United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace Executive Board Meeting September 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 10:50 a.m. Gail Carlson, Ben Crosby, Katie Bauer, and Alice Ling were present.

Alice Ling led an opening prayer. The agenda was approved, and Ben added some housekeeping items to the agenda. Gail requested to address Andy CastroLang's comments in her sermon. Ben suggested the Board discuss it immediately. Gail reported that several people in attendance were uncomfortable and angry about comments that Andy CastroLang made regarding the killing of Charlie Kirk. The Board agreed that political issues are not "off limits," but can be very delicate.

The minutes of the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Pastor's report: Advent devotionals are \$5 each. The Board will purchase 5 printed copies. Alice asked if we should continue "Blanket Sunday." We will continue with Blanket Sunday this fall.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was received.

Old Business: Ben is still working on follow up for the fire extinguishers. Gail is following up on the range. Katie will follow up on the chimney. Ben will also call the Seventh Day Adventists for an update. Ben has completed the WiFi project, except for running some more Ethernet lines. The Ministry in Community grant application has been submitted.

New Business: We have consensus about the sign design, but Ben is still working on the image. He will share it prior to ordering. Housekeeping: 1. The front door hinge is broken. Ben proposes replacing the hinges on both doors. 2. Stained tile in the handicapped bathroom. 3. Loose tiles on the stair risers. 4. Light bulbs brightened the social hall. Ben would like to do other areas as we go. 5

Calendar: Worship leaders—October 26th Rev. Andy CastroLang

Next Executive Board meeting: October 19th

Election: November 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual budget meeting: November 16th

Alice Ling led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Bauer, Clerk