Casas Adobes Congregational Church, UCC, ONA
Council Minutes: September 15, 2026

Recorded by: Amy Lincoln
Called to Order: 4:01 by Moderator Owen Clymer
Attendance: Quorum present via online Zoom format
Attendees: Pastor Michael Bush, Owen Clymer, Hank Dimlich, Jean-Marie Huisjen, Amy Lincoln, Lori Powers, Jane Spande, Bobby Sutherland, Wes Ward, Mike Wilson, (Absent: Dave Brown and Pat Brown)
Pre-meeting Reports: Council August Minutes, MCC, MJAM, MoS, MoW, MPR, Reflection, Treasurer and P&L

Owen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:01. Jean-Marie offered an opening prayer.

Council Reflection: Pastor Michael led the discussion of the Reflection from Luke 9, which Amy read. Discussion followed around the question: "What helps you experience mending/healing? How might you offer healing/mending to another person?"

Consent Agenda: Approval of the August 2026 Church Council Minutes was unanimous.

Moderator's Report: Owen was grateful that we had a short agenda with few items and little urgency. He has been attending FARM Team meetings and helping plan the upcoming Ministry Fair. He said his cousin watched a service online and was amazed by the current chancel decor of quilts and pillows.

Treasurer/Finance Report: Jean-Marie referred to her previously distributed report, which shows a surplus of $47,000. Total investments increased by $154,324 overall, the Reserve Fund increased by $6,000, and the Legacy Fund increased by $140,000 with gifts from The Rita Bourgeois estate and others. The FARM team made decisions about rebalancing the Reserve Fund. **Jean-Marie notified the Council that Lou Cheek has been added as a check signer.** (No vote is needed, only notification.)

Items for Council Discussion:

- Owen reported on the late August Ministry Fair meeting. The theme of the fair is *Shine People Shine*, which connects with and was approved by the Stewardship Ministry. The goal is to connect members and friends with ministries and to realize that our gifts are shining within us. Owen is in charge of publicity and Amy and Bobby will create activities to involve the youth. We will set up tables for ministries and refreshments in the courtyard, starting on Saturday, October 24th at a time to be determined. Each ministry's table may include brochures, photos, handmade items, bells, a display board, treats, a spinning wheel, and/or other items. Ice water, lemonade, iced tea, and a cake will be available for refreshments in the courtyard. Visitors to the tables will receive stickers to place on a sky poster created by the youth. **Tables needed: MCC-1; Stitch Witches-1; MJAM-8; MPR-3; MoS-1; MoW-2, MCD-1.**
- Owen completed a cover letter for the MoS Narrative Budget. Mike Wilson has requested that each ministry chair send him an update for their page in the budget. He noted that the personnel budget was distributed across all the ministries' budgets.

MJAM will need some help hosting coffee hour on Sunday, September 27th. Owen offered to help and Amy will provide some goodies.

Owen expressed his gratitude to Pastor Michael for his connections to the community at large, including U of A religion professor Alejandro Nava who will return for Learning@Eleven on Sunday, September 27th.

Pastor Michael offered a closing prayer.
A motion to adjourn was made by Hank and seconded by Bobby and was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: October 21st at 4:00 pm via Zoom