

FCC Council Minutes
Wednesday June 11, 2025 6:30 pm

Present: Moderator-Elect Kay Rowntree, Treasurer Jean Bocker, Secretary Joanne Himebauch, Pastor Mark Hensley, Janine Coley, Beth Petersen, Jamie Pennington, Karla Pennington, Rae-Ellen Preuss, Sue Roberts

Absent: Bob Brandmuehl

Call to Order: Kay

Opening Prayer: Joanne

Devotional Time: Pastor Mark - Salt of the Earth. Light of the World. Love, the One Creative Force. The Church needs to spread love, not judgment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2025. Beth moved and Sue seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Beth asked that we mention that Furnishings declined to help with the sound system.

New Business:

Planning for Church Growth – Pastor Mark - see the attached sheet. Think about which idea speaks to you!

Approve Reception of 6 new members - Nancy & Brad Charles (already approved) John, Melinda, & Gregory Collins, Mark Wright. They will be joining on June 29th. Sue will pick up a cake. We discussed a gift. Maybe a Cup? Jamie moved and Karla seconded to approve them for membership. Motion carried.

Becoming a member - Mark drafted a document about it. Jamie feels that members need Council approval to add checks & balances, so that the pastor doesn't stack the deck before a contentious meeting (as an example). Some of our new members bristled at the idea of their membership needing Council approval. We discussed the need to have an official approval or not. The compromise could be that the Council should look at the membership list and then dispense with the Council approval of membership. Janine thinks that the process Mark created needs to be meshed with the Membership SOP, which was adopted in 2017. Kay suggested that Mark rework his Becoming a Member of FCC document and we vote on it next month.

Church Covenant. Mark started the conversation about the current church covenant and revising it. He handed out a paper with the current Covenant, Vision Statement, and Mission Statement. He compared that with what is listed on our current website. The 3rd page gave a suggested revision of our covent.

Jamie thinks that it would be opening up a can of worms to try to change it during this current climate. He thinks that we should leave it alone for the time being. Janine & Jean suggest that we should take time to look at what Mark presented somewhere in the future. We need to look at the church website.

Father's Day Parade - The float is beautiful! The Himebauchs will have a spread of food at their house.

Parsonage – Rae Ellen – Washing Machine Sale - Ashley Clark wants to buy the washing machine. Janine moved and Karla seconded to give the washing machine to the Clark family, and that they will be responsible for hauling it away. Motion carried.

School Roof Committee - Badgerland is waiting for an appointment from the power vac people to suck up the rocks. Then they will install the roof.

Parking Lot Sealcoating – Rae Ellen – (Tabled until August Meeting)

Sanctuary Sound System – there is a glitch in the sound system that seems to be related to Zoom. Karla found a by-pass to the sound warp. The connection of the two computers was causing the sound warp.

Long Range Planning Committee – Should it be resurrected? Where are we at? Greg Garasimowicz was the head after Al Haeger passed away. But Greg & Linda Garasimowicz have since resigned their membership from the church. Bob B was looking for people to be on it. Everyone agreed that we need to have this committee, but without Bob here at the meeting, we don't know the status. We decided to table it until Bob comes back.

Updates from Rae-Ellen- Nick Beilfuss added the air compressor and the dryer was installed yesterday. David looked at the bathroom lights because the fluorescent lights had been burning out quickly. They will all have LED lights in the future. Bob got someone to grind the stump for \$275. We have not heard back from the elevator people yet. Mark is concerned that the original company doesn't want to deal with our old elevator anymore.

Beth Peterson - Beth read a letter to step down from Council, furnishings, Long-Range Planning, and Missions due to health reasons. Beth agreed to stay on the prayer chain. She loves her church family, and she and Harlan will continue as members of the church, but they just need to step back a bit and concentrate on their health. Beth asked to meet with Janine to decide whether or not to keep the door open to people who are on the prayer chain but no longer attend the church. Beth hopes that some of the new people will step up to fill positions that she is vacating. The Nominating Committee will recommend to Council a replacement for her director position.

Joanne will look into photos of Missions skits, etc. and send them to Mark.

