Church Council Meeting

August 30, 2026 @ 11:30 am

Attendees: Eleke Ukpabi, Curt Narwold, Owen Cayton, Lori Cayton, Judy Krase, and Mary Sinclair.

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion

Judy Krase led the opening prayer and devotion.

2. Approval of July Council Minutes

The July 26, 2026 Council meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

- **Motion:** Judy Krase
- **Second:** Mary Sinclair
- **Result:** Approved unanimously.

3. Review and Approval of July Financial Report

Curt Narwold presented the July 2026 financial update.

- Total cash balances were approximately $378,500, down about $6,800 from the prior month.
- Revenue was approximately $1,400 unfavorable and expenses approximately $2,500 unfavorable, resulting in General Fund activity about $3,900 below budget.
- Contributions were approximately $2,500 below budget, partially offset by higher net CLC rent ($1000) from CLC snow removal true-up ($3000) and temporary rent adjustment of $2000 (May-August 2026).
- Expenses were above budget primarily due to Local Missions activity, including Youth Mission and DMF payments.
- July cash flow was approximately $5,600 negative, while year-to-date cash flow remained positive at approximately $20,100.

Financial Report Approval

- **Motion:** Mary Sinclair
- **Second:** Judy Krase
- **Result:** Approved unanimously.

4. Kudos and Celebrations

Recognition was extended to:

- Judy Krase for facilitating the Legacy Luncheon.
- Kirby Marks, Christian Church Foundation, for joining ACC and presenting on legacy and estate planning.
- Members and volunteers supporting worship, missions, church operations, and preparations for ACC's 50th Anniversary celebration.

5. Pastor's Moment

Pastor Owen provided an update on the upcoming Covenant: Seven Sundays in the Promise God Keeps worship series, scheduled for October 11 through November 22, with an emphasis on fuller participation of children and youth in worship.

- Pastor Owen proposed temporarily increasing Sarah Green's Office Manager hours by up to 10 hours per week during September through November to assist with preparation, training, and support for the Covenant series. Existing vacancy savings were expected to offset much of the additional cost.
- Council also discussed the longer-term opportunity to strengthen children and youth ministry, including deeper engagement with children and families connected to Ankeny Christian Childcare Center (ACCC), while remaining faithful to ACC's commitment to children and youth in the church and the broader community. Experience from the Covenant series may help inform future ministry and staffing considerations.

6. Old Business

Evangelism and Digital Presence Reset

Council discussed progress on Sarah Green’s updates to ACC's website and digital presence, with continued emphasis on improving visitor information, ministry communications, and support for the 50th Anniversary.

50th Anniversary Planning

Council reviewed event planning, communications, marketing, volunteer coordination, and other preparations for the 50th Anniversary. Council approved a not-to-exceed budget of $15,000, recognizing that anticipated itemized costs were expected to be lower while allowing appropriate contingency for successful execution. The budget included event planning, potential travel reimbursements, marketing support, and appropriate ACCC-related participation.

ACC and ACCC Partnership

Council acknowledged the positive response from Tarah Widaman in recognition for the Support Squad amidst ongoing ACC/ACCC partnership reviews, including communications, enrollment, financial sustainability, and the temporary rent arrangement. Council approved extending the current rent adjustment through the end of 2026. The partnership and longer-term structure will continue to be reviewed.

7. New Business

Upcoming CD Maturity

Curt Narwold noted the upcoming October 2026 CD maturity, and Council discussed review of renewal and reinvestment options.

8. Adjournment

- **Next Council Meeting:** September 27, 2026
- **Next Devotion:** Randy Wehofer