Pinawa Christian Fellowship

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 25, 2026 in the Pinawa Lutheran Church

MINUTES

25 people in attendance

1. **Call to Order** – Deb Smith – the meeting was called to order at 11:49 a.m.

2. **Opening Prayer** – Liz Brasier

3. **MOTION to adopt Agenda** as distributed – Bernice Hawton/Kevin Dearing, carried

4. **Convenor's Remarks** – Deb Smith
   Deb began with thoughts from "What if small is enough", an article in a recent issue of Broadview magazine that was dedicated to small churches and how they might reinvent themselves.
   Deb thanked all PCF members and highlighted a few who contribute in so many ways:
   - Chuck Vandergraaf, for many years of service keeping us informed through What's Up. He is stepping down at the end of this year and we thank Bob McCamis for taking over.
   - Barb Sanipelli for her beautiful photography in our weekly PowerPoint presentations at church services.
   - our worship team, for thoughtfully planning and preparing services each week where everyone is welcome and feels included.
   - our musicians and song leaders.
   - Paster Liz for her continued spiritual guidance, comfort and care.
   - Leny Ohta who is leading an all-members stewardship reassessment scheduled to begin in November.

   If we can focus on what matters most, caring for one another, those in need in our community and around the world, then we are enough.

5. **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2025, Betty McCamis/Barb Lambert, carried

6. **MOTION** that the reports of the Convenors, Treasurer and various committees of the PCF, as published on www.pinawa.church and as distributed at the meeting, be received and all recommendations adopted – Barb Lambert, Garry Buchanan, carried

7. **MOTION** to approve the slate of PCF General Committee candidates (below) – Bob McCamis/Grant Delany, carried

Convenor Committee	Deb Smith, Wally Kukurudz, Betty McCamis
Secretary	Marg Stokes
Treasurer	Karen Ross

Worship Committee	Liz Brasier
Christian Education	vacant
Missions	Chuck Vandergraaf
Congregational Care	Shirley Pellow
Social	Barb Lambert
Stewardship	Leny Ohta

Other positions affirmed by the Congregational Meeting:
Pastoral Relations Sub-committee: Rob Smith, Betty McCamis, Heather Westdal

Denominational Representatives

Anglican	Wally Kukurudz and Glenys Norman-Kukurudz
Mennonite	vacant
Presbyterian	vacant
United	vacant

8. **Treasurer's Remarks** – Karen Ross
   In Karen's absence, Deb Smith reviewed Karen's report and update on our finances to September 30, 2026.
   MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report – Garry Buchanan/Kevin Dearing, carried

9. **New Business**
   Replacing old Appendices on PCF website with new PCF Procedures document – Deb Smith
   The Convenor Committee and General Committee have been working on updating the appendices to our by-laws into new Procedures. Some items (e.g. things to do with FW Gilbert School) were put in abeyance because they no longer apply. The new Procedures Document is on our website and reflects how we do business now.

   Backdrop in FW Gilbert School gym
   Guiliano Sanipelli asked if our old backdrop is still rolled up on the ceiling at FW Gilbert School and if so, who is responsible if it falls.
   Bob McCamis replied that FW Gilbert School asked us to leave it for them, to use for plays, concerts, etc, so they voluntarily took responsibility for the backdrop at the time. However, there was nothing in writing.
   Action – **Deb** will write a letter to Scott Smith gifting the backdrop to the schools and thereby absolving PCF of any further responsibility or liability.

10. **MOTION to Adjourn Meeting** – Barb Lambert, 12:12pm

11. **Closing Prayer** – Liz Brasier