

Casas Adobes Congregational Church, UCC, ONA

Council Minutes: June 16, 2026

Recorded by: Pat Brown, Clerk

Called to Order: 4:01 pm by Moderator Owen Clymer

Attendance: Quorum present via online Zoom format

Attendees: Pastor John Angiulo, Dave Brown, Pat Brown, Pastor Michael Bush, Owen Clymer, Jean-Marie Huisjen, Amy Lincoln, Lori Powers, Jane Spande, Bobby Sutherland, Wes Ward, and Mike Wilson (absent: Hank Dimlich)

Pre-meeting Reports: Council May Minutes, MJAM, MoS, MoW, MPR, Reflection, Spiritual Nurturer Letter (Brigid Waszczak), Treasurer/Financial

Owen called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm with a welcome to all, especially to Pastor John who attended to lead the Spiritual Reflection. Jane Spande offered the opening prayer.

Council Reflection: Pastor John led the reflection from Matthew 13:1-9, which Amy read. Questions he asked for discussion were: (1) In this parable, do you relate to yourself as the sower or the ground; (2) since Easter what has grown that you have planted or has been planted in you; (3) what is necessary to maintain and encourage growth?

Consent Agenda: The May Council Minutes were approved after clarification that Lori had followed up on contacting the Committee regarding the sign-off form for parties renting the facility but received no response. Jean-Marie acknowledged that she was to have contacted her, failed to do so, but will contact her soon.

Moderator's Report: Owen reported:

- Owen was informed that Jay Deskins has accepted a pastoral position in Gilbert and will be leaving CAUCC. Caroline Matthews will assume his role.
- Anne is working on Pastor Evaluations with Owen helping.
- Personnel Committee wants to alert the Council that Pastor John is eligible for Sabbatical next year.
- FARM is meeting on a scheduled basis and working on asset allocations.

Treasurer/Finance Report: Jean-Marie reported a \$33,025 surplus. Investments have improved since April. There were no withdrawals. In reference to the FARM team, asset allocations are on hold as FARM reviews financial controls. Some questions have arisen and some changes requested. Jean-Marie will bring changes to Council when complete. Owen added that Ministry financials have been sent out for review.

Items for Council Discussion:

- **Roof:** Wes reported that Travelers Insurance denied our claim for storm damage. The engineer said that the roof damage was "deliberate and intentional vandalism." A claim now has been submitted for vandalism charges, and Travelers responded that a police report must be filed. Wes asked them to send instructions in writing, but there has been no response. Now there is a new engineer on the case. Roof damage repairs were estimated to be around \$500,000. Wes would like to see 80% covered but expects much less. Pastor Michael said that UCC uses Travelers Insurance and wonders if there is a way to address the unethical operation of the insurance company. Wes said he is prepared to pursue that; the claims people hold the power. Jane asked how many reports have been sent; response was two reports from same engineer. She added that filing a report with the sheriff's office may be easy with the engineer's report. Lori asked about the statute of limitations; Wes said that August 2025 date is within the statute of limitations and is supported by neighborhood experiences. Owen asked if MPR needs more time to pursue action. Wes responded that he is reporting to Council for consultation and for backing in the future.
- **Containers:** Wes said that containers are repurposed for storage, residences, etc. He has drawn up some specs to use a container as storage. We would need a "high cube." He is beginning to get bids. He estimates \$7,000 for a new build, \$3,500 to \$4,000 for a used one. MPR is looking at options and will come back to Council with a proposal. Owen asked if this expense would come from the Reserve fund and Wes affirmed that it would. Dave said that he has used containers, as has Old Tucson. Amy said that the Worship Team will appreciate the easier access to supplies than currently from the bell tower.

- Wes added that a table and umbrella are already on campus.
- Ministry Fair: Dave said that the Fair is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th. He asked for volunteers to offer new ideas and help with the event. Owen said that he will volunteer and has ideas. Jane said that CoB would like to sell crafts at the Fair, and no one objected.
- Information only: Staff vacations were announced. Anne will be gone June 20 to July 2. Pastor John will be gone June 22 through 29. Pastor Michael will be gone from June 29 through July 29.
- A person will start on Tuesday, July 7th to learn from Barry the maintenance duties. It is anticipated that there will be an overlap prior to Barry's retirement, the date of which is to be decided.
- Jay will be leaving to assume pastor responsibilities at a church in Gilbert. Jane said that Caroline is shifting into Jay's position and is equipped to do some of Anne's jobs. Caroline will be working Jay's hours. **A resolution from the Council was made to thank Jay for his service and to wish him good luck in his new ministry.**
- The Council agreed that no Council meeting will be held in July, but email may be used to act on issues that may come before Council, such as any resolution/acknowledgement of Barry upon his retirement.

Closing Prayer was offered by Pastor Michael.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave; seconded by Jane; and was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18 at 4:00 pm via Zoom.