

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026

Those present: Marilyn Quarberg, Jackie Peterson, Jim Schlotterback, Ellen Zimmerman, Pastor Ryan, Cheryl Rogge, Micky Sonderman, Ben Schnabel, Karn Matthews, Dawson Blanck, Maren Hawkins

Those absent: Pam Flint

Call to Order: Dawson called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ryan led the council in prayer.

Audio/Visual Systems Update: Colin Owens. Colin is the new AV Tech and he presented the current status of the sanctuary's sound and video system. People don't notice it unless it's a problem. The current system is about 20 years old. The ultimate goal in updating the system is better worship, supporting musicians, accessible and easy for volunteers to use. He provided a step by step phased approach to fixing the system.

Approval of December Council Minutes: Dawson asked Karn to update the minutes. Maren made a motion to accept the December Council Minutes with amendments by Karn, Ellen second; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Update: Ben presented the financials through December, 2025.

Pastors Reports: Pastor Katie presented a written report.

Business/Action Items:

- Budget recommendations for 2026: Dawson asked a council member to make a motion to accept the 2026 Next Year Budget as reflected on the budget worksheet with the addition of \$11,500 under line 5086 and correcting line 5055 from \$8,684 to \$8,714. Karn made the motion; second by Cheryl; motion passed.
- Nominating Committee Update - Karn led the discussion on the ballot recommendations for the annual meeting in Feb. She has a list of the open positions and asked members of the council to reach out to some of the names on the list.
- Safety Campaign - Pastor Ryan shared that the Safety Campaign brought in more money than we originally asked for. He would like extra security cameras to be installed by the garage and one in the sanctuary. He has asked Gary Engen to head up a committee to get quotes on the doors. Ben made a motion to add \$840 for 2 cameras which will cover the sanctuary and garage. Ellen second, motion passed.

Prayer requests/Lord's Prayer Pastor Ryan led the council in closing prayer.

Adjournment: Ben made motion to adjourn Karn second, meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maren Hawkins

Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday February 8th, 2026.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday February 17th, 2026.