

St. Olaf Church Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2026

1. Call meeting to order at 5:08PM by President Paul Thusius after Dave shared devotion and prayer after the sharing of where we witnessed God at work this past week and other God's Blessings/Opportunities since our last meeting.

Members present: Paul T, Dave J., Sonya D., Ron E., Linda F., Scott S., Pastor Tom and Tim T

- a. Our mission "Sharing God's Love, Caring for Community"
- b. Review/approve previous meeting minutes Motion to Approve: Ron Seconded: Linda Motion passed unanimously

2. Reports

- a. Executive: Disclaimer to bulletin advising of picture/video restrictions has been accomplished. No one received any feedback regarding.
- b. Finance Committee: (John C not in attendance)
 - i. Fire alarm and monitoring security system & phone line. John, Paul, Kathy & Ron met and subsequently 2 lines of WiFi/Internet were run. On April 20th the phone people will be in to hook up. Possible WiFi service could be sent over to the parsonage as well. Full report coming next month.
 - ii. Giving remains steady
 - iii. Discussion about more charitable giving utilizing the tools already provided to us by Thrivent. Finance Committee will meet to discuss and decide upon the best way to workshop and make a presentation to the congregation. There may be different ways to increase charitable giving – and Finance Committee again will look at and provide direction.
 - iv. No foreseeable issues forthcoming although Furnace/Air Conditioning will need to be addressed at some point in the near future but funds are set aside.
- c. Mission Fund Committee: Nigerian Pastoral support. Update by Pastor Tom advising we will be putting on a benefit on May 17th with the intent on raising funds for Nigerian missionaries who have been affected negatively by the violence in the region. We know of 23 Pastoral homes that were destroyed in the recent past. We were provided an assessment of replacing the homes. The cost for each would be \$3,500. Total amount needed to raise would \$ 80,500 and Pastor Tom is confident that with a few people he knows, we may be able to get sizable contributions. That, coupled with fund raising/benefit event, Pastor Tom is confident we can reach the goal. More information to follow.
- d. Property Committee
 - i. Cross on Steeple – Still in process of being completed. \$ 4,700 has been invested so far and an estimated \$4,500 or so should complete the job. How to pay for it was discussed but no decision made as of yet.
 - ii. Parsonage door update – Pastor Tom advises that all doors are completed and after all the free labor (see: Pastor Tom) the final cost was \$ 12,500.
- e. Worship and Music: No update except for saying that all went well for Holy Week !

- f. Youth Ministry: Scott S. advised that parents and students are going to push to get through all the coursework in a condensed approach and we have buy in from all the parents and students involved. We have 2 confirmands ready to go on May 10th. Roadside Clean Up coming up soon

3. Previous Business

- a. Prairie Project – No update but we should get more information during the weekend retreat on April 11th.
- b. Update to Windows 11 for office computer – No update.
- c. Policy for outside use of our facilities (liability ins.) Paul T. & Dave J – Ongoing
- d. Retreat for council and key church leaders - Sat Apr 11 - 8:00 - 3:00. Still all systems Go.
- e. Getting a group of people to go to All Peoples Church for a Sunday (10:00) worship service. Paul will talk to Steve and pick a date.

4 New Business – Upcoming events: Nothing to report over and above what is already contained herein.

5 Closing

- a. Motion made by Dave to close meeting. Seconded by Pastor Tom. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Next meeting: May 7th, 5:00pm
- c. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer