

Minutes of LCHS Congregation Council Meeting

February 21, 2026

In attendance: Adam Fermier, John Osenbach, Tom Bradley, Mike Berkheimer, Mike Epperly, Bob Mueller, Pastor Shari Duminy, Pastor Tami Reichley, Hannah Schmoyer, Courtney Keiser, Kyle David, and Rob Sandoval.

Excused: Katie Bashus, Mark Binkley, Brenda Truhe and Pastor Cindy Camp.

Following a productive, day-long retreat involving both Council members and staff, President Kyle David called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

Following a motion by Mike Epperly, seconded by Bob Mueller, Pastor Shari Duminy's housing allowance of \$28,000 for 2026 was unanimously APPROVED as budgeted. Also APPROVED unanimously was Pastor Tami Reichley's 2026 housing allowance of \$60,000 as budgeted, following a motion by Mike Epperly, seconded by Mike Berkheimer. This approval is an IRS requirement.

The minutes of the Council meeting of January 20 were APPROVED.

After a thorough discussion of its purpose, a \$7,500 expenditure was unanimously APPROVED to hire EVOKE Partnership to work with staff to construct an electronic bulletin board designed to vastly improve branding and communication among members of the church. EVOKE staff will come to the church for a week to integrate data and will then be available for consultation for six months. Memorial funds will be used to cover the cost.

Unanimous APPROVAL was also given to replace the kitchen refrigerator and the freezer at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Both the property and finance mission teams had previously approved the purchase. The Richard Smith Memorial Funds will be utilized.

These Council officers for 2026 were ELECTED: Kyle David, president; Tom Bradley, vice-president; Katie Bashus, secretary; and Bob Mueller, the at-large member.

Also APPROVED for 2026 were Deb Stevens, treasurer; and Terri Hinderliter, Financial secretary; and Bob Mueller, assistant treasurer.

LCHS Financial Summary - January, 2026

JANUARY OPERATING INCOME

\$86,984.51 - Slightly below budget (\$867) despite being forced to have two Sundays on Zoom.

- Operating pledged income (\$82,588) was equal to the budgeted amount.
- Operating unpledged income was (\$2,616).
- Received \$854.14 interest from Mission Investment Fund.

• **JANUARY NET INCOME**

(\$12,250) - The budgeted cash balance for January was projected to be a (\$12,058.)

JANUARY OPERATING EXPENSES

\$99,235– Expenses were slightly below budget by \$675.

JANUARY OPERATING CASH BALANCE

\$ 218,389.80

- Decrease of over the previous month of December by \$12,250.

BUILDING FUND

\$6,079.94 – Balance as of January 31, 2026

- Deposits -\$605
- There were no expenditures in January.

SPIRIT LED/SPIRIT ALIVE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

\$8,154.30 – Balance as of January 31, 2026.

- This money will be applied to the mortgage balance on February 19 before the monthly payment is adjusted beginning April 1.

MORTGAGE UPDATE

\$344,307.59 – Balance as of January 31, 2026

Regular financial updates in Holy Happenings will resume in March as is the usual practice.

With yet another winter storm forecast for Sunday, February 22, Council agreed with Pastor Shari's desire to have a Zoom worship service as a proactive safety measure.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the church at 7 p.m.