

Hamline Church United Methodist Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2028 - 7:00pm

Sharon Fields, Becky Omdahl, Priscilla Luitjens, Brian Lulek, Gil Young, Aaron Anderson, Amy Ireland, Emma Close, Kathy Schill, Miriam Friesen, Pete Theisen, Becky Boland

Guest GYPC Youth: Riley Schaefer, Piper Lulek, Aderyn Ledger, Elsa Boland

7:01 Gil called the meeting to order and asked all to share their favorite thing about spring.

7:07 Consent Agenda Minutes (att 02. March 2026 Council Minutes) Growth Grant (att 03. Invitation & Inclusion Growth Grant) Gil asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Emma moved to approve. Priscilla seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

7:10 Discussion Agenda Global Young People's Convocation in Dublin, Ireland – Growth Grant* (att 04. GYPC Growth Grant). Youth Riley Schaefer, Piper Lulek, Aderyn Ledger, Elsa Boland and adult chaperone Becky Boland presented their Growth Grant. The kids gave an overview of the trip, where they are going and what they'll be doing. They were asked by Pete if this was the first time for this trip and they said it is. Gil asked for a motion to approve the Growth Grant as written. Aaron moved to approve. Pete seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

Finance – Quarter 1 Overview, Financial Services Update, Recommendation to approve Realm Credit Card Fee Option* (att 07. Credit Card Fee Rec). Sharon presented a Quarter 1 overview. The church took a little ding this month. The church received a final \$9000 payment from Bridge Autism. The Realm Credit Card Fee Option was also discussed. There was an overview on how it works and how to let people know (email, newsletter, giving packet, etc.). Gil asked for a motion to approve the Recommendation to approve Realm Credit Card Fee Option as written. Amy moved to approve. Becky seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

Emerging Space Options Update (att 05a & 05b. Emerging Space Options & Classrooms Reimagined). CBRE Marketing Group is helping with getting the open space filled. Two groups walked through. An indigenous food bank looked but the space isn't equipped for what they need. MN Annual Conference also looked. They are in very preliminary stages of looking at new spaces.

Monarca –Democracy Defense Trainings (att 06. Monarca Democracy Defense Training Flyer) It was also mentioned that Monarca is still doing different training sessions.

SPRC – Closed Session. It was determined a closed session wasn't necessary, but Mariah did request that Kathy give an SPRC update. Finance reporting difficulty levels were mentioned. Reps from the church have talked with All In One, a financial group who can look over things and make recommendations and equip folks to do the work in a simple efficient way to get better reporting. It would be short term. A possible contract could run somewhere between \$20-25,000. Once a decision has been made the Council would need a vote to approve.

8:15 Adjourn & Closing Prayer

Gil asked for a motion to adjourn. Priscilla moved to approve. Kathy seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

Miriam closed with prayer.

Important Dates:

- ***May 3 - M&A Spring Sing (Mozart's Missa Brevis K. 192)***
- ***May 6 – HU End of Year Pizza Party***
- ***May 8-9 - Confirmation Retreat***
- ***May 17 – SPROUT Garden Planting Day***
- ***May 18 – Monarca Democracy Defense Training***

Next Meeting –Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00pm

Supplemental Materials

Supp1. March 2026 Breakout Groups Notes

Supp2. March 2026 Financials