

**ST PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES APRIL 26, 2026**

A special meeting of the Session of St Paul Presbyterian Church was held April 26, 2026 at 10:49 am. Pastor Bill O'Connell opened with prayer. Members present and representing a quorum were: Lisa Stange, Corrie Strasser, Hale Strasser, Jana Foley, Jerry Foley, Patti Schroeder, Lois Kiester (via Zoom) and Erin Kongshaug.

Pastor Bill O'Connell was present as moderator. Dave Beecher was present as Clerk.

Request for excused: Isaiah Cammon, Jane Young

Stewardship Discussion of Proposal for Closing the 2026 Budget Deficit

The 2026 budget was passed as a deficit budget and session agreed to work on a plan to reduce the budget. There is a loan on the FAC which will be paid off in 2030. Options are to raise additional funds, extend the loan past 2030, or find another source of funds. Session has taken steps to control growth of the budget due to deficit budgets for the last four or five years.

Motion (Patti) to approve we allow our Treasurer to work to retire our FAC bank loan through a targeted congregational giving campaign and private loan that will result in significant savings for our church. Seconded (Dave) and approved.

High Level Discussion Notes:

A private lender with ties to the church has offered to make a non-collateralized loan at a significantly reduced interest rate. (~\$216,000 is the current bank loan balance). A one-time fund-raising effort will pay off the remaining portion of the bank loan, with the private lender covering the remainder. The Stewardship committee will work on the a plan to present and loan agreement details.

Motion (Dave) to adjourn. Seconded (Hale) and approved

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:26 am.

The next regular Session meeting is May 21, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Beecher, Elder
Clerk