

FCC COUNCIL MINUTES 1.28.2026

Present: Council Members: Moderator Arlene Stauffer, Becky Davis, Patrick Gray, Ron Kreger, Marilyn Leming, Jan Scott, Joyce Ketcher, Bob Corbin, Dave Bryan (Zoom attendance) and Congregation Secretary Nancy Stevenson (Zoom attendance). Retiring Council Members: Christy Thompson and Judy Basham. Staff: Pastor Stephen Johnson and Outreach Coordinator Lisa Sloan.

Arlene gave the opening devotion. She pointed out the 2026 devotion schedule to the group (in their materials).

CONSENT AGENDA

(For details regarding items on the Consent Agenda, see the Meeting Agenda.)

- Arlene explained how the Consent Agenda works and the order of reports in it for new members.
- For Lisa's benefit as new Outreach Coordinator, Council members identified themselves and their various roles in the church.
- APPROVED: Consent Agenda approved without correction; some questions moved to Other New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

- Handrails were installed in the choir loft by Floyd Novitony, with great appreciation expressed.
- Lisa reported she is settling in (hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and part of Thursday); she is updating resources and wants to revamp the Bike Ministry.
- Arlene reviewed leftover 2025 business regarding the search for an associate minister; Christy summarized an ongoing project regarding the church providing emergency/disaster staging location/assistance. She and Jan will pursue this with the City.

NEW BUSINESS

- ACTION: Members agreed to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm (instead of 3:00 pm) going forward.
- ACTION: Members agreed to call a Special Congregational Meeting on February 15 after late service to rectify not having approved Assistant Treasurers and Congregational Secretary in November, which is necessary for signing checks, etc. It will be publicized in the newsletter and in February 1 and 8 services.
- TABLED/MORE INFO: Suggestion was made for a dinner following the February 15 meeting. Could be in conjunction with Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday or Ash Wednesday that week.
- TABLED/MORE INFORMATION: Request to change Late Service time to 10:30 am due to members in assisted living facilities not being able to make facility lunch schedules. This would push Early Service (5-25 average attendance) to 8 am, Sunday School 9-10, Fellowship/Choir Rehearsal to 10. Will ask Early Service and Sunday School classes for input.

- APPROVED: Pre-purchasing church license plates (\$10). Orders and sales to be handled by Mike and Andrea Morriss. Not a fundraiser.
- DISCUSSION: USE OF FACILITIES BY NA. Stephen explained previous arrangements included background checks on leaders before giving them access code to building; reasonable cleaning up is expected. However, leadership changes frequently, codes have been shared, with cigarette butts just outside doors, broken chairs, and irregular donations. Another issue was an incident where NA money (over \$500 kept in a lockbox in the chapel) was stolen. The thief was found and banned. Stephen suggested NA put funds in Karen's door lockbox and the church could keep accounts. NA hasn't yet complied and is still keeping money in an unsecured folder. The Council agreed their mission is invaluable and they needed independence to function without micromanagement. Suggestions made included having the leader/sponsor meet with Stephen or Lisa to clarify expectations and/or meet regularly monthly. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.
- ACTION: For this month, Becky will make a rotation schedule for church volunteers to open chapel at 6:30 (7 days a week). Volunteers are needed. We will reevaluate after a month.
- APPROVED: Purchasing 10 copies of church history book (price estimated at about \$100 each from Shutterfly) prepared by Sandra Brown and decorating committee with copies reserved for Schneider family in memory of Maxine who helped establish History Room, Sandra Brown, Becky Helems, and Randy Smith (for photography), 3 for the church, and 3 TBD. Reprint provisions unknown.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- DISCUSSION: Ron asked about the future use of \$6000 in excess funds listed in the financial report which could need approval at the meeting. He proposed the excess go to Benevolence. Stephen explained funds for extra benevolence (beyond \$200 monthly budget) are often found from memorial funds and other Trustee-managed funds. Benevolence payments have totaled about \$7000+ through Fall 2025. Lisa is seeking grants and other financial sources. It was suggested to hang on to funds for monthly shortfalls, cash flow, or anticipated HVAC repairs.
- ONGOING: Stephen reported that a Marshallese group was holding services in the chapel; Stephen and Arlene met with the pastor and his wife. There is a language barrier, and Stephen would like to clarify their beliefs, etc. Becky to contact Lincoln school, Sylvia Urioste at PTC, or others to find a translator.
- DISCUSSION: INSULATION IN ATTIC AND WATER LEAKS: With the winter storm there are water leaks in one area and need for insulation in another. Suggestion was made to form a committee to investigate and move forward. Ron volunteered to pursue this task.
- Becky read a thank you note from Marland's Place thanking FCC for the donation of coats, caps, gloves and underwear.
- DISCUSSION: Following the resignation of Amy Boatman, Amy Muegge and Sheila Kirkpatrick will fill in as accompanists until a new organist/accompanist is hired. Amy Muegge will receive \$150/week for preparing and playing for worship services. Sheila will receive \$50/week for accompanying the Choir.

ACTION ITEMS

- Arlene reviewed 2026 church committee appointments including:
 - SFRT:* Bob Corbin, facilitator; Dave Bryan, Marlana Freeman, Ron Kreger, Mike Morriss.
 - Personnel:* Joyce Ketcher, Facilitator; Ron Kreger, Jerry Brace, Jeri Waller, Marshall Basham, Bobby Jorgensen, Christy Thompson.
 - Trustees:* Ron Kreger, Facilitator.
 - Financial Procedures Review Committee:* Gabby Gregg, Suzanne Moore, Jan Scott.
 - Pastoral Relations Committee:* Stan Brown, Ruth Brace, Jackie Chitwood, Joyce Ketcher, Julie Sheffield
- APPROVED: APPOINTMENT OF 2026 COMMITTEES.

Pastor Stephen expressed his appreciation for the outreach work Lisa is doing. He closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stevenson
Congregation Secretary