

Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025

The June council meeting was called to order on June 10th, 2025 at 5:04pm by Bill Hampton. Present were Bill Hampton, Rob Thompson, Becky Larson, Pastor Sara Heutinck, DeMaris Fritzler, Lynette Preston and Janet Deim.

Devotions and prayer were led by Pastor Sara.

Pastor Sara read the minutes from the May meeting which were then approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given by Rob Thompson who stated that it had been a pretty normal month with the only non-monthly expense being the renewal of our Shepherd's Staff software which is used for church record keeping.

Pastor Sara reported that she is largely focused on the preparations for the 150th Anniversary Celebration service. She has people tentatively lined up for the days she is planning on being on vacation in August. Bob Miller, who is the president of Ingham Okoboji's Board of Directors is planning on coming August 24th and Dr. Dave Jenson of Algona is planning on coming August 31st.

For Committee Reports

- Christian Education had nothing new to report
- Mission & Evangelism reported that \$355 was brought in for May's Mission of the Month of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps. June's mission of the month is the Childhood Cancer Research Fund and July's mission of the month will be Hilah's Closet in Algona.
- Property reported that the new doors and closers had all been installed, the landscaping had been done, and that the piano and organ tuners have both been by. We have been asked if we are interested in Mervin Gramstad's baby grand piano for use at the church and it was decided we needed more information on exactly how much floor space that would require before moving forward as well as a conversation with Dawn and Mary as our primary musicians at the current time. Joel Stevens has approached the committee about mounting wall fans in the sanctuary to replace the floor fans currently in use during warm weather and it was decided that we would ask RaDan to take a look at the electrical considerations in making this happen. Finally, it was proposed and agreed to pursue purchasing tile that matched as closely as possible to replace the broken tiles in the quilt room primarily as a short term solution the tripping hazard the broken tiles, and the rug covering them, currently present.
- The Worship and Music committee reported that they have largely been working on the 150th Anniversary celebration with plans for a choir to sing that Sunday.
- The Stewardship and Finance committee reported that we have a CD coming due in July in the amount of \$6523 and it was agreed that we should renew it for the best interest rate available.
- The 150th Anniversary Committee shared that they are meeting after the council meeting to set up the history displays and Janet is working to fill in gaps in our church history from the last 25 years.

In Old Business

- The ceiling in the communion room still has a tile missing. We will ask Paul to follow up on this regarding repair.

- As noted in the property report, the new doors have been installed.

New Business

- Our average attendance for 2025 to date is at 52 people per week.
- We were invited to participate in an area wide worship service at Ingham Lake Bible Camp on August 3rd. The council had initially voted yes over text messaging but upon further discussion this evening, they have opted to turn down the invitation to participate due to lack of leadership being able to commit to being part of the service. Motion to change our commitment to participation was made by Janet, seconded by Lynette. Motion carried.
- A motion to approved the request for Fay and Lynette to use the social hall on July 6th for an Anniversary party was made by Janet, seconded by Becky. Motion carried.
- RAGBRAI is coming through town on July 22nd. Each church is being asked to supply 25 pies towards a common fundraising booth. More details will be available after Fun Days and the 150th Anniversary Celebration.
- A motion was made by Lynette and seconded by DeMaris to approve the membership transfer of Leila Johannesen.
- With the Swea City Pool announcing it will be opening this summer later this week, it was proposed we have a 2nd Annual "Fill the Pool" event this summer. It was agreed to move ahead with contacting the pool to see if they would be on board.

DeMaris moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted

Pastor Sara Heutinck