

Budget Meeting Sunday, October 26, 2025

Present: Jean, Kay, Jamie, Karla, Joanne

Absent: Sue, Bob, Janine, Rae-Ellen

We will be including CD interest this year in the budget, plus money transferred from the Reserve fund. Jean didn't want to present a non-balanced budget.

Jean & Jamie took Parsonage utilities and maintenance taken out of budget due to anticipation of a sale of the parsonage.

\$5,000 deductible for the lightning strike.

We asked to increase what Triskill & Agape Counselor give by 3%.

As requested, Joanne looked through old minutes to discover when we began using the budget for Benevolences (Missions) and Capital Gains. At the November Business meeting in 2018, we voted to include 10% of pledges and offerings be given to the Capital Improvement fund and 10% of pledges and offerings be given for Benevolences (Missions, Backpack program, and Friends in Need.)

At the November Business meeting in 2020, we increased the Benevolences amount to 11%. (Minutes from those meetings will be attached to these minutes for you to read.)

Jamie moved and Kay seconded to approve the presentation of the budget as proposed. Motion carried.

Jamie moved and Joanne seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Himebauch
Council secretary

Note: after this meeting, Jean noticed a correction that needed to be made. In an email, she sent this out to Council members:

Dear Council,

I was rechecking all the numbers before submitting the Proposed 2026 Budget to Judi for printing and found an error of \$27.07. The error was in the projected income...just a calculation mistake...which affects the amount to transfer from Reserve Fund. Total projected income should be \$121,232.93. Transfer from Reserve Fund should be \$4709.41.

Please see the corrected Proposed 2026 Budget attached. Assuming that now we need to vote on the corrected version, please reply to this email ASAP that you "accept as corrected" or reject.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Jean

Karla, Joanne, Jamie, Janine, (and Jean, of course) accepted this corrected budget. So this will be the one presented to the Congregation at our November 16th business meeting. Find this corrected budget attached to the minutes, as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Himebauch
Council Secretary

Special Note: Even though this is not part of the minutes, I would like to document for future reference that the church suffered a lightning strike in the Bell Tower on Saturday morning, October 25, around 4 AM, exploding large concrete chunks off of the Bell tower platform, taking out the computer that runs the screens, some other electrical things in the Sanctuary and the office area, and did something to the organ. JH