

COS April Church Council Minutes

Date: April 27, 2026

Call to Order: 6:32pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53pm

Members absent:

- Davida Kilgore

Votes/Decisions

RESOLVED to approve FMT CER for Children's Hallway Mural and Classroom Painting for up to \$9,570 charged 820810 Vision Mission (special donor project)

▮ Motion approved unanimously

RESOLVED to approve FMT CER to replace the flooring and upgrade the lighting in the Children's Hallway classrooms for up to \$11,513 charged to account 500140 Major Repairs in the 2026-27 budget.

▮ Motion approved unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the 2026-27 fiscal year budget and present for full approval to the congregation on May 17th.

▮ Motion approved unanimously

George Axford motioned: RESOLVED to approve adding Pam Gould to replace Kevin Hawkins on the Audit Committee for a term of one year. Seconded by Ben McCumber.

▮ Motion approved unanimously

Notes and Discussions

Youth Report - Hope

Last weekend was confirmation and happy for the 6 confirmands to continue in the next phase of their faith journey. Wednesday meetings are winding down for the summer period. Looks like a lot of sign ups for the various camps this summer.

VP/President Report - Kevin/Ellen

Next council meeting will be May 18th. The annual budget meeting will be May 17th at 12:10. There will be a couple of Q&A sessions. The first is May 3rd at noon in person and the other will be May 12 at 6:30pm over Zoom.

Pastors' Reports

Pastor Fritz

Confirmation was great with the 6 confirmands. Feedback for Lenten and Holy Week activities were a great success. Team is coming together to get a Director of Operations for the staff. Feeling confident on mission plan laid out in the next budget. Really excited for the new mural being painted on the children's hallway.

Pastor Wes

Young family group is doing well. We are purchasing a different communion packet for the gluten-free option to be easier to open. 98 response to the Palmetto Road survey - great feedback. Ethan will be on CPE time from May 26th to August 8th (*CHECK*). Synod assembly coming up in Columbus. Rethinking the Wednesday services from children's programming, meals, and adult education.

Treasurer's Report - Don

March was the second best month of this fiscal year. Giving was 53% above budget. Expenses were \$5k over budget due to an HVAC unit needing to be replaced. Revenue up 12.4% year to date. Net income is above budget. Giving so far is looking positive.

Finance Committee - Don/George

Reviewed over the meeting minutes from the previous Finance Committee meeting, dated April 20. COS continues to be in a strong cash position. Reviewed sources to help fund the 2026-27 budget.

Council reviewed the budget for next fiscal year. Feedback was provided to be transparent that the deficit being presented includes an offset of \$50k pulled from reserve accounts recommended by Finance Committee and approved by Council.

Personnel - Ben

Discussed Council's recommendations on the job description and posting for the Director of Operations role. Starting a committee and formal job search for the role.

FMT 101 - Brenda

The wall is down between 210 and 212. Votes on two CERs (see above).

Other Committee Reports

- The audit team has added Pam Gould to replace Kevin Hawkins. Motion passed.