- I. Opening Devotion
 - A. Barb calls meeting to order at 6:33pm
 - B. Barb did the opening devotion: Psalm 46:1-3
- II. Reports
 - A. Finance
 - 1. January: General fund Income 7654.33, costs 12,399.52, overall collection 8,365.03, overall 30,621.16
 - a) 11,000 to scott engineering
 - b) 7,057 to prettyman builders
 - c) Does money from the conference come in through the general fund? Yes
 - d) Joan has drawn up a new budget and total figure for this year is \$155,510- may change if we get apportionment reductions, which we will know by the next meeting
 - (1) Last year was \$132-135,000 range we think
 - e) \$14,276 is current apportionments
 - f) Pastor's salary went up, but the increase is coming from the conference; it is listed on the budget
 - g) In the Church Mutual account, a second location is showing up- the Viola church, which needs to be investigated by Trustees
 - (1) Perhaps they have the "viola" church listed as our new property?
 - (2) Joan needs to know who to pass this off to so they trustees can figure it out
 - h) Insurance has been ~30% increase over the past 2 years?

 Debbi Cadwallader says it seems like a lot, the trustees

 could look into
 - Debbi Cadwallader motions to accept report subject to audit, Debbi Moran seconds
 - a) Vote is unanimous yes accepted

B. Trustees & PPR

- Trustees have not had a meeting for well over a year but we do have a full strength membership now! It is a Discipline requirement, although not a state law requirement. May or may not be in Felton-Viola bylaws, but PC does not have a copy of those.
- Pastor Christine says Trustees do not have a report because they have not met, she will persuade them that they need to call a meeting to assign responsibilities
- 3. PPR- PC spoke w/ Richard on Sunday, no apparent business going on currently

C. Nominations Update

- Second page of agenda has PC's understanding of our current leadership organization- if you find a mistake please let her know so that it can be fixed! Please look over it carefully.
- 2. Will need to find new nominations for next year; Trustees can serve another 3 year term if they want; PPRC can serve two terms and then have to come off before they can serve again
 - The idea is to keep names rolling so we can have new thoughts/perspectives/voices in a reasonable amount of time

D. Building

- 1. Debbi Cadwallader- We've gone to Regional Planning Commission
- 2. Tuesday Feb 25th at 7pm, KC Levy Court
- 3. RPC has unanimously voted in favor of our plan; we think the meeting at Levy Court will be similarly positive outcome
 - a) Did they approve variance for no sidewalk? Yes
- 4. Debbi was able to find a zero turn lawnmower with a trailer; after the meeting with RPC she asked if we can store the lawnmower there and they said yes. We have a lawnmower right now, but it is not in great shape. Debbi thinks she will buy and donate the lawnmower for use at church or parsonage; someone in

- congregation has offered to deal with the trailer. Since this is a personal transaction, no motion is needed.
- Barb Duffin asks are the picnic tables back in the woods? Linda String says she thinks they are in Linda's barn

III. Other Work Areas

A. Missions:

- 1. Food & Clothing- any updates and plans
 - a) Today- 95 families showed up for food, and Susie said they only had about 37 families today- perhaps it was slower for clothing because of the cold.
 - b) Almost everyone who came for food remembered their recertification papers, which is good
 - c) Debbi Cadwallader asks- can we have boxes delivered to people? Joan says yes but many people don't want the delivery because then they don't get the extra produce stuff-Debbie says she can help with that if they need it
 - d) On the 24th, Public Health is coming to do the kitchen inspection
 - (1) Couldn't get the bug inspection guy here until March 10th; we're the first place he comes when he's back from vacation
 - e) Putting together a letter that can serve as a clothing donation receipt
- 2. Monthly Missions- any updates and plans

B. Worship

- 1. Outline of schedule for Lent/Easter
 - a) A group got together to talk about worship for Lent and Easter
 - (1) Ash Wednesday March 5th- open from 12-1pm and6-7pm for prayer, meditation, getting ashes from PC

- (2) Maundy Thursday gathering- covered dish dinner sort of remembrance with foot washing and communion, but less formal than a "service"
- (3) Easter Sunday- traditional service
- (4) Lent- looking at ways to use the cross to remind us of the different themes of the season of Lent; a few possibilities
- (5) We talked about many ideas and can't do *all* of them, but we will do many
- (6) Linda had made a suggestion to print out business-size cards to hand out to people with encouraging short Bible verses (this can be done unrelated to Lent, just whenever we want, and also during Lent). PC is going to get some printed up.
- b) April 23rd- Earth Day- ways we can recognize this and remember our stewardship responsibilities to creation
 - (1) One of the things we talked about has to do with the hissop plant

C. Activities

- 1. Review & Update
 - a) Not going to the flower show- too expensive
 - b) August 8th- Shorebirds! We will be in the clubhouse, right behind home plate, and get the same buffett we had last time. No air conditioning though.
- 2. Easter Eggs- decided on Saturday to do Easter Eggs
 - a) Sarah set up an online order form for Easter Eggs online
 - b) Order forms will be available in church on Sunday

IV. New Business

A. Debbi Cadwallader wanted to mention that our 5th sunday will be March 30th, we will have only one service that day, at 9:30am

- B. PC wants to let everyone know there is Lay Academy happening in March 21-22nd
 - 1. She will be teaching a class about worship
- C. PC has talked to Aaron at PACE- they're the people that came and talked to us about care for people who have medical needs but are still able to live on their own
 - 1. That same organization is going to fo a Fall Prevention workshop
 - 2. Some time in May; we would choose a mutually beneficial date
 - 3. Open to everyone; learn about how to not fall; money-less Bingo game with prizes
- D. PC also got some information about things we can do to support people who are facing deportation and other uncertainties; she will be doing more research into it
- E. New prayer group starting on Sunday afternoons at 3pm in Fellowship Hall
 - If there is a desire to have a zoom prayer meeting as well, we can
 do that in addition to this in-person group
 - 2. It will be directed and organized and not last a long long time
 - Kevin says there's a good outline for a midday prayer in the book of worship; PC says that's a good suggestion
 - b) PC wants to include the Psalms in some way
- F. PC got in touch with DS Tom Passmore re: Building
- G. Barb Duffin asks do we need file cabinets anywhere?
 - 1. The consensus is yes
 - 2. We will need some help to move them but they are free! Not 100% sure when they are available yet.
- H. Linda is going to put up some signs that say do not go up by the church bell and do not ring the bell; it is not in good shape and is dangerous; people need to stay out of the balcony area in general
 - 1. We were thinking about taking it and the Viola bell to the new site
- V. March is Open, do Trustees or Finance want to call a meeting?

- A. Yes, Pastor Christine will schedule them to meet on the second Wednesday of March
 - Joan says maybe we should check with Gene to see if he's available
 - 2. We will shoot for second Wednesday and see if that works for the Trustees
- B. Discipline says there must be a *min* of 3 trustees and a *max* of 9, and not all men/not all women
- VI. Closing Prayer- Linda String

Present: Barb Duffin, Sarah Sheppard, Debbie Moran, Debbi Cadwallader, Christine Bowden, Joan Nicholls, Kevin Feltz, Linda String, Bruce Hartig
Next meeting is **Wednesday, April 16, 2026 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.**