



**Approved Minutes
Church Council Meeting
February 17, 2026 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

1. Call to Order: 6:35 pm

Jerry Kilbert

In attendance—Jerry Kilbert, Joan Slabaugh, Lynne Gilbertson, Chris Dawson, Catherine Slabaugh, Pastor Paul Baglyos, Pastor Jon Haug, Bridget Malme, Rita Blomster, Karen Olson, Micah Metts-Houston, Nicole Oehmke, Melanie Schindel, Mike Long, Bonnie Lindgren
via zoom—John Bailey, Kat Thorpe

2. Devotion

Lynne Gilbertson

- a. Why is there a chaplain at the council meetings? How can I (Lynne) support you and what is going on in your life?
- b. Saturday, March 14th—retreat at Lynne's home—9-3 (will start with breakfast)
- c. Invitation for the next 3 months— as you step out of your car to say "this is holy ground and I'm here doing God's holy work"

3. Introduction of all council members and staff present

4. Approval of Minutes [January Minutes](#)

Joan Slabaugh

- a. Motion to approve minutes as is
- b. Seconded by Chris Dawson

5. Treasurer's Report

John Bailey

- a. \$21,000 gift
 - i. Motion to approve designating \$10,000 of a \$21,000 gift to be put in restricted account for unhoused service
 1. Seconded by Melanie Schindel
 2. Motion approved unanimously
 - ii. Other 10,000 for new dishwasher (and upgraded garbage disposable)
 - iii. Can other funds be used as well for the dishwasher since it is not only for use of unhoused programs—can it be funded 50/50?
 1. After discussion and checking with John and Kat it was motioned to approve purchase with 50% from property fund and 50% from the unhoused restricted fund
 2. Seconded by John Bailey
 3. Motion approved unanimously
- b. Audit—highly recommended to have it done before new pastor comes
 - i. Would cost probably \$6000

- ii. Motion to contract with a firm to engage in a non CPA audit for cost up to \$6000
 1. Seconded by Bridget Malme
 2. Motion approved unanimously

6. Directors and Staff Reports

- a. Jon Haug updated his report to let us know the missing unit he was concerned about has been found
- b. Pastor Paul—since the congregational meeting he has been working on the youth/family position
 - i. Working with Jon Haug to create a vision for the position
 1. Want to integrate good things already occurring
 2. How can this support all generations of our congregation
 3. Shared ideas for his vision of how to use the position
 4. Will create a profile and start hiring process

7. Executive Committee Report

Jerry Kilbert

- a. Letter to congregation regarding unhoused
- b. Suggested allocations for donations to Snack Stop, Pilgrimage and unhoused
- c. Lenten benevolence partners
 - i. Lutheran Office of Public Policy
 - ii. Sacramento Area Congregations Together

8. Call Committee Report

Chris Dawson

- a. We now have a new slate of four candidates and first round of interviews will be in early March

9. Discernment Committee Report

Karen Olson

- a. Overview of committee—have been working for about a year and a half and basic goals have been met at this point so will be evolving
 - i. Will not become an ad hoc committee
 - ii. Jo Hoffmeier is preparing a final report that will be presented at a future meeting
 1. Some highlights were presented
 2. The committee will continue under the new name – “St. John’s Direct Services Task Force”

10. Announcements

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- a. Next Meeting March 17
- b. May 19th meeting and Lobby Day service (Lutheran Lobby Day is the 20th)
 - i. Council should attend the service at 6, followed by an abbreviated council meeting

11. Closing Prayer

12. Adjournment: 8:00 pm