

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:02 p.m.

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the prior minutes had been distributed via email on January 22.

Discussion included clarification on proper formatting and governance practices for minutes:

- Minutes should include signature lines for the Secretary.
- There was discussion regarding whether the specific names of movers and seconders must be recorded; it was noted that many nonprofit organizations now record only that a motion was “moved and seconded.”

Motion: To approve the minutes as previously distributed by email.

- Motion was moved and seconded.
 - The motion passed by voice vote, and the minutes were approved.
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III. Reports of Officers

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer was out of town and therefore no Treasurer’s Report was available.

Motion: To table the Treasurer’s Report until the next meeting.

- Motion was moved and seconded.
- Motion carried.

Additional banking information was discussed:

- Organizational bank accounts have been moved to First National Bank.
 - A small balance remains at the previous bank to cover any outstanding transactions.
 - The Chair noted that the operating budget had previously been approved.
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IV. Reports of Boards and Standing Committees

Building Committee / Building Manager

Due to absences, no formal report was provided. Informally, it was indicated that building operations are currently functioning normally.

IT Committee

The IT Committee reported the following:

- Current systems are operational and the committee is in a holding pattern pending further direction.
- Work is underway to implement a phone system enhancement that will route voicemails directly to each member body's secretary via email, including:
 - audio file of the message
 - automated transcript
 - caller information

Bylaws Rewrite

Discussion of the bylaws rewrite was not discussed and therefore remains pending for a future session.

Building Sale Status

There is no new information regarding the potential sale of the building. The process remains in very early stages and has not yet been widely listed or marketed.

V. Unfinished Business

A. York Rite Membership and Per-Capita Rate

The York Rite membership matter had been held over previously and subsequently approved at the York Rite meeting.

Motion: To approve York Rite as a paying member of the board at a rate of \$60 per capita, beginning second quarter 2026, prorated.

- Motion was moved and seconded.
- Motion carried.

Additional details:

- York Rite will return as a voting member of the board in Q2 2026.
 - Board membership will increase to 14 members with their return.
 - Existing bylaws already effectively recognize their voting status; any additional clarifications will be included in the ongoing bylaws rewrite.
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B. Prospective Church Tenant

Questions previously compiled by the board were sent to Aaron for discussion with the church's representative.

No additional information was available. The decision regarding the church's potential use of the building remains pending.

C. Building Rental for Personal Use

The board discussed building rental inquiries and policy.

- The IT Committee received inquiries regarding building rental (e.g., a graduation party) but appropriately deferred the requests, as rental approval falls outside their committee responsibilities.
- Current rental rates and policies are outdated and under review, tied to the broader conversation regarding building use by outside organizations.
- Until revisions are approved, the last officially adopted rate sheet remains in effect.
- Some board members expressed support for honoring previously known rates for member-family events to allow them to proceed with planning.

There was general agreement that rental pricing should remain separate from the bylaws, potentially as a policy or appendix (e.g., "Building Committee Policy" or "Appendix A"), so that rates may be adjusted without requiring a bylaws amendment.

VI. New Business

A. Energy Conservation and Operational Oversight

Discussion was held regarding operational practices within the building.

- A dishwasher had been left running after a recent meeting, raising concerns about unnecessary electricity usage.
- Members noted that lights and equipment are occasionally left on after meetings.

Possible solutions discussed included installing a simple timer device (similar to a holiday light timer) to automatically shut off power after a set period. This was considered an inexpensive and practical mitigation measure.

B. Community Use and Donations

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Police had rented the building's downstairs space for meetings.

They expressed appreciation for the use of the facility and will provide payment of \$200, which will be provided to the Treasurer.

The board recognized this positively as community engagement by a member body.

C. Order of the Eastern Star Request

The Order of the Eastern Star is hosting a School of Instruction and official visit in the building.

They requested that the black-and-white checkered rug under the altar in the large lodge room be removed prior to Friday so they can place their ceremonial rug.

Members present agreed to attempt to remove the rug during or before the Thursday meeting to accommodate the event.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Cody Christianson