Terrific Tuesdays and returned her keys today. Julie is still assisting with the children, youth and family program. There have not been any credible candidates for Julie's position. Pastor and Julie will be attending WAAPO and will see if there are any potential candidates among the counselors.

Evangelism: the Hospitality Center in the Narthex is well on its way. Between money on hand, and a \$5,000 pledge that hadn't been paid yet, we have \$21,000 of our \$23,000 budget estimate. A motion was made by Eric and seconded by Jeff to free up the money collected so far to purchase the cabinets and countertops. Motion carried.

Ted, Janet and Paula met with electronic sign sales person from "Watch Fire" to discuss the possibility of upgrading or replacing the sign at the end of the parking lot. A motion was made by Eric, seconded by Debbie, that nothing be done at this time and to just use "as is" until no longer workable. Motion carried.

Music and Worship:

A request was made to the Memorial and Endowment by Patti VanLandshoot for an iPad 13 Pro for the choir.

Choir Robes need to be replaced. The choir will hold a German Dinner fundraiser on September 10 to help defray the cost of these.

Narthex Speaker: this is an AV upgrade that was overlooked during all the previous upgrades. The \$1,689 proposal will cover the speakers, cords, and installation. Proposal to accept this and proceed made by Deb, seconded by Madeleine and the motion passed. Eric will proceed with this.

Outreach (good works):

The committee met on April 28. Jeff supplied the council with the meeting notes that included:

\$15,000 was raised for the Wells in Malawi during the Lent Giving

Total donations to the Wednesday Night Dinners in April were \$120. Betty Beckman, who oversees this program, is having a meeting with all the monthly coordinators on May 20.

The May initiative will be for personal hygiene products for the Hayward Food Shelf and “cash for cans”.

Jeff will be recruiting for new members to serve on the Outreach Committee.

Personnel:

Ray's summer hours will be M-F @40 hours/week starting in June.

Property:

Service Master was here last week and cleaned all the carpets and vinyl floors.

It was proposed that this be added to the annual budget so will be done yearly.

Shed next to the garage is rotting. It's below grade and needs to be taken down and replaced. Randy is working on this and is waiting for the estimate on this.

Stewardship:

Andy will do a temple talk on electronic giving. This way of giving has significantly increased.

New Business:

The council reimagining conversation was led by Andy. He had furnished a handout at the April meeting detailing his proposal. The proposal was made by Jeff, seconded by Eric and the motion passed to accept this proposal.

Bylaws will be changed to reflect that a council member would be the chair of specific committees. This proposal was made by Jeff, seconded by Debby and the motion carried.

Audiovisual giving - this expense will come out of sanctuary improvement money market fund 1213.

Debbie distributed a letter to start thinking about getting the word out for involving the young people (20-35 year olds) of our church in a way to assist them in making connections. She had received a request from a young woman in our church who is finding it difficult to do this in Hayward.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes from Julie Jolivette, Lydia Bergschnieder, and the Hayward Community Food Shelf.

Important dates:

July 26 will be the semi-annual meeting.

June 8 will be the next council meeting

A motion to adjourn made by Janet, seconded by Debbie at 6:30PM. Motion carried

Pastor led us in The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Paula Gaida

