



# FCC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Date** – September 14, 2025

**Attendees:** Andy Askew, Donna Braddy, Paul Gillespie, Pastor David Harrison Jr., Nola Mann, Adelina Vega

**Call Meeting called to order** (Pastor David Harrison)

**Prayer** (Pastor Harrison)

Began with prayer of gratitude and guidance for the team and church.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

The August meeting minutes were approved (motion by Nola, seconded and passed).

**Property Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

- Broken exterior light bulb to be replaced (possible cause: fingerprints, accidental damage).
- Awaiting resolution of electrical problems in the youth wing (contractor met, awaiting follow-up).
- Noted a distraction during service due to a large bug/spider visible on the cross in the baptistery.
- Need to mount the AED machine; suggested location by the ramp outside the library for accessibility. Training for a few people is needed.

**Action Items:**

- Replace broken light bulb.
- Follow-up with electrician for youth wing repairs.
- Plan for mounting AED and schedule training.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Year-to-date, the church is \$8,970.61 short of covering annual costs.
- \$19,915 received toward a \$25,000 capital campaign (video screens). Four months left to reach the goal.

**Suggestions:**

- Publish financial progress in the weekly Friday news to encourage giving. Reminder that \$20,000 in restricted funds is available and could cover the deficit.

**Decisions:**

- Continue communicating financial goals and progress to the congregation.

**Elders' Report**

- Sister Trish stepped down as elder; Sister Mania Sanders appointed as replacement due to proven commitment and leadership experience.
- Upcoming elders meeting to review member assignments and update the contact list, removing inactive members.
- One member, Stacy Anderson, is no longer with the church.
- Greeter/trustee duties were distributed, except for one absent member.

**Discussion:**

- Issue of members only attending when scheduled to serve; need for increased commitment and consistency.

**Action Items:**

- Schedule new elders meeting.
- Update and clean up membership/contact lists.

**Christian Action & Outreach**

- 10 food distributions per month continue as routine.
- Upcoming volunteer help from chaplains and youth group in October.
- Second Harvest implementing new ordering and invoicing system in

- October, requiring double pickup this week.
- Backpack program will resume once school counselor provides final student count.
- Crop Walk fundraising page is active for the church; individuals can sign up or donate online.
- Action Items: Coordinate food pickups and adapt to Second Harvest changes.
- Finalize backpack program numbers and volunteers.
- Continue promoting Crop Walk participation.

#### **Youth and Children's Ministry**

- Children's attendance and overall participation have declined (from 9–12 to 3–4, sometimes only 1).
- Staffing shortage: main children's instructor (Claudia) is out for surgery, and no substitute has been confirmed.
- If no teacher is available, children will sit with parents during service; notice/signage will be provided.
- Discussion on the impact of low attendance on new families and youth experience.
- Upcoming fall event participation is uncertain due to low sign-ups; possibility of cancellation.
- Wednesday night Bible study attendance is low; may reduce to twice monthly if attendance does not improve.

#### **Decisions:**

- Children to sit with parents if no instructor is available.
- Fall event will only proceed if participation increases.
- Wednesday studies will decrease in frequency if attendance remains low.

#### **Action Items:**

- Communicate changes in youth ministry and event schedules to congregation.
- Continue recruiting volunteers for the youth ministry.

#### **Meeting Adjournment**

Closed with a prayer for the church, leadership, and guidance.

#### **Next Meeting – 10/12/2025**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Angela McKenna for Pastor David Harrison Jr.