

Canton church of Christ
Congregational Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025

Attendees: Keith, Amy B., Brent, Heather, Valerie, Kip, Kenney, Patti, Don, Todd, Renee, Stephanie L, Stephanie H, Sandra, Darren, Amber

Josh facilitated the meeting.

Worship and Teaching

Future Gospel Meetings:

- Continue to submit future potential speaker names to Brent, Josh, or Kip ASAP for anything in the spring.

Teaching:

- Stephanie L and Josh will be splitting older classes to have a boys' class and a girls' class starting in June through August. For the littlest kids' class, they can continue or move into the appropriate boys' / girls' class. If there are questions, reach out to Stephanie or Josh. Kip is going to be taking over in the Adult class at the beginning of June.

Treasury

- Keith reviewed the most recent treasury statement. He noted that the Misc amount in March was for the website while the Misc amount in April was for checks. The Building Material expense in April was for the roof repair. He also distributed a copy of the 2024 treasury statement to compare the total balance from the beginning of 2024 (\$34,577) through April 2025 (\$20,907). He also said he recently transferred \$2,000 which will bring the balance down to around \$18,000. Keith said the company that repaired the roof indicated that we would likely have 2 to 3 years out of our current roof until it would start to nickel and dime us.

Building and Maintenance

- None this month.

Old Business

- None this month.

New Business

- Keith shared the new roof quote from Holthaus Companies. The total for everything, which includes a 25-year manufacturer warranty but wouldn't include any new wood needed, is \$22,050. We currently have about \$18,000 in the treasury. Holthaus said that the roof could be okay for another 2-3 years and is not a problem right now. We need to be thinking about it. Keith will put the estimate at the back of the assembly.
 - Janette asked if there was any hail damage. At one time, it was inspected when we got new siding. We could call the insurance company and look at it again.
 - Darren asked if there is just one layer of shingles on it now. The number of layers of shingles was not known.
 - Prairie Home Alliance and Brannan's were suggested as others to get estimates from.
 - For next steps, it was agreed that we would gather estimates and what financing / payment options there would be by August 1st with plans to make a final decision of whether to proceed by September 1st.
- If you notice supplies are needed, you can go ahead and purchase them and get reimbursed by Keith through the treasury.
- Kip asked if we would want to get together at Big Creek Park the last Wednesday of the month again this summer – May through September pending ability to reserve the space. It was

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agreed that was something we would like to do. Josh will book the park, and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the back bulletin board to coordinate who would plan the activity. Don suggested that we put on our website and at the building that we are not meeting at the building. The last Wednesday of May will include ice cream at Hannam's.

- The Liggins are taking vacation this weekend. Brent will be preaching; Kenney will be subbing for the adult class. They will also potentially be gone the third full week of June – the 15th through the 21st.
- Josh is scheduled to speak at the Normal Summer Series on September 17th.
- Josh did put all the contributions from the brainstorming on how to improve our worship on a front and back paper. He will print those and make them available.
- Josh updated everyone on his support situation. The church in Bridgeview, IL has committed to supporting him at \$500/month through the end of 2025. That likely will end at the end of this year. The church in Valrico, FL has requested information from those they support outside of their group as they are assessing how much they are able to continue to support them – which is currently \$500/month for Josh. The group would give anyone at least 6 months' notice if they were going to discontinue support.
- Josh investigated alternative Internet for the building as Xfinity charges \$110/month. The only other viable option is Midcentury Fiber, but because they consider us a business it would be even more expensive than Comcast.
- Several of the young people have expressed an interest in doing a lock-in at the building over the summer. Nobody was opposed to this.

The next congregational meeting would be Sunday, June 1, 2025, after services unless otherwise noted.