Greg and Linda Garasimowicz have submitted a letter removing their membership of the church. We are saddened by their departure, and we encourage people to write a note expressing thanks for all their service.

Parsonage – Sale – Pros and Cons. Joanne put together a list after Council members sent her. The worth of the parsonage is \$350,000. The pros in selling seem to be financial. Jamie mentioned that we are tired, we're aging, and we don't want to keep up the parsonage anymore. We need to pray about it and be very realistic about it. We will continue to discuss this issue next month.

Old Business:

- Director Reports – Discussions on Critical Needs:
 - o Christian Education
 - o Property and Grounds
 - o Missions
 - o Budget and Finance
 - o Worship
 - o Congregational Care
 - o Personnel Committee – Any questions

Next Council Meeting: July 9, 2025 6:30

Adjournment: Janine moved and Rae-Ellen seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Himebauch
Council Secretary

June 2025 Directors' Reports

Christian Ed Director's Report - Sue Roberts

Sunday School/Joanne H.

Sunday school is done for the summer. Charlotte has now aged out of the program. I think Carter P is a bit younger. I think he just finished 5th grade. We need to consider what we can/ need to offer for next year and beyond...until we get more kids.

Sent from my iPhone

Nursery/Sue

Would like more volunteers for the nursery.

Congregational Care Director's Report

Welcome/Hospitality - Joanne

I am working with Bryan Rowntree to design and have him build a coffee / welcome cart where we can also store Welcome bags to have in the Narthex before church.

Fellowship - Joanne

June - Father's Day float and parade viewing. Members helped to build a float and will walk in the Father's Day parade. Anyone else is welcome to view the parade from the Himebauch family's lawn at 100 Oakland Ave.

July or August - we are working on our all-church picnic plans.

Prayer Chain - Beth

Nothing from Prayer Ministry

Funeral/Wedding Hostess/Archives - Rae-Ellen
Nothing to report

Visitation - Janine

Thank you once again for everyone who has visited members of the Church.

Missions Director's Report - Beth Petersen

Food for Families - Joanne

Food for Families: We delivered our last bags of food this past week. We will start our program back up in August, when we attend Clarendon Avenue Elementary School's open house. Special thanks to our shopper, Karen Jones; our food packers, Tom & Kay Rowntree; and our food deliverers, Terry Buchmann, Scott Chapman, Janine Coley, and Carol Gedde.

In the last month, Pastor Mark helped counsel one of our FfF families which was in need of reliable transportation in order to be able to find work. Thanks for stepping up to help, Pastor Mark! Since Pastor Mark got involved, the mom did buy a reliable used car, renewed her license, and secured insurance for the vehicle. She is grateful to our church and to Pastor Mark for his help.

Missions - Beth

Nothing to Report

Property & Grounds Director's Report- Rae-Ellen Preuss

Triskill reported that there was an invasion of ants in the building. We had had a major rain storm the night before and I think the ants came in through the foundation. Pastor Mark was able to spray the ants , as I was out of town. We get these problems since the building is partly below grade. Triskill suggested Batzner. But last year when I contacted them for the same problem, they wanted a monthly contract.

The contract from Johnson Controls was signed for maintenance of our HVAC system. We will no longer use Donovan and Jorgenson for our heating/cooling systems. Johnson Controls is able to work on our pneumatic control system, whereas, D&J cannot. Today (Tuesday 6/10) Nick Beilfuss is replacing our compressor. This is the work that Jean signed and paid for in April when I was out of town. It has taken this long to obtain the correct parts for the job. But this will solve a lot of problems.

I was contacted by Ashley Clark the day after our last meeting. She would like to buy the wash machine from the parsonage. Evidently, it's bigger than what she has and she liked the one at the parsonage. Our SOP requires us to offer it first to church members. I was able to find out that the wash was purchased from Home Depot in 2017. Information from Bob was that it costs between \$500-\$600. He estimates that it will only last 7-8 years, which it already is. Can we decide without using the SOP to sell it to the Clark's and for what price? The dryer really isn't operational anymore. Kevin told me the switch to operate it on the door doesn't activate it. I found no information about when it was purchased, from whom, and the cost. I feel we need to dispose of it. Thoughts?