

SESSION NOTES - AUGUST 2025

Submitted by Rick Seater, Clerk of Session

Opening Prayer and Call to Order: Seth opened with prayer and called the meeting to order.

In Attendance: Seth Thomas, Pastor-Moderator; Tess Bowers, Faye Hill, Andrew McLaurin, Jimmy Parks, Nebiyu Tesfa, Rick Seater, Stefany Ness

Absent: Ralph Buchan, Aaron Caruso, Carol Dellecker.

Guests: Merry Thomas, representing the Deacons.

Agenda Approval: Seth moved, and it was seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Welcome and Privilege of the Floor: Seth moved to excuse the absence of Ralph, Aaron and Carol and grant privilege of the floor to Merry. The motion passed.

Devotions and Prayer: Jimmy Parks gave the devotion

Deacons Report: Merry reported that the Deacons are pleased with how the picnic went. The deacons are beginning preparation for the Parish Lunch.

Clerk's Report and Consideration of the Minutes

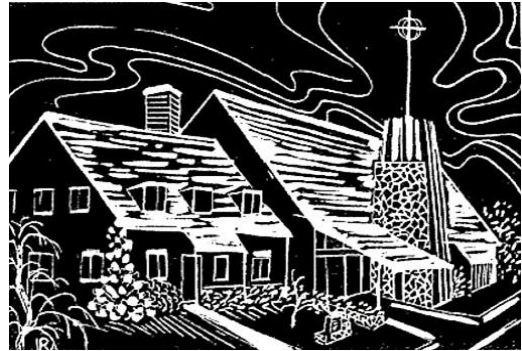
Andrew moved to approve minutes. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Stefany reported that Revenue in July exceeded budget expectations, Expenses held steady, and we are on track with the budget. Cash flow is steady, and the account balances are all good. She passed out account summaries and details that support this. We had some discussion about where to direct unexpected donations. If the donor specifies where they want the funds to go, we will honor that request. Otherwise the donation will be deposited in the general fund and the Session will determine how it will be utilized.

Seth moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance: We are having issues with People's Bank concerning who the officers of corporation are and who has signing authority. Andrew explained the history of how we got to where we are. There was considerable discussion on how to proceed. Rick made a motion that we designate offices as follows:



1. Trustee Aaron Caruso is designated as President of the Board of Trustees.
2. Trustee Teresa Bowers is designated as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
3. Trustee Ralph Buchan is designated as the Treasurer of the board of trustees.

The motion passed.

Building and Grounds: Nothing new to report.

Christian Faith Formation: Nothing new to report.

Loving Welcome: Working on organizing a trail mixer hike.

Mission and Social Action: Waiting until next quarter before making further disbursements.

Nominating: Nothing new to report.

Personnel: Nothing new to report.

Worship: Nothing new to report.

Pastor's Report: Seth gave a brief update on Stacy's progress and status. He will be taking some vacation later in August. He is also working on his Pastoral expenses report that is due this month.

New Business: Some members of the congregation have requested that we pave all or part of the upper parking lot for easier handicap access. It is extremely difficult to maneuver wheelchairs and walkers in the gravel. Seth will pass this on to the buildings and grounds committee.

Attend Deacons Meeting September meeting: Tess Bowers

September Devotions and Prayer: Aaron Caruso

Building lock up: Upstairs – Jimmy; Downstairs - Rick

Closing prayer: Jimmy closed us in Prayer.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.