

FCC Council Minutes - May 6, 2026

Present: Moderator Kay Rowntree, Moderator-Elect Ryan Venema, Treasurer Jean Bocker, Secretary Joanne Himebauch, Pastor Mark Hensley, Brad Charles, Jamie Pennington, Karla Pennington, Jennifer Schmitz, guests Janine Coley & Bev Webber

Absent: Rae-Ellen Preuss

Call to Order- Kay Rowntree & Opening Prayer - Jamie Pennington

Devotional time - Pastor Mark. Romans 12:18. Live peaceably with others (if it is possible.)

Approval of April 8, 2026 minutes. Brad moved and Jennifer seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Jean Bocker. Correction to the Citizens' Bank Stock Value. \$267.57 per share (instead of \$259.57) for an increased value of \$17,120.00 (instead of \$16,624.) The bottom part of Jean's report says that reimbursement forms have changed. There is no longer a yellow copy put in the director's report. Do the directors need to have the copies? We need to look at the SOP to make a change. Jean has been taking care of the reimbursements.

Finance Director Report - Jamie Pennington

Maxwell St. Days - Boy Scouts are interested in helping. Should we give them ½ the proceeds if they help? Should we ask them to do Sunday and we could staff Saturday? Should we work with them? We decided that we will staff Saturday, and the Scouts will work Sunday. We will give them half of the Sunday proceeds.

Jamie & Rae-Ellen talked to Jim Filicetti (CPA - lay minister from Rochester) who will come to the June Council meeting to talk with us about setting up an endowment.

Parsonage sale update - Jennifer. The Women's Agape group (and some spouses) thoroughly cleaned inside & out. Now there is an odor after the torrential rain. Kay checked out the musty smell. Lots of evidence of water leakage in the water wells. They need gravel. We need to buy a new dehumidifier. The old one is not working. We need more dirt fill, too. Zoning needs to be approved. This will hopefully happen at the May 12th meeting, which Bob Brandemuehl plans to attend.

Memorial Committee discussion - Janine Coley & Bev Webber came to represent the Memorial Committee. The SOP committee was formed in January to look at all of our current SOPs. Janine was upset that Kay didn't respond to Janine's attempts at conversation after the Memorial Committee received a letter from the Council. Janine felt that the letter told them what they've always done and wondered if there is a concern with how they do things. Projects- they looked at hearing devices and banners and candlesticks. She feels like things get taken away before they can accomplish them. Currently, there is \$10,000 in a CD. \$5000 came from the Haeger family and \$5000 came from the Perkins family.

Ryan mentioned that the Council was discouraged that the Memorial Committee was only going to provide about half of the funds requested for the Carillon, which is what prompted the letter from the Council. The Memorial Committee claimed that they were going to supply all the funds, but they were waiting to hear from the families.

Pastor Mark mentioned that we identified that SOPs were about safety, and the rest were going to be policies. The collaboration with the families needs to happen when they give the money, not when we decide on a project. One big issue is how we interpret the word "consult" in our SOP and in the FCC Constitution. It does say in the constitution that we need to "consult" with the family. But when this happens is what the question is....

We seem to have had a big miscommunication. The Memorial Committee stated that they did want to fund the Carillon in full (the middle level one - Millennium AX.) We need to have a policy that states that the communication

with the family should happen when they GIVE the money after their loved ones passing, instead when we SPEND the money. We all apologized to Janine & Bev for hurting their feelings, and thanked them for coming.

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SOP Review - Ryan Venema. The committee is down to 2 people. Kay recommends that we, as a Council, look at 1 SOP at our next meeting and rework it. And then we can work through the SOPs one or two per meeting, instead of using a committee.

Property & Grounds Update - the elevator will be going in, and the concrete base for the bell tower will be completed.

Filling Council Director position following Sue Roberts' resignation. Rae-Ellen is the head of the nominating committee. Please let Rae-Ellen know if you think of anyone.

Any other business? Nothing.

Next Council Meeting: June 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Brad moved and Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Himebauch
Council Secretary

Directors' Reports - May, 2026

Christian Ed - Sue Roberts

Nothing to report.

Congregational Care - Jennifer Schmitz

Women's Agape Group-Jean Bocker, Leader

WAG did not have a meeting in April because our meeting night fell on Maundy Thursday.

