

## Highlights of Council Meeting — March 9, 2026

President Daryl Bouwkamp read Joshua 1:1-7 and selections from Deuteronomy and opened the meeting with prayer.

Terry Fopma was absent with notice.

The minutes of the February 2, 2026, Council meeting were read and approved.

The elders' report was received for information. Approval was given for Pastor David to occasionally exchange pulpits with other CRC pastors in our classis.

The deacons reported that some excess General Fund money has been used to purchase short-term CDs at Marion County Bank.

Approval was given for financial help for Pastor David and Lynda for immigration document expense so that Lynda may legally remain in the U.S.

The treasurer's report was approved. The General Fund balance as of February 28, 2026, was \$187,172.79. The Building Fund balance was \$98,106.28.

The Council took time to look at the finished upper east room.

The Music Committee report was received for information. Approval was given to a motion from the committee to pay piano accompanists the same as organists for the special services in which they participate.

The Safe Church Team minutes were received for information.

The Usher Committee minutes were received for information. They plan to schedule two ushers at the east doors for both morning and evening services.

Approval was given for Russ Fynaardt to give a presentation of his trip to Cambodia following the March 22 morning worship service.

A letter written on behalf of Joel Trinidad to document his time with us was presented for information.

Two meals will be provided at Love INC foundations classes on March 26 and April 2.

A report was given on the ad hoc committee that met to talk about our 2026 priorities for the church.

Approval was given to increase our pulpit supply reimbursement from \$175 to \$200, as recommended by Classis.

It was noted that Pastor David is an alternate delegate to the 2026 Synod.

Mike Vander Hart led mutual censure, confirming that we are a confessional church that believes in the three forms of unity (Belgic Confession, Canons of Dort, and Heidelberg Catechism) and how these relate to our belief of infant baptism. There was good discussion.

The next Council meeting will be April 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Dale Fynaardt closed with prayer.