BOM June 2026 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Linda Escott.

Pastor Sarah shared a Pentecost poem, based on John 20, by Jan Richardson, followed by prayer.

Roll call: Myrna Dornan, Wendy VanTassell, Sue Nelson, Linda Escott, Janna Rudich, Pastor Sarah, Connie Rusiecki, Kathy Plapp

Absent: Vicki Boyce, Danny Mayer, Kim DeBoer

Approval of May Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as written Myrna D./Sue N./passed.

Public Comment: None

Moderator's Report: Linda reported that she had received a letter stating an intention to transfer membership from Cindy Raue, and Kirk Raue. She read both letters to the board, followed by discussion. We have to wait for the official letter of transfer from Douglas UCC, then the transfer will be recorded in the official record book.

We will have a 6 month review of our budget at our July meeting.

Linda brought up a comment she received from Amber Wingard regarding her kids running in Fellowship Hall. We discussed how to not alienate our young families, while keeping the safety of our older members in mind.

Treasurer's Report: As of 5/31/26 we have $8,965.76 in our General Fund Checking. Heritage Fund – YTD gain/loss, transfers & expenses has our unrestricted balance down $27,518.91. YTD money market transfers $30,000 5/31/26. Unrestricted Heritage Fund balance $86,410.14. May expenses are $35,405.10, collections $5,474.00. YTD expenses are $18,693.12 under budget, collections are $4,151.00 under budget.

A financial gift was received from the family of Betty White.

Heritage Fund Update: As of 5/31/26, the Heritage Fund balance is $386,410 with $300,000 appointed as restricted. At our annual meeting, in January 2026, the congregation approved using $87,000 from the Heritage Fund for capital improvements. Earlier in May, we withdrew $24,000 of the $87,00 for the carpet replacement portion of the improvements. Phyllis did some digging, and found the earliest entries for the Heritage Fund dated back to 1967 (an initial endowment fund of $9,317.). She will continue to

prudently monitor our Heritage Fund to allow us many more years of supplementing our budget as needs arise.

Clerk's Report: None

Congregational Way Captain/Delegate: Wendy & Tom V. left with two large boxes of the items collected for Seafarer's Friend, the NACCC mission project to be done at the NACCC annual meeting and conference.

She and Tom are looking forward to representing our church at the meeting. Our church is a leader in the NACCC. Pastor Sarah serves on the NACCC Board of Directors and Wendy is co-editor of the Advent and Lenten Devotionals. Tom will be elected to the position of Historian at the meeting in Springfield, MA. It is an honor to serve.

Pastor's Report: Our Women's Fellowship provided a beautiful array of desserts for the PRIDE Social on June 3. There were a total of 4 area churches that provided the food that day.

Douglas Pride was a fun day! The booth was attended by Pastor Sara (all day), Wendy V. (all day), Dan and Connie R., and Michelle F. Our church was given a Proud Sponsor sign, even though we were unable to provide a financial donation this year. We were one of 5 area churches represented at Pride this year.

The tech issues have been resolved, thanks to Comcast and Big Blue Water. It was determined that the building experienced a power surge that fried our router and created an error in our modem. Both items have been replaced. Comcast installed a second access point for our wifi to strengthen our streaming connection. This access point is not a sustainable or ideal solution for us, so it will be returned.

A mid-year report was made to the Vitality Council of the NACCC about the installation of our MEVO camera system. Rob Tarr, the chair of the Council, made a few suggestions on how to improve the streaming experience that Pastor Sarah will be exploring.

The Summer Bible study will begin July 2nd at 11:00 am, and run through August 13th .

Building Improvement Task Team: The 50% deposit has been paid for our carpet at Carpet Bonanza in the amount of $24,000.

Installation dates: Phase 1 (foyer/sanctuary) August 17-21

Phase 2 (chapel/Sunday School rooms) August 31-September 4.

Upholstery selection is being finalized this week. We are hoping to place our order for both chairs and upholstery fabric by the end of next week. The company is having a price increase on July 1st, so we definitely need to make our selection before then.

An interior designer from Hillis Brothers Painting will be coming to the church on June 16th to consult on the sanctuary paint color.

The Task Team is planning to make a presentation to the congregation during worship on June 21st, including a display in Fellowship Hall.

Old Business: None

New Business: No new Building Usage requests received. Capital Campaign update: Total collected as of June 7th is $3,120, representing six contributing households. There is a matching challenge on the table for June. Funds donated to the campaign will be doubled up to $4,000.

Thank you to all the contributors!

Captain's Reports:

Community Life: We will again be participating in the 4th of July parade – rain or shine!

Worship Arts: Pastor Sarah will be gone June 28th, July 12th, and August 2nd. Pulpit Supply: June 28th will be Norm Steen; July 12th, will be Jenny Rouble; August 2nd, will be Tom or Wendy V.

Christian Education: Children in attendance – May 24, 5; May 31, 5; June 5, 0; June 9, 4. We have been doing quick arts and crafts as I discuss with them the meaning of the crafts. I can't always do crafts, as sometimes they are not feeling them, but the crafts I have been able to do within the past month were the "He's got the whole world in his hands" and the "butterfly coffee filter" (reflecting God's colorful creations) crafts. The children seem to only want to free play, so I'm trying to slowly integrate structure as time goes on.

Congregational Care: No report

Building and Grounds: No report

Stewardship/Missions: 41 boxes of cereal were collected for Christian Neighbors.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm by Linda/Sue/passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rusiecki, Clerk