

**Semi-Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, March 8, 2026**

Call to Order at 11:18 AM by Moderator Kay Rowntree.

Counting of voting members present: 23 (0 on Zoom) , total - 23

Opening Prayer by Kay Rowntree

Approval of Minutes from the November 16, 2025 meeting. Dave Beilfuss moved and Gary Himebauch seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Pastor, Officer, and Ministry teams reports. Terry Buchmann moved and Janine Coley seconded to approve the reports. Janine asked how the mission's money was spent. Brad Charles responded with the layout of the amounts. Per month, we give \$100 to LifeConnection, \$130 per month to the Mission School of Hope in Cameroon, \$100 to the Angel Fund with Mukwonago Schools, and \$50 to the Mukwonago Food Pantry. Motion carried.

The **Auditing report** was given verbally. Gary Himebauch stated that he, Zach Buchmann, and Bob Brandemuehl met on Saturday, February 28, 2026 with Judi Weyer calling in remotely with the aid of Joanne Himebauch. He stated that the books were found to be in order. Jean Bocker moved and Jamie Pennington seconded to approve the oral auditing report.

Lightning Strike Update: Pastor Mark Hensley. Almost everything is taken care of. The Carillon and the organ still need to be repaired. The Lightning grid around the bell tower needs to be set, including the concrete.

Parsonage Sale Update - Rae-Ellen Preuss. Bob Brandemuehl is chair, but he was out of town, so Rae-Ellen agreed to update the congregation. Parsonage Committee Members: Bob Brandemuehl, Rae-Ellen Preuss, Joanne Himebauch, Sue Roberts, Jennifer Schmitz, John Collins.

Rae-Ellen listed the repairs we have done to the parsonage: Electrical problems were repaired for a cost of \$570. However, new problems were discovered this past week in the hall and first bedroom. David Beilfuss worked on that on Friday and will finish up today. A new fireplace damper was installed along, the firebox was cleaned, repaired, & caulked with special mortar. That repair cost \$1200. The water supply system is still being separated from the church. We have a contract with Martens Plumbing for \$7900, but work on that can't begin until the ground thaws. The Village of Mukwonago requires us to have 60% green space. To separate the lot line, we needed to incorporate the two lots on the west side of the church. We separated the parsonage about 4 feet east of the Jackie Craig Memorial Tree. The shed will not be on the property. The new surveying job cost \$4700, using V2G Survey Company. We also have asked Martens to tune up the air conditioner & furnace, for a cost of \$304.

We will be signing a contract with Renee Koepsel of Shorewest as our realtor. The price range by all the realtors we contacted was from \$399,000 to \$475,000. We will most likely market the property for \$465,000. Once all of the water separation work is done, the Women's Agape Group will do a deep cleaning of the parsonage.

Questions? Zach Buchmann asked about the cost of the parsonage. It seems high to him. Renee K actually thinks the cost should be \$475,000, but agreed to start with \$465,000, based on other some-what comparable homes in the area. Janine Coley asked about the realtor

percent, which is 6%. Martens' Plumbing is waiting for the ground to thaw to start their work. Jean Bocker asked if we had any prospective buyers, but there aren't any at this time. We will have to approve the sale with a vote of the Congregation. So we will need to call a special meeting sometime in the near future. Kay Rowntree mentioned that the Council has been discussing where to put the money after the sale. Jamie Pennington is looking at an endowment through the NA, but the Council still needs to approve that. We would use the interest off of that money to work on Capital Improvements.

The NACCC Annual meeting will be June 27 - 30 in Springfield, Mass and the **WCA meeting** wasn't listed yet for this year. Rae-Ellen Preuss and Jamie Pennington are interested in going to the WCA, depending on the weekend. (Note: Joanne checked with WCA Moderator Jeff Larson, who said that they have just now set the meeting for Saturday, May 2nd at Rochester Congregational Church.)

Elevator: The new elevator will be installed soon. The manufacturer is waiting to get a license approved by the State. Kay Rowntree thanked everyone who has helped with the lightning repairs and the elevator installation.

Pastor Mark Hensley mentioned that our church has stabilized financially despite losing members over the last year. He then closed us in prayer.

Zach Buchmann moved and Sue Roberts seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Himebauch
Council secretary