

**Session Meeting Summary**  
**Feb. 17, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

In attendance: Jay Roth, Mike Jackson, Gary Krenzer, Chad Baumgartner, Melissa Danielson, Lori Bishop, Heather Reed, Dan Kulp, Bill Hoffman, Corrie Brown (non-voting attendee).

Reviewed January attendance and finances and:

- a) The Finance Committee reported two meetings so far. Expect general stats from Heather Reed as they establish their new rhythm.
- b) Administrative Team report - renovation money moved to NW Mutual to gain better interest. Met with the architect and have plans / quotes coming. Planning Center training starting up for staff. Child Safety and Staff Handbook revisions coming.
- c) Youth Director Search Team report - Had a candidate out for an in-person interview but wasn't a match. Still ongoing search.

Watched a few minutes of Dana Allin's message from the ECO National Gathering about extraordinary prayer and fasting. Bill challenged the team to pray for their prayer partner and think about what we might be doing here at EM.

Action Items:

**Motion:** that up to \$1,500 from Session directed 2026 mission fund be used to purchase 50 bags and devo literature for Isaiah 117 House. Isaiah House is a respite house for foster kids who are transitioning to foster homes. Project fund money will be used to buy the bags (duffel style), and then hand them out to the congregation to stuff shortly after Easter.

Motion: Heather Reed      Seconded: Mike Jackson      Unanimously passed

**Motion:** Session permits a Pasta fundraising dinner and grants up to \$13,000 from the project fund to help pay for the HS mission trip in June 2026.

Discussed increasing the youth missions line item for next year's budget. Students pay a portion of the trip but can't afford the sticker price of \$800+ each.

Motion: Melissa Danielson      Seconded: Dan Kulp      Unanimously passed

Motion to Adjourn: Heather Reed      Seconded: Jay Roth  
Next Meeting: Tues. March 17, 7:00p.m.