

NAUVOO OPERATIONS GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Tracey Chamness, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Doug Howell, Lynn Poplett, Denise White

Deb gave the opening prayer.

Denise gave us a financial update:

Investments: \$24,967.86 at the end of August

Checking: \$53,503.44 at the end of August

Savings: \$83,787.99 at the end of July

Denise told us Pekin has two buildings and one of them has sold.

\$25,083.99 will be transferred from the World Church to be put toward the principal balance of Camp Nauvoo's House of Worship (HOW) loan. After the August 1, 2026 payment and this transfer, the HOW loan balance will be \$222,742.63. This was the desire of the Pekin Congregation through their Use of Net proceeds and it was approved by the Presiding Bishopric.

Dawn said that groups are filling up the calendar for 2027 and it looks like it might be a bigger year than this year.

Doug said we need to change our thought process about spending and saving money. He made a proposal that we take 10% off of all income that comes in and put it aside to rebuild our emergency fund. Tracey suggested 20%, but most people wanted to start with 10% and then look at our funds in six months. At the end of six months, we may want to take out more at that time. We have to start somewhere. Also, any income coming in now has to cover the bills for the winter.

It was mentioned that the solar panels have definitely have had a huge impact on our electric bill and the rebates we receive from Amron. Dawn has a check now for \$2,149. 67 from Amron.

Doug made a motion called the Brad Budget Motion that we take 10% off all income beginning September 1st, 2026. Dawn seconded it. It was suggested to put the money in the investment because it would be harder to get it out. Dawn asked about opening a new account, but Denise suggested we not start any new accounts until we get a new treasurer. After discussion, the money will go into the savings account and once a month there will be a report how much has gone into the savings for our emergency fund.

At this point in the meeting, there were technical issues. We all lost the zoom. We were able to get back on with another zoom account and resumed our meeting. Lynn was unable to reconnect with the meeting.

There was no more discussion on Doug's motion. Details will be worked out as how to record and present the amount that goes in the emergency fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug is going to look into the cost of having a zoom number for Camp Nauvoo.

Deb is going to check with Followers that they will still pay for putting the cement in front of the tiny houses. Deb mentioned it would be nice to have tables and chairs out in front of the tiny houses, but they would have to be sturdy and all weather. We do not want to purchase tables and chairs that would soon break down and go to the burn pile. When the time does come that we can get tables, there are umbrellas in Ourth Hall that could be put on them.

There are folding chairs in all of the tiny houses.

The Operations Group gave \$200 to Julie and the boys to be put towards their memorial funds.

Workdays October 9th and 10th. There is a Mormon singles group coming to stay at the campgrounds September 16th-20th. There will be a short time they can help do things on the campgrounds. Projects they can possibly help with is put the framework down in front of the tiny houses so cement can be poured, clean up Oak Grove and possibly rebuild benches, prop up a couple of the tiny houses that are sinking, weed eating, and stain picnic tables.

Joe said there are branches in Oak Grove that are dangerously hanging and they need to come down soon.

Denise told us the 2024 and 2025 Camp Nauvoo books have been audited.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Our next meeting is October 13th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Baker, Secretary