We were asked to clean the parsonage to prepare it for sale. We agreed and held a sign up to clean on April 17 and 18 from 9am to 5pm. We had six members work on Friday with Joanne Himebauch acting as lead. Tasks included washing walls and windows, scrubbing bathrooms, cleaning counters, polishing cabinets, removing leaves from window wells, picking up sticks, repairing wallpaper, sweeping and vacuuming all floors, and sweeping cobwebs. Two men also helped do yard work and wash windows outside. Three members worked Saturday with Jean Bocker acting as lead. Steve Schmitz also helped by power washing the outside of the house and the driveway. Tasks included scrubbing all upstairs floors, scrubbing the basement floor, removing basement carpeting, washing shelving, scrapping/sanding/painting the garage access door, and touching up all chipped interior doors. Two other members came back another time to finish raking/bagging the leaves and cleaning the basement egress. We are pleased with the results of our work. Another member offered to plant planters later to decorate the outside for greater curb appeal. This was our biggest work project so far.

Our next meeting is Thursday May 7th.

2. Welcome/ Hospitality - Joanne Himebauch: Thanks to Janine Coley who handed out a Welcome bag this past weekend in my absence. We continue to welcome new visitors most weeks.

Fellowship - Joanne Himebauch: The Not-So-Newlywed game was much fun. We will begin planning our summer picnic and other activities soon.

3. No new report for Visitation or Weddings, Funerals and Archives. (Rae-Ellen Preuss)

Missions Report - Brad Charles

Our latest mission project is to supply treats to the teachers of Clarendon School on May 7th. I will be coming down to help Joanne deliver them, but we could use some more. If you can make something and bring it to our Council meeting this week, or get it to the church on Wednesday morning, we would be very grateful.

Our next project will be a drive to help the Hope Center in Waukesha. They said they need small household appliances like toasters, clothes irons, and microwave ovens. Single moms cannot afford these items, so they come into the Center looking for them. Unfortunately, the little that is donated is gone almost as soon as it hits their shelves. The next drive will be for Life Connection in Mukwonago. They said their greatest need is clothes and diapers for toddlers. Evidently, they get a plethora of donations for newborns, but virtually nothing for older children.

I will be announcing the Hope Center effort at our next Mission Moment in our worship service and ask our congregation to drop off these items at the office. I will come down periodically from Waukesha to collect items and take them to the Center. It's less than 10 minutes from our house.

Property & Grounds - Rae-Ellen Preuss

We are finally making progress!

The electrical grounding system has been installed. This is the unit that surrounds the bell tower base. Right now, it's rather evident from the pattern in the lawn. We can now move forward with fixing the base. Further work on a new sound system can also go forward after the base is repaired. The church insurance company has sent \$4,500 as payment for the repair of the base. RAIL Masonry LLC. has submitted a bid. While I was pursuing another bid, the insurance company sent us the check to hire RAIL. The second company, Butler Chimney, never sent an estimate, even though I had numerous conversations with them. I signed the proposal from RAIL and we will be put on his schedule. The mason is Ryan Stautie from Hartford.

I am meeting with Jillian Langer on Friday, May 8 th to give her a key to the church. The elevator project will begin Monday, May 11 th . I believe this will take a couple weeks. I'm going to ask Triskill to please send their students to the upstairs bathrooms nearest the large classroom, while the demolition of the old elevator and new installation takes place. I don't want any of their students to walk through the "construction" area downstairs.

Treasurer's Report - Jean Bocker

Our Office Manager, Judi Weyer, prepares financial statements for the Treasurer, Director of Budget and Finance, Moderator, and Pastor on a weekly basis in addition to the monthly report she prepares for the Council. I told her a couple council members

asked why our properties are not included on the Balance Sheet as assets. This is her reply:

“It has never been on the balance sheet since I started. I would need the original purchase price of the property and the value of any permanent improvements (additions, etc.) made to the property. The market value is not recorded on the balance sheets, only actual dollar amounts related to the purchase and improvements.”

Our expenses have exceeded our offerings since March. This is typical for our church. Hopefully, by September we will have caught up and be back in the black. However, last year we did not break even until December and the last week of the year we actually finished with a small surplus! Unexpected news! We received a large commitment payment for the year on April 27th so we will be ahead now! This is not usual. An email invoice for \$13,950 from Carini Electric went directly to Judi this time and she will accept and pay it.

We received another claim payment from Brotherhood Mutual. This is an additional claim for the bell tower for \$4500.

Our expenditure from the Reserve Fund on the parsonage so far is \$9619.68. More Reimbursement Forms were printed. These are single sheets and are hanging on the side of the large filing cabinet next to Mark's office door. Are Directors no longer feeling it necessary to have a copy of reimbursements for their ministry expenditures?