

Summary of the February 2026 Governance Board Meeting

February's meeting opened with the sharing of celebrations and prayer requests before a thoughtful reflection and prayer from Mark. The successful Souper Bowl and the Senior Saints Celebrations were both at the top of the list of celebrations. Chris's discipleship moment focused on the many definitions of the word church. Although church can be an event, a building, an institution or a community, Chris reminded everyone that community is the one we should be embracing.

Pastor Matt updated the board on two major initiatives: the Calvin Worship Grant and his upcoming Lilly Grant sabbatical. The Calvin Grant will kick off with a visit from Pam Blevins Hinkle on February 15, followed by a music-focused weekend from March 6–8 that invites the entire congregation to make music. Regarding his leave, Pastor Matt noted that Pastor Cindy will join board meetings soon to ensure a smooth transition before she begins leading worship on May 24.

From the Missions Team, Susy will be taking part in the Common Ground Midtown prayer event in conjunction with Allies Inc. February 25th. This organization supports survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Lambswear, a faith-based Indiana nonprofit that provides clothing to children in need, has reached out to the Missions Team and is asking for gently used clothing for foster children by March 1.

Matt Hilton shared January's finances with the board. The total revenue for January was \$264,080. This amount is a combination of routine Operating Revenue (\$93,220 in pledged, unpledged, designated funds) as well as \$170,860 revenue toward loan reduction. The total expenditures for the month were \$137,981 derived from \$114,341 in Operating Expenses and \$23,640 to pay off the smaller, interest-only, loan for a net Operating cash flow deficit of -\$21,121; most of that was expected as January had three paydays (vs. most have two) and the rest is due to snow removal and salting. On a very positive note, the smaller of the two loans the church paid off is due to the thoughtful and intentional giving of numerous members! In addition, we have a start toward reducing the balance on the "big" loan. (You'll find a copy of the 2026 Church Budget approved at the January meeting of the Governance Board. If you have questions, please contact the church office.)

Regarding the potential sale of the Ministry Center, Pastor Matt met again with the subcommittee and the district superintendent. Several options are still being evaluated, and an all-church meeting will be held in the spring before any action is taken.

Mark broke down the Trustees' report into three main areas of concern: the parking lot, storage, and interior lights. Due to a lack of funds, major repairs to the parking lot will be deferred, although the Trustees are looking into having the parking lot sealed as a minimal course of action. Mark suggested that shipping containers might be an inexpensive solution to the church's storage needs. He will follow up with information on codes, ramps, and pricing at the next meeting. Lighting the sanctuary is extremely costly, and Mark is working to remedy that by replacing the current lightbulbs with LED lights. This change will make an immediate impact on the utility bill and will soon pay for itself in savings.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee shared a draft of the job description for a part-time person to lead the children's ministry. The committee and Pastor Matt will meet again with the parents before the description is finalized.

There were a couple of new items for consideration this month. One is the issue of storage. All church groups will need to take a look at their supplies and see what can be culled. Whatever isn't vital can be sold at the church yard sale. Tiffany informed the board that sign-ups for the fish fry will start soon; however they are again concerned that they will not have enough volunteers.

Mark closed the meeting with a prayer. The next Governance Board meeting will take place Tuesday, March 10th at 6pm.

2026 BUDGET	WITH DEBT
INCOME	
Pledged	\$ 876,423.00
Unpledged	\$ 200,000.00
Other Rev & Int.	\$ 10,000.00
TPAC	\$ 36,000.00
SWADC	\$ 6,000.00
CUMNS	\$ 6,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 1,134,423.00
CUMNS TRUSTEES OFFSET	\$ 49,100.00
SWADC TRUSTTEES OFFSET	\$ 40,800.00
	\$ 1,224,323.00
EXPENSES	
Tithe	\$ 4,000.00
Salary*	\$ 465,000.00

Admin	\$ 80,000.00
Com Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Comm and Ad	\$ 5,000.00
AV	\$ 3,000.00
Finance Comm	\$ 20,000.00
Utilites *	\$ 200,000.00
Insurance	\$ 82,000.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 195,000.00
Stewardship	\$ 400.00
Hospitality	
Live Nativity	\$ 2,500.00
Missions*	\$ 30,000.00
Staff Parish	\$ 750.00
Stephen Min	\$ 500.00
Adult Ed	\$ 4,000.00
Childcare*	\$ 2,500.00
Youth and Children*	\$ 12,500.00
Worship Programming	\$ 4,000.00
Contemporary Music	\$ 5,000.00
Music*	\$ 10,000.00
Morgtage	\$ 175,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,303,150.00
NET OPERATING CASH FLOW	\$ (78,827.00)

DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Unrestricted Endowment Trustees	\$ 25,000.00
Fish Fry - Missions	\$ 10,000.00
Youth Ministry & CAT Director of Family Ministry	\$ 30,000.00
	\$ 15,000.00
Music	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 90,000.00
NET AFTER DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 11,173.00