

Friends of Paplin, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2025, 1 p.m.

Opening

The meeting of the Friends of Paplin, Inc. was called to order at 1:02 p.m. with a prayer on September 21, 2025, at the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton, Nebraska, by President Mike Gappa.

Present

Those present were Mike Gappa, Stacie Gappa, Mike Ference, Joe Jonak, Diane Jonak, Diane Chelewski, Renee Jonak, and Betty Poss.

Approval of Minutes

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on August 17, 2025, was distributed. Betty Poss made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mike Ference. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The August balance for the checking account is \$4,312.58. The savings account balance is \$51,968.45. Bills paid included: \$118.06, electricity; \$81.79, Diane for supplies; \$211.00 for Port-a-potties; \$384.62, gun reimbursement to Mike Gappa; \$229.44, Wells for Breaker repair; \$621.16, for Larsen A/C, \$50 to Amy Kowalski for music; and \$20 to Amy Kowalski, for carry-out trays. Memorials received: \$95, \$625 donations, and \$50 from Mick Foster for a tour of the church. Mike Ference made a motion to accept the treasurer's report seconded by Diane Jonak. Motion carried.

Old Business

Joe Jonak reported that the roof repairs have been completed. However, the telehandler made tracks in the lawn at the church, and he had to pull them out. Joe is on his way to confession, as are all the board members.

New Business

The date for the OLMC was discussed. Mike Ference made a motion to leave the date the same; seconded by Betty Poss. Motion carried.

Diane C. gave an update on proceeds—no further discussion.

Betty Poss gave the following estimate for a front door for the church from Chris Martin: \$7,300 total. It will be a 6-panel door, \$5,499.99, handle and dead bolt lock, \$69, sealant/trim/paint, \$496.90, labor, \$1,189, and disposal of old door, \$50. Betty will obtain a written quote for the next meeting.

Discussion was held on a different type of door, but would it "devalue" the church or change the historical architecture? It may take some time to get the door in. Diane Jonak made a motion to go with Chris Martin to replace the doors. Diane Chelewski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We need to work on the cement but will wait until spring.

Open Discussion/Good for the Cause

None.

Adjournment

Mike Ference made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Betty Poss. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m. with a prayer by Mike Gappa. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by: Rose A. Kowalski