

## July 2025 Wakeman Congregational Church

### Church Council Minutes

Moderator, Susan Hazel called the Church Council meeting to order at 7:07pm on Monday, July 21, 2025, in the church outreach building. Pastor Janet Ross opened the meeting in prayer.

Those in attendance: Susan Hazel, Moderator; Janet Ross, Pastor; JoDee Palmer, Diaconate; Diane Garner; Financial Secretary; Keely Krumwiede, Music and Christian Education; Melinda Dalton, Stewardship and Missions; Jerry Pickett, Trustee; Dan Green, Historian; Kenny Green, Treasurer; Adah Thomas, guest.

Dan G. made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections to the April 21, 2025 Church Council meeting. Melinda D. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Susan H. asked if there were any corrections/modifications to the Special Congregational Meeting minutes. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes and Diane G. seconded the motion. Motion passed. The minutes must also be approved by the congregation at the next Special Congregational meeting, but not later than the Annual Congregational meeting in January, 2026.

#### Calendar Dates:

- April 2 – June 25 at 6pm – 8pm Grief Share at the Church
- May 11 – June 15 – Abigail Pregnancy Center giving
- May 14 at 11am – 12:30pm Pearls of Wisdom
- Memorial Day Service May 26, 8am – our Church is sponsoring the Memorial Service
- June 1 – weather permitting, Sunday services will be held in the pavilion during June, July and August.
- June 8 - we will recognize the new graduates
- June 15 – Father's Day We will recognize the fathers in the Church with a small gifts
- June 23-26 Vacation Bible School
- July 26 – Fireman's Festival Parade – a church float will be created
- July 28 - Messenger articles due

#### Treasurer Report – Kenny G. reported that:

- April general operating collection was very good.
- \$871 for WAR – Women at Risk
- \$100 – direct donation to Pastor David Lee
- \$801 – to New Beginnings in North Carolina
- Need funds available for the accessibility project
- Cashed in two CD's and put money in savings account \$27,000
- Investments committed to accessibility project – liquidated these funds. Into two-month CD at 4%. A little over \$70,000.

#### Pastor's Report – Janet R. reported that:

- Pastor report is attached to these minutes.
- Janet R. will be away the first two weeks in July. Pastor David Lee will preach on July 6. The Diaconate will contact a supply minister for July 13.
- Church directory progress may be announced this week.
- Adah is providing childcare for Grief Share meetings
- *Pearls of Wisdom* - Senior Fellowship – 12 people in attendance. The event went well with much conversation and prayer. Next gathering June 11
- Discussed worship service in the pavilion. Susan H. stated that the pavilion was something the members liked. JoDee P. stated worship in the pavilion was transitioned to every Sunday for the summer because once per month may be affected by weather.
- Childcare for summer worship services will be provided in the outreach building.
- Pastoral Employment Contract has been signed and executed.
- Janet R. added pictures of the member's home visits to the PowerPoint slide show run during worship services. It was well received.
- July 6 – Pastor David Lee will be preaching.

Diaconate – JoDee P. reported that:

- Next meeting is May 25 after church worship service.
- Made arrangements for Pat Stull to fill the pulpit on May 4
- Worked with Pat Canfield to coordinate flowers for the women in celebration of Mother's Day.
- Working on graduation Sunday presentation
- June 15 – Father's Day gift presentation
- Janet R. confirmed that the pavilion has been unwinterized for the summer services.

Trustees – Susan H. reported that:

- Pastor's contract has been executed and signed. Diaconate has a copy of the contract.
- Kenny G. asked for any other copies of contracts to be provided to him. He will put the contracts in the lockbox at the bank.
- The guidelines for the use of the apartment have not been finalized. The Lee family is requesting to use the apartment for one month (June 25 – July 31).
- Sale of the parsonage. The house is under contract for the full asking price \$209,900 pending appraisal and inspection. Tina will continue to show the home and will continue to help us through the process. Tina H. stressed that this matter remains confidential regarding the details of the sale.
- Contract with Janott and Herner signed. The Village of Wakeman has received some of our permit paperwork for the accessibility project.
- The parsonage will receive a new air conditioner on May 20.
- Keely K. expressed concerns with the flat roof noted in the rendering. Kenny G. said if we elevate the roof, we may lose the second window. Janotta and Herner has made accommodation for snow melt and roof slant.

Christian Education – Keely reported that:

- Only a few weeks left of Sunday School prior to summer vacation.
- Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 23 – 26 – “Road Trip” will be the theme
- Some volunteers for Vacation Bible School have been identified

Mission – Melinda D. and Kathy P. reported that:

- Abigail Baby Bottle campaign May 11 – June 15
- Social reception June 8 or 15 (TBD) – Fellowship gathering after Church Family Worship
- Keely K. suggested we provide donuts each Sunday worship throughout the summer. The Council members thought this was a good idea and wanted to pursue it.

Stewardship and Memorial Arts – Melinda D. reported that:

- Talked to Steve Dillion to facilitate the chicken BBQ. Steve will get back with us on his availability.
  - Funds will be donated to the accessibility project.
- Riley Everhart, Department of Development given information of accessibility project. Susan H. reached out to him. Looking for some direction from him regarding availability of grant monies and how to apply for such funding.
- Very pleased with the accessibility project’s opening campaign launched May 18.
- Pledge cards for the accessibility project will be mailed at the end of May.
- Diane G. stated an anonymous donation came in for \$1,000 to begin the campaign.
- The donation envelope in the letter will be addressed to Diane G for the pledges. Melinda D. would like to do thank you notes for each pledge.
- Moving Forward Team – that group is doing what is outlined in our constitution.

Music – Keely K. reported that:

- Kenny G. asked if we could hear the Battle Hymn of the Republic on Memorial Day.

Old Business:

- Policy for the outreach center utilization may be the same documents as what is used for the pavilion reservation

The Historian Report – Dan G reported that:

- Record storage for the Church and the current storage of historical documents needs discussion and decisions. There are several places in the Church that are currently used for records storage.
- The question was raised should we delineate between project records and financial records and general operations documents.

New Business:

- \$50 deposit for the pavilion – they get \$25 back if the key is returned.
- If not reserved, then you take your chances if the pavilion is available.
- Dan G. suggested we post the pavilion schedule at the pavilion. May be too much work for Olivia.
- Janet R. stated we would like to support the community groups who would like to use our pavilion
- Melinda D. we want to provide space and support for the Girl Scouts and such groups that support our Mission.
- Kenny G – Memorial Day Service May 26 – our Church is sponsoring the Memorial Service. The Eagles would like to use the pavilion for the pancake breakfast. The church would like to donate the proceeds up to \$300. Melinda D. stated she has documents allowing the community to utilize the pavilion and outlining the rules. Melinda D. will send documents to Kenny G. for his review.

#### Council Meeting Schedule:

- meet at least quarterly or bi-monthly with advanced notice to assist with better attendance.
- Use One Call the day of the meeting as a reminder.
- June meeting – no meeting
- July meeting – July 21
- August meeting – no meeting.

Susan H. asked for a motion to adjourned the meeting. Melinda D. first motion, then Dan G. seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Palmer, Clerk