

**Lone Oak United Methodist Church**

**Church Council Minutes**

**DATE:** Monday, October 21, 2024, 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

**Members:**

P	Sam Boss	P	Kirk Edwards	P	David Pope - Chair
	Allen Burnett	P	Jack Feiler	P	Freda Thompson
P	Donna Chu		Carson Ford		
P	David Cunningham – Lay Leader	P	Ranee Gough		Connor Williams – Pastor

Others:

**Agenda Items:**

**Topic: Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation: Chair – David Pope**

**Discussion:** David Pope called the meeting to order. Jack Feiler led the group in prayer. David Pope provided a Spiritual Formation discussion on mission and vision in the church. Members discussed demographics of the Lone Oak community.

**Topic: Goal Review and Accountability Conversation**

**Discussion:** Connor was not present. He has shared with David Pope that Ann Boss to be head of Missions next year.

**Action:**

**Topic: Approval of September Minutes**

Motion to approve by Jack Feiler, second by Renee Gough

**Discussion:** correct to 501(c)3

**Action:** Motion passed with correction

**Topic: Financial Report**

**Discussion:** Financial report for September is not available, the floor was open to questions about budget with discussion of how 2025 budget compares to previous years. It is noted that with the decreasing size of the congregation and decreasing offerings, we will have to make some difficult decisions in the future.

**Action:**

**Topic: Phone Contracts – David Cunningham**

**Discussion:** Three bids have been received and reviewed. NEC (current provider), Comcast Business and E-Tel. Our current contract goes through March. E-Tel may be able to

provide fiberoptic for internet service, Kirk Edwards will follow up. Motion was made by Freda Thompson to limit further discussions to E-Tel and Comcast. Renee Gough seconded the motion.

**Action:** motion passed

**Topic: Copier**

**Discussion:** The office copier is not working. Rachel is obtaining 3 bids for copiers and will check on rental. David Pope may email council so a decision about purchase prior to the next council meeting. Some money is available from Bazaar proceeds.

**Action:**

**Topic: Guiding Principle Covering Liquid CD**

**Discussion: Drafting a** Guiding Principle on access and use of the liquid certificate of deposit held by the church. It is recommended that it state that the church council would have sole responsibility to designate use of those funds. It will also need to indicate what positions would have the ability to access those funds. Initially that was the Church Treasurer, Chair of Church Finance Committee and Chair of Trustees. Once the Guiding Principle has been approved, Council minutes will need to reflect the name changes to get the update completed at Paducah Bank.

**Action:**

**Communication:** Freda Thompson will share actions with the church on Sunday.

Next Meeting 6 pm on November 18th.

Respectfully submitted  
Freda Thompson