



Church Council Meeting

July 26, 2026 @ 11:30 am

Attendees: Bob Turner, Curt Narwold, Judy Krase, Shanon Buckroyd, Eleke Ukpabi, Randy Wehofer, Tarah Widaman (Guest)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Shanon Buckroyd at 11:35 AM.

2. Devotion/Prayer

Curt Narwold.

3. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Bob Turner
- **Second:** Curt Narwold
- **Result:** Approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report – Curt Narwold

June 2026 Highlights

- Positive cash flow; cash balance increased approximately \$1,100.
- Revenue approximately \$500 unfavorable.
- Expenses favorable due primarily to property timing and delayed bill payments.

Financial Report Approval

- **Motion:** Judy Krase
- **Second:** Randy Wehofer
- **Result:** Approved unanimously.

5. Kudos & Celebrations

Recognition was extended to:

- Shanon Buckroyd, Latisha Ukpabi, and Arnie Porath for supporting Tarah and Ankeny Christian Childcare Center (ACCC).
- The Habitat for Humanity volunteer team.
- The Property Committee for ongoing maintenance and support.
- Joel and Diane Aurand, Matt Porath, and others serving at the Conference Center.
- The 50th Anniversary Planning Team.
- Worship leaders during Pastor Owen's vacation: Melanie Tipton, Lisa Grace, and Larry Squier.
- Worship leaders while Pastor Owen prepared for camp: Joel Aurand, Karen Fausch, and Shanon Buckroyd.
- Brush cleanup volunteers: Rob Duffy, Arnie Porath, Owen Cayton, Elian Cayton, Gary Black, Glenn Smith, Steve Raver, Chuck Fausch, John Lee, and Colleen Porath.
- Pastor's Class mentors: Arnie Porath, Cathy Helmke, and Georgene Raver.
- Judy Krase for reading to the 3- and 4-year-old class at ACCC.

6. Pastor's Report

Pastor Owen's Update:

- Pastor's Class began June 11 with three students and mentors:
 - Harrison Ukpabi and Arnie Porath
 - Sophia Neitzel and Georgene Raver
 - Langley Vroegh and Cathy Helmke
- The class is using the *Tour of Life* curriculum in an expanded summer format, with the final session scheduled for August 6.
- Planning continues for the church's 50th Anniversary Celebration, including:
 - Memory video booth during fellowship beginning in mid-August.
 - September 13 kickoff celebration.
 - September 20 Ice Cream Social.
 - September 27 campfire, camp songs, and s'mores led by the youth.

- October 4 anniversary banquet.
 - Historical displays, commemorative items, and invitations to former ministers.
- Upcoming worship series:
 - **SACRED**, focusing on contemplative family discipleship through the themes *Settle, Acknowledge, Curious, Restoring, Enjoyment, and Dancing*.
 - **Covenant**, emphasizing child-centered worship and stewardship, developed through the Benediction Project and Ministry Leadership Center.
- Pastor Owen concluded vacation and camp commitments this week and expects a normal ministry schedule throughout August.

7. Old Business

Ankeny Christian Childcare Center (ACCC)

Tarah provided an operational update.

Enrollment & Operations

- Revenue remains stagnant following the withdrawal of two families (10 children).
- Current enrollment is 71 of 145 licensed capacity (including Fellowship Hall), with daily attendance averaging 45–50 children.
- Staff turnover remains nearly zero, though new enrollment inquiries remain limited.

Corporate Partnership

- Communications are open with a corporate childcare organization following initial contact earlier this year, though future interest remains uncertain.

Nonprofit Transition

- Tarah is exploring conversion to nonprofit status and is consulting with churches operating nonprofit childcare centers.
- Plans include discussions with United Way, Drake Law, a CPA, DHS, and Eleke regarding governance, legal requirements, and grant opportunities.
- Council agreed a nonprofit structure aligns well with ACCC's mission and could strengthen long-term governance through a church-supported board.

Communications

- Greater emphasis will be placed on social media marketing.
- Tarah will provide regular enrollment updates to the Support Squad.

Rent Request

- Tarah requested the temporary rent reduction be extended through year-end.
- Council requested additional analysis before acting. Eleke asked Tarah to evaluate rent based on active enrollment versus a fixed monthly amount and return with a recommendation at the next meeting.

8. New Business

Insurance

- Holmes Murphy presented GuideOne to David Rawson as the most cost-effective property and workers compensation insurance provider at approximately \$12,700 annually, below the budgeted \$15,000.
- Council approved the Stewardship/Finance recommendation to move forward with GuideOne.

Online Giving Platform

- Modified launch remains targeted for late August or September 1.

Personnel

- Randy and Pastor Owen completed Sarah's three-month review.
- Council expressed satisfaction with her first three months.
- Sarah will begin expanding the church's website and social media presence.

9. Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** August 30
- **Next Devotion:** Judy Krase

Meeting adjourned at **12:55 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanon Buckroyd