

Lakeview United Church of Christ

Executive Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 — 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Present: Adam Paul, Julie Peterson, Ruth Hopkins, Karen Baumann, Rob Schorry, Rosemary Ennis, Sarah Huber

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Adam Paul

Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer was offered by Rob Schorry

Minister's Report

- Visited Sue Anderson, was able to give her communion
 - Recommends people visit if able to
- Bad weather decisions
 - No adult Sunday School in Nov and Dec
 - Moderator + Pastor + Natalie to make the decision by 9:00 am
- November
 - **Nov. 15th** Fall SONKA meeting 10-12
 - Karen told Ruth we pay her registration
 - All Saints
 - Dream God's Dream
 - **Nov. 23rd** lunch and Hanging of the Greens
- December
 - **Dec. 21** Christmas pageant + brunch at 10:15
 - Blue Christmas via Zoom at 7:00 pm
 - **Dec. 24** 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service: Lessons & Carols, blending w/ Contemporary poetry and literature
 - **Dec. 28** Vacation
- Profile should be done, now Search Team transitions to Looking at candidates/hiring
 - Will suggest Mimi not vet anyone before sending to Team
 - **Keys** – Suggests rekeying building with new pastor, could be a door code
 - Cost would be a consideration
 - **Constitution & bylaws** – Suggests renewal in the new year
 - Karen mentioned we review every 5 years
 - Adam said review happened a couple of years ago, just never scheduled a Congregational Meeting to approve
- Lots of love for Ruth's Luther sermon
- Ruth can stay through April 12
 - **A motion was made by Rosemary Ennis and seconded by Karen Baumann to continue Ruth Hopkins's interim pastor position at Lakeview through April 12, 2026. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to council members.
- **A motion was made by Rosemary Ennis and seconded by Rob Schorry to approve the minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Treasurer's Report

- Currently \$26,622.24 in checking, \$16k in savings
- Duke sending a real bill, credit will be spread across a couple of months
- \$10k gift received for principal of mortgage
- QCD was able to cover water/pipe issues
- **A motion was made by Rosemary Ennis and seconded by Karen Baumann to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**
- Check received from Progressive for \$9,090.44 for lightpole, staying in safe!
 - Bill still working on estimates

2026 Budget

- Budgeting for the "worst case scenario" (Proposed/provisional maximum budget)
 - Per Rosemary, we've never presented a budget with this large of a deficit
 - Will need financial checks regularly throughout the year – Transparency is important, would be nice to have a Lunch and Learn to explain
- 3% increase for Ruth, extra money to Corey & Natalie continuing until we get FT pastor
- Preschool now paying half of copier rent too. They pay for their printing at end of their fiscal year.
- **A motion was made by Adam Paul and seconded by Karen Baumann to approve the proposed 2025 report. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**
- Stewardship mailing already sent.

Music Expenses

- Last Rosemary heard was that Irina would come back by end of Nov.
 - Karen & Rosemary explained we have the money now
- Who to give staff gifts to? If Melissa there, give gift to her

Property

- Adam & Dave have discussed digging the ditch and laying pipe themselves, hiring plumber to connect...?
 - Rosemary asked if they've received any bids
 - Rob says seems a little much for volunteer work, need to see what approval we need from Warren County
 - Rosemary says we do have warranty on pipe, if hire someone to do all work they would likely provide warranty for everything

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rob Schorry and seconded by Karen Baumann. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 25th 7:00 p.m.

CYF Report (*sent via email*)

- We continue to work on how to grow our program in depth as much as (if not more than) size.
- We are excited to be doing another Christmas Pageant this year and will be emailing details to the families this week!

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Huber, Recording Secretary