



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2026

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rev. Jeffrey Clemons.

Vice President Clemons asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; Sophia Mallis; Barbara Minneci; Erin Miller; and Al Dorobiala.

Commissioner(s) via Telephone: Elyse Hoffenberg (6:05 p.m.)

Commissioner(s) Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Mariam Ahmad, Executive Director of Operations & Partnerships, Cathy Pierson Lenke, Executive Director of Community Outreach & Education, and Dr. Emmie Crement, Community Support Specialist

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) via Telephone: N/A

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Minneci to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 16 were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2026, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:

Rev. Clemons presented President Elyse's report & shared that plans are underway for the first LTMHC Summer Camp, to be held at Hope Church in La Grange Highlands. The three-week program for grade school students will focus on social-emotional learning, STEM, and sustainability.

The organization also welcomed a new program and community social worker, Julie Rule, who brings experience in wellness programming, journalism, and grant writing. She will serve both within the Township and as a broader community resource. Additional updates included positive progress with Martha the service dog and continued growth in community engagement efforts.

LTMHC is expanding its programming with a wide range of upcoming events, including Puppy Yoga, Beautiful Sounds sessions, writing workshops, and multiple Lunch and Learn collaborations with NAMI. Other highlights include a neurodivergent family breakfast, a sold-out senior event in Justice honoring veterans, and ongoing weekly Art Expression sessions that combine mental health discussions with creative activities. Looking ahead, the organization is planning a new senior luncheon and family pizza night at Mama Luigi's, as well as a mobile play café in partnership with Birth to Five Illinois. Programming will continue into June with an additional Lunch and Learn focused on the importance of language.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant applications have been received, and commissioners were asked if they would like to attend weekly review sessions. They requested that all applications be printed and organized in a binder for easier review.

The commissioners agreed to proceed with their regular weekly meetings and will attend the review sessions as their schedules allow.

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Mallis to approve weekly review session for grant applications. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the motion was carried.

Elyse proposed having a video camera present at all board meetings and stated that the commissioners should consider it for discussion at the next meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer’s Report dated April 20, 2026, as follows:

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2026:	\$ 2,001,774.34
Receipts during March 2026:	\$ 755,257.48
Disbursements during March 2026:	\$ 320,043.00
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2026:	\$2,436,988.82

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated April 20, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Erin Miller, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Forty-four (44) Payables totaling \$333,142.74 dated April 20, 2026.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Hoffenberg to approve the Monthly Payables dated April 20, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Erin Miller, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Minneci and seconded by Dorobiala at 6:26 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Barbara Minneci
Secretary