

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
October 13, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church council met on October 13, 2022 at 7 p.m. Members present were: Randy Jacobs, Deb Boos, Joan Eckermann, Karen Hammel, Gary Anderson, Pastor Jaci, Nancy Pries via phone, and guests Bobbi Bean via phone, and Joyce Bruntz. President Gary Anderson called the meeting to order. Pastor Jaci opened with prayer.

Good News:

Mary's friend, Kathy, is in a clinical trial for her brain cancer, and the treatment is working!

Bertha Marquardt's health is improving.

Karen is a grandmother! Ben and Kassi St. John are the proud parents of Emerson Jo born at the end of September.

Joan Dietrich is receiving hospice care and is more comfortable.

The Senior Center is open at Grace again!

Prayer Concerns were reviewed and updated.

The minutes from the September 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

The financial report for September, 2022 was approved. Randy will investigate several financial institutions to invest money from our savings.

Pastor's Report

A Christian Education planning and discussion meeting will be held on October 23 after worship.

Reformation Day worship activities are planned for Sunday, October 30 at 5:30.

Bethlehem's Woman's Retreat was a success.

Attended Woodmore's pastors' group lunch with Superintendent Mary Schaeffer.

The next Ladies Night Out will be on November 13 at 5:30

Board Reports:

Board of Congregational Life – Submitted by Mary Schlievert- Reported by Karen Hammel

The Board of Congregational Life met on October 11, 2022

Old Business:

- Rally Day ice cream social on Sept 11th went well. We served about 15-20 people.
- Photo directory-Mary has asked the congregation to submit candid photos from events since 2016 and has received several contributions.

New Business:

- The photo directory will have a memorial page of members deceased since 2016, including Eileen, Vera, Reed, and Jeanne. Mary will check with Joyce for others.
- We will fill out the book with photos of staff, council, baptisms, affirmation of baptism, new members, and other church events.
- There will be a Reformation Day potluck brunch on Sunday, Oct 30th. Tableware and beverages will be provided. There is sign-up in the narthex, for numbers mostly.
- We will help with Advent Soup Suppers by providing set-up and beverages each Wednesday.
- There will be a potluck Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 for the annual meeting.
- In January we will do a purge of the storage closet in fellowship hall and the kitchen.
- The board will investigate a Food Truck Sunday summer of 2023.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, 6 pm (before choir)

Board of Congregational Life – Submitted by Steve Blausey- Reported by Karen Hammel

The Board of Property met on Sunday October 2, with two members present.

Old Business: We discussed our good water tests and our new parts for the internet. We are delighted that the seniors are coming back October 4. We tabled the discussion about the elevator phone until more members are present.

New Business: Discussion was held about Jazzercise wanting to move back into the Fellowship Hall. We agreed that we didn't see any problems with this. Steve B. will contact their director and let them know. We also discussed getting the boilers serviced for the colder months. Steve S. will contact the service technician.

Board of Worship – Joan Eckermann reported that the board did not meet. The next meeting will be November 1, 2022

Board of Witness and Mission – Reported by Nancy Pries

We profited \$386 from the Chicken BBQ. With funds donated from Thrivent, a donation of \$800 was made to Ottawa County Family Advocacy. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18.

Old Business:

*History Review – The history review of our congregation will resume after our Annual Congregational Meeting.

*A discussion was held about the allocation of end-of-year financial surplus.

New Business:

*A proposal was made to provide communion to shut-ins. Communion kits would be purchased, volunteers would be trained, and communion would be distributed to shut-ins once a month. A motion was made by Nancy, second Joan, to develop a Communion Team. The motion passed.

*The 2023 proposed church budget was presented, discussed, and modified. A motion was made by Randy, second Deb, to approve the proposed budget. The motion passed.

*Council openings and nominations for 2023 were discussed.

Announcements:

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be November 6, 2022 after worship.

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

A motion was made by Randy, second Joan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hammel
Church Council Secretary