

Abiding Savior Council Meeting Minutes
January 20th, 2025

Those present: Pastor Ryan, Dawson Blanck, Annika Bankston, Julie Zarambo, Sheryl Rogge, Tonya Cox, Ellen Zimmerman, Ben Schnabel, Micky Sonderman, Ben Schnabel, Karn Matthews, Maren Hawkins

Those absent: Jim Schlotterback, Jackie Peterson

Call to Order: Dawson called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm

Devotions: Pastor Ryan

Dawson recognized Tonya, Annika & Julie for their service as this is their last council meeting.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes:

- Micky asked to edit the spelling of her name. Ben made a motion to accept the minutes as edited, second by Tonya, minutes approved.

Financial Update:

- Ben shared the **proposed** 2025 budget. After much discussion Ellen made a motion to accept the 2025 budget as presented and discussed; Micky second, motion accepted. Micky made a motion to move the excess Capital campaign funds and transfer them to the Building reserve fund, second by Annika, motion passed. Julie made a motion to redesignate \$7500 from the water project campaign funds to a Tanzania fund, Karn second, motion passed.

Karn gave an update on the 2025 open council / committee positions. They will be presented at the annual meeting on February 9th and voted on by the congregation.

Kendra Brodin led the council on a strategic planning session on worship. There was much discussion on what is important in worship, what Abiding Savior is doing well and where there are areas of growth.

Adjournment:

- Ellen made a motion to adjourn, second by Tonya, meeting adjourned at 6:46

**** Edited minutes:** At the February meeting it was noted that there was a piece of information missing. Jackie Peterson was absent but had asked the following comments to be stated at the January meeting. Here are her notes from the Children's Ministry Committee: There was positive feedback regarding the Sunday School Christmas Program. Grateful for the participation of older children. Sunday School is back to the old format, meeting fully before the church service. All parents were contacted prior to the change and were in favor, except one parent who wished it could be during church, but still brings their child. The change took place

after Christmas. Patty and teachers felt they were unable to bond with the children and the children couldn't build relationships. *Patty was caught off guard by the earlier craft show petting zoo cost being charged to Children's Ministry. This was not discussed with her ahead of time. She would have appreciated input in this decision. Patty ran a craft room during this event and felt that was enough of an investment for Children's Ministry. End of additional comments.

Respectfully submitted,
Maren Hawkins