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October Session Meeting Minutes

October 20,2026 – 6:15pm – Room 209

Moderator	Tim McConnell
Recorder	Anna Deatherage
Members Present	David Barnhart, Kris Bauman, Jeff Freyschlag, Mary Frieg, Marguerite Hermanson, Peter Hurt, John Moe, Bonnie Ortivez, Bill Rhea, Angie Schweitzer, Kappy Stewart, Rev. Greg Hartnett, Rev. Dr. Mateen Elass, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell, Rev. Ellen Dawson, Mark Albers, Tom Amblad, Scott Berry, Shelly Busby, Ken Laura, Kirk Cherry
Members Excused	Dave Dillard, Susan Pattee, Wendy Buckler, Leah Landolfi, Rev. Matt Holtzman

Reading and Prayer — Tim McConnell

1. Nominated Scott Berry as acting Clerk for the evening, seconded by Peter Hurt. Motion carried.
2. Read Psalm 96 and discussed what it means to glorify God as a church

Discernment and Decision Time

1. Omnibus MOTION – To Approve Written Reports
    a. Clerks Report and Minutes
    b. Treasurer's Report
    c. Ministry Team Notes
    d. Human Resources Item
2. Jeff Freyschlag moved to approve written reports, Ken Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business — Greg Hartnett

1. 2026 Giving and 2027 Budgeting Updates
    a. 1P budget process explained for 2027. There has been a remarkable week of giving in response to the Dillard's video
2. Human Resources Item
    a. Dianne will be stepping down from her position as Assistant Kids Ministries Director. A celebration to honor her will be in November with kids.

Old Business — Greg Hartnett

1. AP Search Updates
    a. Greg updated on Family Min and Discipleship AP searches- many candidates are coming from cold contacting ECO network churches; application process is ongoing
    b. Family Min has candidates filling out questionnaires and may do site visits.
    c. Discipleship has people in active conversation as well as ongoing applications rolling in.
2. Café 225 Updates
    a. Have done walkthroughs with 2 additional companies for the 225 remodel
    b. Next step is to launch a task force
        i. Question of if a Palmer HS liaison is needed on the team, Greg answered that that's a quality being looked for in the open HS Director position
    c. Kris Bauman moved to launch the Café 225 task force, seconded by Angie Schweitzer. Motion carried.
    d. Ellen emphasized the importance of partnership with SRM throughout the process.

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Visioning Tim McConnell

1. How do we as a church invite people at every level into a relationship with Jesus?
    a. Idea to utilize a testimonial video series (Bill Rhea)
    b. Idea to train up congregation to be welcoming (esp. Professional Christians) (Mary Freig)
    c. Idea to ask people for a commitment to bear fruit, like stewardship Sunday (Angie Schweitzer)
    d. Need a common language to talk about how to reach people
2. The new discipleship pathway was created for an internal audience
    a. Idea for Tim to do a sermon series on the pathway (Mateen)
3. Where as a church have you felt that we were leading people into a deeper relationship with Jesus?
    a. In the adult communities, life groups
    b. To have a healthy congregation, need to have people engaged in these things, not just coming on Sundays

Action Items	Owner	Due Date
Convene the 225 Task Force	**Greg Hartnett**	**October**

Closing Prayer Tim McConnell