



AGENDA

Rico Community Church Advisory Committee
2 Commercial Street– Rico Town Hall
Monday, December 8, 2025
5:00 pm

Roll Call

Approval of 11/10/2025 Meeting Minutes

Welcome - Chairperson

Community Survey Update - Emily Nolan, Joanna Spindler

Winter Solstice Celebration - Patrick Bailey, Deanna Drew

Review of Draft Policies/Procedures: - Joy Littleton

1. Facility Use Policies
2. Use Application Form/Contract
3. Fee Schedule

Facility Maintenance and Operations Report - Sarah Lyons

Grants - Jill Jordan

Dolores County/Dove Creek Public Programs: - Deanna

1. Pioneer Center Senior Services
2. Dove's Nest Childcare Services

2026 Budget - Deanna

Next Meeting Date: Monday January 12, 2026

Minutes
Rico Community Church Advisory Committee
116 E Mantz Ave – Rico Community Church
November 10, 2025 5:00 pm

Meeting Called to Order at 5:05pm by Chairperson Deanna Drew

Roll Call. Committee Members present: Deanna Drew, Emily Nolan (Rico Center, TRC), Joy Littleton, Sarah Lyons, Pat Bailey, Jim Baron (RHS), Pat Fallon (Town). Joanna Yonder arrived at 5:13pm.

Absent Committee Members: Pam Brown, Jill Jordan

Cristal Hibbard standing in as Secretary and taking minutes.

Other community members present: Nicole Pieterse, Eliza Gass, Laurie Adams, Christina, Kiplynn, Christy, Pete, Dylan, Chuancey

Approval of 10/13/2025 Meeting Minutes: Remove Cristal from roll call. Emily occupies TRC seat. MOTION: Emily moved to approve with edit. Sarah seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Jim Baron: asked the committee members to speak louder.
- Nicole Pieterse suggested Town Website create a tab about the Church where people can see all documents and materials.
- Laurie Adams: would like to ring the bell. Is the bell in service?
- Eliza Gass: would like to teach yoga locally. Wondered who is person to communicate with. Deanna said Town has only key and directed her to work with town directly.
- Cristal Hibbard: is the survey being sent out by TRC or Town of Rico? Church committee will facilitate survey. Will it need Town Board approval?
- Chauncey: Board would like committee to provide verbal updates monthly and a more formal quarterly update December or January.
- Nicole P: clarified how the sub-committees would provide findings to church committee then presented to Trustees in March.
- Pat: when committee was formed it was intended to work for a year, committee is hoping to be done in 6 months. Goal to be open by summer. Survey schedule? Before February meeting?

Church tour and winter heating:

- Patrick Bailey: gave history of Church building. Kitchen/bathrooms added in 1990s and replaced floor in historic portion. Suzie Meyers said propane was \$250 for the whole winter to keep it heated during the last year it was operated as a church weekly. REC used electric space heaters (even though they were asked not to). Jan 2024 207 gal \$436 April 2024 \$257 May 2024 187 gal \$394 December 2024 220 gal \$464. \$1500 for a year of heating. No septic, two

cisterns out back (one for church, one for Mantz). When church was running every Sunday, they would be pumped 2/year.

- Pat gave tour of kitchen (batteries out in programmable thermostat), bathroom (lightbulb out in main light)

Operations/Winter Maintenance:

- Chauncey: at the next Board Meeting it will come up. Chauncey walked through with a plumber last week, and will propose to have a plumber review the propane system and utilized the new heaters on the wall to have redundancy and provide freeze protection. We need a backflow preventer on this building. Add insulation to doorways. Maybe a winter reservation has an increased rental rate to cover turning on the heat 24 hours in advance. Town is taking full responsibility for freeze protection.

Focus Group Reports and Updates:

- Programming/Community Survey/Noel Night: Emily has been working on the survey. Committee shared notes and edits. Funding questions received some scrutiny. Jim suggested renting out the house for income. Emily tags Cristal in for survey software, and to start dissemination plans and schedule (work with Chauncey). How to disseminate survey? QR codes in mail? Link on Town website and in Town Newsletter. Joanna will help with dissemination. Laurie is going to organize a winter celebration/open house. Pat B will help. Solstice Party, Ring the bell, Fire, Cider. Noel night: Laurie wants it to happen, who will manage it? Deadline is Wednesday to get on Town agenda. Sounds like we might need to wait until next year if no one takes the helm. Jim to meet with Emily after to discuss his issues with the survey.
- Policies/Regional Community Centers: Joy has been working on a draft policy document with rules and regs. Used Placerville schoolhouse use policies and made changes per our previous discussions. Shared draft with committee members. Deanna went out and did research on community centers in nearby communities. Lots of county/town/govt services are included (senior lunches, etc). Deanna spoke with Dove Creek community center/rec person who is full time. Dolores community center. Deanna will start getting budgets to see how these are funded and what kind of budget is needed. Gunnison has food pantry. Gunnison foundation. Public health from county? Lots of programming ideas.

Next Meeting: December Meeting Date December 8, 2026 5pm at Town hall

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm

Secretary

Deanna Drew
Chair