

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

Palmyra Church of the Brethren

November 9, 2025

Call to Order – Moderator, Dave Smith, called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

Attendance – 96

Action Items

Dave Smith

Motion:

That the Congregational Council adopt the proposed Bylaws of the Palmyra Church of the Brethren, to become effective January 1, 2026, with the understanding that any future amendments to these Bylaws shall require approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Congregational Council.

Passed: 90 Yes and 6 No, 94% affirmative

Motion:

That the customary and denominational policy guidelines require a resigning pastor to step away from the congregation for a period of one year be waived in the case of our former Associate Pastor, Bethan Hoffer. This action permits her to continue as an active member of the congregation along with her family, with the limitation that she will not serve in any leadership role for a period of one year following her resignation.

Unanimously Passed: 96 Yes and 0 No, 100% affirmative

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gingrich, Church Clerk