

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace
Executive Board Meeting
August 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 10:53 a.m. Gail Carlson, Ben Crosby, Katie Bauer, Rick Ehram and Alice Ling were present.

Alice Ling led an opening prayer. The agenda was approved with the addition of light bulbs to New Business.

An error was noted in the July 13th minutes identifying Morag Stewart as Rev. rather than Dr. The minutes for July 13th were approved with that correction.

Pastor's report: Carol reported to Alice that she could understand Alice better with her positioned closer to the pews. Andy CastroLang has been added to the calendar as supply pastor for October 26th.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was received. Ben commented that equity was down for July.

Old Business: Ben has a contact for inspection of the fire extinguishers and will schedule that inspection as soon as possible. Rick will attempt to meet them if he is in town on that date. Gail is still working to arrange the removal of the electric range. Katie reported that she was unable to find a local contractor. She will call Black's Chimney in Hayden to arrange for an estimate. The Board agreed that repairs need to be made sooner rather than later. Ben reported that the Seventh Day Adventist church in Osburn still needs significant repairs. He and Alice will check in with them. The WiFi project is making progress. Ben would like to add Ethernet to the chancel and meeting room as well. Alice attended the N-Sid-Sen 90th anniversary celebration and was reminded of the many connections between our church and the camp. Our congregation is free to schedule use of the camp.

New Business: Ben proposed that we purchase light bulbs to replace bulbs in the social hall. Working bulbs would be re-distributed to the sanctuary and meeting room. Ben will purchase bulbs for under \$100. The Board approved this proposal. For the new church sign, Gail proposed simply stating "All are welcome." Katie and Rick agreed. Rick will take a new photo at night. The Board approved the purchase of the sign once we have a final design. Alice and Ben reported on a conversation with Phil Hodson regarding utilizing seminary students to share staff with Veradale and N-Sid-Sen. It would require some grant funding, but it would give us leadership development and a way to move forward. Ben and Alice will meet with Phil again in September.

Calendar: Worship leaders—October 26th Rev. Andy CastroLang
Our next meeting is September 28th.

Alice Ling led a closing prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bauer, Clerk