

Minutes

In Attendance:	Justine Clark Pastor Dave Chuck Kormanski Hannah Donlan	John Mancinelli Deb Bunnell LeeAnn Lightner Ruth Lucey	Nancy Pisanick Sue Swope Diane Stoehr Mike Jones	Absent: Adam Naugle
Call to Order/Welcome		Justine Clark (7:00 PM)		
Devotion/ Blessing		The reading for the week continues to follow the Genesis story of Abraham, and now Jacob - Jacob dreamed of a ladder to Heaven, and received a promise from God. Bethel means house of God. What are our dreams for our church: See our youth program continue to grow. Younger people in key positions. Involve new members more. Continue outreach programs. Become more diverse.		
Minutes of Last Meeting-Approval for Accuracy		1st: John, 2nd: Nancy, Approved.		
Treasurer’s report – Diane Stoehr		The report was revised this morning from the original that was sent out - to correct the record of when taxes were paid. The fiscal year ended with a surplus. 1st: LeeAnn, 2nd: Ruth, approved.		
Pastor’s Report - Pr. Dave		Pr. Dave now plans any type of synod worship that occurs. VBS is a good example of getting people involved - a lot of good energy this year, and a new curriculum. An anonymous donor donated the money for the stairlift, and it’s working out well. Summer book study is huge - 36 people. Seminary course, Leadership in Difficult Times - continues. Staycation in June - ended up filling in for himself due to Pastor Sharon’s illness. She passed away on Monday July 13. Gave a talk at Synod Assembly. Took Tina to camp. Ryan has been extremely busy. (see DFFO report on shared drive)		
Board Reports				
Children, Youth & Family- Adam Naugle		No report. Meeting on Aug.2.		
Adult – Ruth Lucey		Getting ready for another blood drive - July 24, 11:30-5:00. We’ll use sandwich boards to show the info outside.		
Worship – Deb Bunnell		No report. Meeting on July 29.		

Finance – Diane Stoehr	To finish up for the fiscal year, we need to finish paying for the Mission Trip - bills are still coming in. Diane motions to move \$2000 from our surplus to the Mission Trip line item, so the Mission trip has a clean slate going forward. Diane 1st, Chuck 2nd, Approved. Operating Expense savings (3 months worth in case of catastrophe) should be boosted because our entire budget has increased - it needs \$21,000 more. In order to fulfill the protocol of the Operating Expense Savings, we will move the \$21,000. from our surplus into the Operating Expense Savings. 1st Justine, 2nd John. Approved. **There is still \$14,000 of the budget surplus to spend. The Synod, Sequanota, and our building fund are all in need of money. Capital Campaign has \$14,000 left, which will be moved to the Building Fund. Diane met with 1st National Bank and examined the Hiller Estate will. Zion receives 10% of the residual from the Hiller Estate net income (minus attorney and bank fees) for the old Lutheran cemetery. If it's more than what we need, we may use it for general charitable purposes. We spend about \$5,000 a year for the cemetery, and we get about \$11,000 a year. We have \$139,000 in Edward Jones from this bequest. If we ever wanted to re-mark graves, we have the information on who is buried where, and could use some of that money for grave marking. **John - motion to take the annual distribution from the Hiller Estate and divide it 50% to Sequanota and 50% to the Synod as a one time gift. LeeAnn 2nd. Motion approved. **For the \$14,000 budget surplus, Pr.Dave suggests - Set aside \$4000 for an outreach project fund. People would come up with ideas for it. The remaining \$10,000 would go into building fund. Motion - John, 2nd Chuck. Approved. Wealth Management at FNB needs May 18, 2025 minutes from congregational meeting, and the CPC July 2025 minutes. Pr. Dave will facilitate.
Property – Mike Jones	Union St. steps - trim pieces (bullnoses) have not come in yet. When they come, it will be 2 1/2 days to finish.
Stewardship	No report.
Continuous Church Improvement – John Mancinelli	Looking at transportation options.
Communication – Chuck Kormanski	Union St. bulletin board has flat Martin Luther - take him on vacation with you and send us a photo.
Outreach – LeeAnn Lightner	Meeting on Tuesday. Bridge of Hope is getting close to kicking off. Training is done. BDAP has a family in mind.
Youth Representative - Hannah Donlan	Mission Trip - did a lot of work. Going out into marsh was smelly and memorable. Family Camp was a great time. We had a new family, whose daughter Lily is a friend of Hannah. Girls Bible study had a pool party. Younger girls participated in Bible study.
At Large –Nancy Pisanick, Sue Swope	No report.

New business	No report.
Old business	No report.
Lord's Prayer Adjournment: Go in peace to love and serve our Lord!	