

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
September 15, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church Council met on September 15, 2022 at 7 p.m. Members present were: Gary Anderson, Karen Hammel, Deb Boos, Mary Schlievert, Joan Eckermann, and Steve Blausey. Pastor Jaci attended via a phone call. Gary opened the meeting and offered prayer.

Good news was shared:

Worship has moved back to the sanctuary.

Ice cream social last Sunday was enjoyed by many.

Seniors are returning to Grace on October 4.

Ladies Night Out was well-attended and enjoyed!

Steve has joined the 60's Club! Happy Birthday!

Linda Stewart and Rachel Beeler washed the screens in the sanctuary. Thank you!

Pastor is thrilled that school is back in session!

Prayer concerns were updated, along with the addition of the Family of Jan Clark, wife of former Pastor Gerald Clark.

The August 18, 2022 Council Minutes were approved.

The August, 2022 Financial Report was approved. There was discussion about investing money that is in the savings account.

Announcement:

The Annual Congregational Meeting and presentation of the 2023 budget will be on Sunday, November 7.

Pastor's Report:

Blessing of the backpacks occurred during the service on August 21.

First Ladies Night Out – Fourteen women attended dinner at El Vaquero on Sunday, September 11.

Continue prayers for Joan Dietrich.

Board Reports:

Congregational Life –Mary Schlievert reported that there will be a potluck luncheon on Reformation Sunday, October 30. The new church directory is a work in progress. Please send Mary photos of church events that occurred between 2016- present for the new directory. The next board meeting will be held on October 11, 2022.

Board of Worship – Joan Eckermann reported that the board will meet on November 1, 2022

Board of Witness and Mission – Compiled by Nancy Pries, reported by Karen Hammel Last Sunday, September 11, was "God's Work our Hands" and 112 personal care kits were assembled and boxed to be taken to LWR on October 8th. There were 12 people who stayed to prepare the kits. We are waiting for 5 back-packs to be returned by October 1. The Chicken BBQ is coming up Sunday, September 25th. BBQ Traveler asked us to change the menu from

baked potato to Au Gratin Potatoes. Meals for those who purchased pre-sold tickets will be prepared and set aside ready for pickup. There will be information about activities at Grace with each dinner. The Advent Soup Suppers and Advent envelopes in our packets will generate funds for ELCA "A Clinic visit for a Child." We are wondering if there is a budget for the WITNESS portion of our committee. We feel it has been some time since we have had a handout for new people in the area. The next Blood Drive will be Monday, December 19, 2022 at Grace. We would like to have a couple more members on this committee.

Board of Property – Reported by Steve Blausey

The Board of Property met on Sunday, September 4th. Water tests have been performed by Randy Jacobs. He also did a nitrate test. So far everything water wise is ok. It was stated that our weed problem is no longer an issue. It was asked if anyone had heard about the seniors coming back to the fellowship hall. No one had any info at this time. Grace received an Elevator Violation notice stating that the fire extinguisher in the elevator maintenance room needs replaced and that the phone is not working. These issues will be addressed by this board. New Business: The Boy Scouts have requested the use of the Fellowship Hall on September 11th. Many events are planned that day, but the timing of everything should not conflict with each other. Cleaning of the Sanctuary windows was discussed, as we would like them done by the 11th. It was also brought up that we need to remind the Jazzercise group to turn up the AC when done for the evening and to remember to lock the door when leaving.

Old Business:

History Review – Gary is leading this review. The goal is to prepare an updated history of the church.

Christian Education for Children –Jayne Klett is interested in discussing a program for Christian Education.

New Business:

Elmore Community Thanksgiving Dinner – The Elmore Church of God has scheduled a meeting for September 22, 2022 at 7 pm at The Church of God to discuss and plan the Elmore Community Thanksgiving Dinner. They are asking for representatives from each church and anyone in the community who may be interested in helping with this project.

Next council meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Mary, second Steve, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hammel
Church Council Secretary