

St. Jude's MCC Board of Directors Meeting Minute

August 10, 2026

5:00 PM Opening Prayer

Compliments and Concerns from Members

Attendance – Tim Corbett, Pastor John McLaughlin, Kathy Grant, Drew Culwell, Rick Cobb and Jerry Marshall

Responsibilities and Action Items

Approve Agenda 1st Drew 2nd Tim

- Affirm approval of July minutes via email consent.
- **Pastor's update** – In general it's been a pretty low key summer. Congregational Support Committee has been very busy as we have a number of sick members. Several new people have been attendings which is great. Overall church status is good.
- **Finance Report** – Rick Cobb - see attached monthly report, slightly ahead on tithes, We should be thinking about a fall fundraiser. (noted Kathy and Tim working on a cookout and Bingo event). Utilities cost high due to new building and increasing rates. Will be discussed in building report.
- **Building Report** – Judy Hill not present Discussion was we have gotten from Nick two programmable thermostats that he can install so that it can be programmed to go off and set to higher temps or lower temps when need be. Also whoever has the app on their phone can control it remotely so it can be checked.
 - Motion to accept thermostats being installed 1st Rick 2nd Tim
- **Grounds Report** – Jerry Marshall It will be \$519 for a new bench, Tim has offered \$100 and we had an anonymous donor of \$100 and everyone remembers Judy Hill saying she would cover remainder needed. Motion to get the new bench 1st Jerry 2nd Rick We then had a discussion about the mowing of front lawn to look good on Sunday Service, the current irrigation has been feeding the grass and weeds so growing rapidly.

Jerry to follow up to assure irrigation is off. Judy to follow up with landscapers to see if we can get on a schedule for Saturday cutting.

5:30 -5:45 p.m.

Ongoing Business

- Lunch bag program going well children from the Synagogue did the bags for Weds. Saturday staffing has improved. Food Pantry continues to operate well and Friday breakfast program is well staffed.
- **Congregational Support Ministry Update** – Drew Culwell The team is looking for ways to better involve the congregations in helping with meals, transport etc., without breaching confidentiality and privacy. It was discussed adding to the blue slips a place to say you are available to help or cook or transport. Mary Ellen Keough will be the contact. Also John will add to blue slips we always need prayers for the congregation and that right now we have many members in all levels of care, acute, rehab, palliative and hospice.
- **Security Team Update** – Rick Cobb discussed that the team is looking for greater direction and it has been a while since security concerns was discussed with BOD members. Rick will distribute the concerns from the last survey. Kathy questioned whether we have a way of knowing what Grants are out there to support security in houses of worship. Rick also raised that we need a better accounting of key distribution to the church and to the office. Example is when people transition off the BOD like Sandy, Pastor Juhn noted for Friday breakfast duties Sandy needs to keep her key.
- In case of emergency training was raised, we have an AED machine but no signage where it is stored or orientation to use. Kathy and Drew along with Rick for security, to tackle signage and an overall orientation that would cover
 - Shooter drills
 - Medical emergencies
 - Hostile environment
 - Any additions
- It was also raised by Rick that behind the new buildings is being used as a bathroom by the homeless outside of the camera coverage, it was decided to watch this for the near term no action necessary.
- Tim and Kathy will be meeting next week to plan Hot Dog/Bingo fundraiser.

Board the went into executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.