

## Annual Business Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2026

**Opening and Devotions:** In the absence of Church Chair Jerry Reimer, Deacon Vicki Hinz-Ensz called the meeting to order on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. with 27 members present. The lamp was lit, symbolizing God's presence at the meeting. Amanda Thimm led the group in devotions on Philippians 4:6-7 and Proverbs 31: God knows exactly what is planned for us and equips us with what's needed for those plans so we just need to trust Him.

▲Mike Goossen moved to approve the January 8, 2025 annual meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Marcia Regier. Motion passed on voice vote.

Don Esau gave the Deacon's Report, thanking the congregation for their support.

Sue Gerber is the Deacon nominee to serve her second 3-year term. A ballot vote unanimously elected Sue for another term. Counters were Pat Penner and Larry Thimm.

Nominating Committee Chair Barb Thimm presented the slate of nominees. ▲Kathy Casey moved that those on the presented ballot be elected; seconded by Larry Thimm. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Barb Thimm thanked those who have agreed to serve.

There were no questions on the Board and Committee reports distributed in the Annual Report.

Pastor Josh Janzen summarized his report and thanked the members for their support and for his paternity leave, which ended today.

Associate Pastor of Faith Formation Sarah Neher Reimer thanked the congregation for their support in her ministry here.

Mike Goossen presented the treasurer's report. There were no questions.

▲Mike Goossen moved to adopt the proposed 2026 budget as printed; seconded by Dorothy Zimmerman. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

▲Dan Kunzman moved to use an additional \$20,000 from Undesignated Everence Funds in 2026, only if needed and at the church board's discretion; seconded by Dorothy Zimmerman. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

Everence representative Vern Jantzen reported on the Everence Sharing Fund. He also serves on the Western District Stewardship Commission and plans to increase communication between Western District Conference and the congregation on what WDC does for FMC. He noted that FMC has three members serving on WDC boards and committees: He is on the Stewardship Commission; Dan Kunzman is on the Executive Board; and Debbie Goossen is chair of the Kid's meet Christ Initiative.

Deacon Vicki Hinz-Ensz reminded outgoing members to mentor the incoming committee members for a smoother transition. The newly elected are reminded to review their responsibilities as stated in the handbook.

Pastor Josh Janzen led the group in prayer to end the meeting.

Deacon Vicki Hinz-Ensz adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m., extinguishing the lamp, symbolizing God does not stay in this place only but goes with us into the world.

Respectively submitted,

Vicki Frerking, FMC Administrative Assistant