

Knollwood Heights UMC

Round Table Minutes, August 11, 2026

Members Present:

Jamie McMurtrey, Brian Lewis, Alan Thornburg, Bob Dominicak, Tim Reilly, Chris Bryant, Mary Wood, Lori Templeton.

Non Voting: Sharla McCaskell, Elke Baxter

Meeting was called to order at 5:26 pm by Jamie Mc M. and was opened with prayer by Alan T. Next month's devotion will be presented by Pastor Sharla.

July minutes were approved.

Finance: (Alan T.)

Our CD with Interfaith FCU, currently with 3.83% earnings, will mature in January 2027.

For future check writing processes by the building committee, a change is requested to increase security.

First motion was made for "non-budgeted church expenditures over \$ 1000.- to necessitate 2 signatures on a check, and board approval". Motion passed

Second motion: Motion to add Jamie McM. & Alan T. to signature card as signers to have a total of 4 people as authorized check signers. Motion passed

Pastor Sharla will check to see what bookkeeper Misty's permissions are in regards to creating vendors and making payments from our checking account, so for proper security. Finance reports are available to members upon request.

Trustees: (Brian L.)

Nothing new – same items as before.

Missions: (Mary W.)

There has been a meeting at the church recently with the liasons for Knollwood Heights Food Pantry, which are the Rapid City Police Department Outreach Team consisting of program director Jamie K. and police liaison Tyler. They informed us that they have funds available for food for the pantry, yet cannot order directly from Feeding South Dakota, but that we can order the food from Feeding SD and then submit our bills to them for September and November 2026. Pastor Sharla has applied for a \$ 2000.- grant from Dakota's UM Conference for the food pantry but will also apply for a grant through BH Community Foundation in October.

The July missions Showered w/ Hope total was \$ 465.-

September mission will be Wellfully/Abbott House. Since the two entities recently joined, our September speaker will be from Abbott House.

Staff/Pastor/Parish (Lori T.):

n/a

Pastor's report:

No update yet on the refund from our recent fraud event.

Vanco Giving Options: We could purchase a QR code to be linked to our website, so folks can then choose a giving option, but there's a considerable usage fee. As it turns out, Tim R. purchased a QR code for \$ 1.95 that does the same thing, so we'll make a slide to advertise it. It will also be prominently displayed on the sign which will be erected on our new property.

A "Fall Picnic" on the last weekend of September 9/27 was decided upon. Lori will supply cooked brats/hotdogs in roasters which the church will pay for; need to update our sign up for all other foods.

"Fresh Expressions" is a program designed for "out of the church welcoming devotion somewhere"; to try gathering new people into the church. Thursday, August 20 is "idea night" on zoom.

Current business:

A Generosity grove zoom meeting will happen tonight, right after Roundtable meeting, as a follow up to prior classes.

Pastor Sharla would like to know if she can ask a couple of people to serve on Generosity Grove. Yes and we'll try to recruit. She's thinking about having the kids whom we paid for to go to camp, to talk onto a video about their camp experiences, so it can be presented to the congregation.

Building Committee:

The Financial subcommittee is interviewing Walsh & Assoc. for financing tomorrow.

Since some folks have had ideas for the new church, congregation suggestions & ideas about the new church building should go anyone of the committee. Make slide and building committee box in announcements.

Utility location services approved/located placement for a sign on the new property advertising the future home of our church; Midco will dig a couple of post holes but a permit is probably needed to place the sign on property. Committee will take care of that.

Tim R. is ordering a sign for said purpose from Sign Express on Jackson Blvd. for \$ 351.22; it was the least expensive sign he could find.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Next meeting will be on September 8, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

With respect,

Elke Baxter

Secretary