

Bethesda Council Minutes
September 17, 2025

Attendees: Diane, Paul, Pastor Connie, Bob, Linda
Absent: Darin, Jane

Call to order 7:20 pm Fellowship Hall

Devotions by Pastor Connie: Discussion of Autopsy of a Dying Church were postponed due to absence of Darren and Jane. Pastor Connie lead an opening prayer.

Approval of August minutes: motion made by Linda and seconded. Minutes approved

Treasurer's report: Paul summarized the financial report. The congregation has met 67 percent of its yearly budget. Paul is pleased with our financial progress.

Portico- Pastor Connie discussed options that she has researched regarding the upcoming contract. Details were discussed and Darin and Paul will present her information to the Compensation Committee in October.

Advent: Pastor Connie will share a web site with the Council regarding resources that she thinks could be a source for independent study during the advent season. A Sanctified Art, is a resource which could be purchased at a minimal cost to assist with advent preparation. Another option is to poll the congregation next Sunday about Advent services.

President's Report

Air conditioner: Unit is old and parts are difficult to find. The compressor for the outdoor unit seems to be the problem. Bob will talk with Tim Cook about his recommendation and report next month.

GLNAEA: Red Cliff is the location for the December meeting. Paul will submit a Thrivent Card or we will take \$100 from our Mission Account as our donation.

Chamber Blast: The annual fee is increasing to \$180/yr. We will continue to publish activities.

100 Who Care: Bob and Diane attended the September meeting. The group selected the local food pantry to receive the grant.

Community Outreach: Information was shared regarding the cost to hold a community service with the Cruise Line or at Big Top. Both options are too costly. Other options will be considered for next summer.

Gutter replacement: We will repair the closest end to the church entrance (north side).

Lutefisk/Meatball dinner is scheduled for Nov 15th. Pastor Connie suggested the Immanual congregants may be willing to give us a hand with the event.

Basement rental: The lease for the family is coming up. We will extend the lease for another year as the family is still waiting for their home at Red Cliff. Chuy will be asked to assist with snow removal of the sidewalks. John Hauser will continue with the parking lot.

God's Work, Our Hands: community pancake breakfasts will resume in September.

Next Council Meeting: October 15, 2025

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schneider, on behalf of Jane Edwards