

Council meeting, Boulder Mennonite Church

12 June 2025

Present: Randy Spaulding, Bruce Wheeler, Ezra Tice, Becky Neumann, Bruce Fast, Paul Classen (Zoom)

Finances: Bruce observed that while April offerings were up to budget level, those in May again lagged behind. Council requested speaking up on Sunday morning to make a verbal announcement about finances and encourage increased/consistent giving.

Neither Deacon Emergency fund expenses nor Beautification/landscaping expenses are to be considered as Outward Ministries funds. The latter are only funds sent to other nonprofit organizations.

Paul suggested that the nonprofits to receive Outward Ministries funds in the coming year should be identified before a new budget is approved. The Outward Ministries committee should work harder to keep its recipients in front of congregation throughout the year.

Indigenous activities: Bruce Wheeler mentioned the recent disappointing failure of the Supreme Court to take up the Apache Stronghold case.

The Haven program has now received all the comfort kits and bedding provided by our congregation -- much of it delivered personally by Bruce Wheeler. They are very thankful and sent a nice thank you note to our congregation.

The treasurer should review payments made to the Coalition (CDDoD) so far and how it fits with our 3-year commitment. At the upcoming congregational meeting we should bring this up and decide whether to re-up for another 3-year commitment to use 1% of our budget for these activities. (The indigenous scholarship is a separate issue and is in addition to the 1%; Bruce and Randy will be speaking to contacts about candidates for these scholarships.)

PCRC: The survey is complete and results are being compiled and will be shared with the congregation.

Deacons: Are planning a summer ice cream social for the congregation. Service project not developed yet. Searching for new deacon as Paul is soon rotating off the current group.

Pastor: Several in the congregation will be joining the Saturday protest gathering. Randy leaves for Indiana after Church this Sunday, returning after 10 days. Ezra will speak on the Sunday when Randy is gone. Later, Randy attends the national Mennonite convention in North Carolina, a QLC meeting, and the Assembly in Colorado Springs.

Saavedras; All have jobs and are busy working. They are pursuing a housing option with EFAA.

Next meeting: July 17

Congregational meeting: July 20