

COS August Church Council Minutes

As submitted by David Turk

Motions/Actions

Minutes

To approve Steve Profeta to attend the Realm Conference in Tampa, FL, October 21-23 with an anticipated cost of \$2,500. Funding from Restricted Account 821070 - Undesignated Special Gifts.

Motion passed unanimously

To approve July 27, 2026, Council meeting minutes with edits discussed.

Motion passed unanimously

To approve Personnel motion on the Director of Operations contract as written and presented to Council.

Motion passed unanimously

Attendance

Absent:

★ Ben McCumber

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Devotion - Pastor Fritz

Pastor Fritz read the parable of the Good Samaritan - the cornerstone verse of the upcoming stewardship drive - and had council reflect on how COS is seen in the story of the Good Samaritan.

Stewardship for All Seasons - Kayleigh Pointek

Kayleigh presented the 13 Principles for Giving from Stewardship for All Seasons. We will be applying these principles in our upcoming stewardship campaign.

Youth Report - Greyson Harris

- Youth had their opening meeting this past Wednesday, starting first official meeting this Wednesday.
- Youth will take a week off in October coinciding with the Fayette fall break.

Director of Operations Position - Chip Beard

David Turk motioned and Brenda Adams seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss sensitive matters related to the compensation package to present to the candidate. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion Brenda Adams motioned and David Turk seconded to end Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President's Report - Kevin Hawkins

- We are flush with healthy reserve accounts and unrealized investment gains
- We are seeking a long-term vision and projects from ministry leaders on how we can deploy these funds

Pastor's Report - Pastor Fritz

- 87 people came for the first Wednesday night programming
- Jazz liturgy had great feedback
- Positive feedback for the Better Ways to Read the Bible book and sermon series

Treasurer's Report - Don Stork

- July income was \$88,400: 12% below budgeted income of \$100,483
- July expenses were \$104,200: 11.7% below budgeted expenses of \$118,000
- This nets to a +\$1,700 compared to budget for the month of July
- August outlook is positive at this time

Update on \$50,000 Mission Gift - Pastor Fritz

- \$25,000 to Synod
 - Gift has no strings, but we seek to align vision with the Synod on how it's used

- A portion will fund camp attendance for inner-city youth that can't get to traditional camp
- Lutheran disaster relief trip COS is participating in will have funding of \$1,000 as agreed upon by the SE Synod
- There is a desire to create a video for congregations to use on their websites covering the ways the Synod impacts their communities.
- The other \$25,000 is geared to feed the poor - Rise Against Hunger - as well as other community outreach programs

Other Committee Updates, Member Feedback

- Council agrees that there is a need for COS to have a formal organizational chart delineating reports and responsibilities.

Meeting Adjourned

At 8:37pm Ellen Pfundt motioned and George Axford seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.