

SOM Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2025

Attendees: Pastor Derek, Jennifer, Dave, Stephanie, Brian, Annie and Ann
Laurie and Karen were out of town

Opening Prayer

- Dave opened in prayer

2. Approval of August Council Meeting Minutes

- Ann corrected Ken's name from Williams to Miller and moved to approve the minutes as amended, Dave seconded, all approved.

3. Committee Reports and Updates

I. Pastor Derek

1. Pastor Derek read a devotional on being made in the Image of God.
2. Sunday school will start on Sept. 14th with Sydnee Arnet. The students will go directly to Sunday school and then join the service before communion. The hope is that Sydnee will be a recruiter as well as a teacher.
3. Long term goals
 - A new AV system which, if completed with all our wishes would come to \$150,000.
 - Redo the Narthex for a more welcoming area for Fellowship.

ii. Finance

1. Dave highlighted items from his report.
 - the electricity and gas costs are down
 - cash flow is up \$18,000
 - one major expense this Fall will be window washing
 - Dave established a Schwab Account for cash reserves (they will earn more but still be readily available).
 - There is \$100,000 in checking but \$30,000 of that is committed to the new sign.
2. Even though we aren't going to do pledge cards again this year, Dave felt it would be beneficial to have short stewardship plugs the Sundays before our Congregational Meeting.
 - within the week – current budget numbers to all the chairs.
 - October 27th – the preliminary budget.

iii. Worship

Stephanie reported on the Polka Mass for Reformation Sunday on Oct. 26. We'll pay \$200/person to the 2 musicians that will be performing. Her report lists the music that will be used.

iv. Property

1. The new signage has been approved by 3 of the 4 departments required. Work is hoped to start soon.
2. There was discussion on the construction on Rt. 224. A big concern is whether there will still be a left turn available for north bound traffic for the Church entrance.

v. Fellowship

- All is covered in the report. Fellowship will be responsible for the “Brats and Beer” after the Polka Mass.

vi. Social Ministry

- Annie is working on the blankets for NICU babies for our “God’s Work, Our Hands.”

Our next meeting is October 13th at 6:00 pm.

Jennifer closed the meeting in prayer.

Ann Miller (for Laurie Ness)