

Grace Lutheran Church Council met on **April 21, 2022** via Zoom. Members present were Deb Boos, Karen Hammel, Mary Schlievert, Steve Blausey, Randy Jacobs, Nancy Pries, Joan Eckermann, Deb Boos, Gary Anderson, Pastor Jaci, and guests, Bobbie Bean and Joyce Bruntz.

Gary opened the meeting with prayer. Good news was shared. The Lenten soup suppers and Holy Week services were excellent. Our sincere gratitude is extended to Pastor, Bobbie, and the many volunteers who made our Lenten Season and Holy Week so meaningful. The Piecemakers have adorned our pews with the quilts and they will be dedicated during Sunday's service.

The March 17, 2022 minutes were approved as submitted. The March financial report was approved as submitted. Council approved the transfer of \$35,000 from savings to a capital reserve fund.

Audit Report: A motion was made by Steve, second by Mary that the Auditor's Report dated April 1, 2022, be accepted and that the Council expresses its sincere thank you to Audit Committee members Mike Schlievert and Linda Jacobs for their work in performing the audit.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that the Lenten pastoral rotation schedule worked well. Next year, Holy Week will be similar to this year. Pastor will be at Disney World from April 19-23. Joyce will have a name of a pastor for an emergency. A funeral was officiated at Bethlehem.

Congregational Life – Reported by Mary Schlievert

Thank you to Linda Stewart for making the cookies for Easter Vigil and Easter morning. There will be special surprises for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Pentecost. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

Board of Property – Reported by Steve Blausey

The Board of Property met on April 7th. Old Business: the water samples are still coming back negative, although we are now needing to have the 5 year review done. This will happen on the 13th. But so far all indications are saying water system is fine. The Ottawa County Seniors have returned to using the Fellowship Hall as of today. Jazzercise is also very appreciative for the use of the hall.

New Business; Steve Blausey read a letter from First Energy pertaining to their intentions of having the trees trimmed where they interfere with wires. We are assuming it must be on the parsonage property. Steve also read letters from 2 different elevator service providers. It was decided to continue to use our current provider. The board also decided to have our spring clean-up on April 28th with a rain date of May 5th. We also discussed a broken pipe on our boiler system which was repaired by Dimech Mechanical. We also talked about a request for a new sweeper. It was decided to see if the old one is repairable. We will also look into replacing exterior spigots around the church. We also need to rebuild the septic tank lid for the parsonage. Another item that needs addressed is the need to change the time and/or day of this meeting due to work constraints of members. Steve will contact all members and make a majority rule decision. The last issue brought up is the need to start up the conversation again of selling the parsonage. The board would like this to at least get this back in front of the Council for more consideration. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

After considerable discussion, the council gave the Board of Property consent to have preliminary conversations about the sale of the parsonage. The current lease of the renters will end in the fall.

Board of Witness and Mission – Reported by Nancy Pries

Witness and Mission met Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 4:00 in the church Conference Room. As of this date we have collected, from the extra envelopes in our envelope packets as well as donations from the Wednesday evening Bread and Soup suppers, \$1,041 purchasing 52 colonies of bees. (* Update: We were able to purchase 72 colonies of bees.) We have Holy Week yet to perhaps generate a few more colonies. Future projects are to have a booth at the Elmore Explore Day to promote our congregation. (Date yet unknown) We are looking for something to hand out. We welcome suggestions or help with set up. Rally Day will be September 11 and we will fill the back packs for LWR. Chicken BBQ September 25. Our next meeting is May 10 at 4:00 in the conference room.

Announcements:

Joan announced that the Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on July 18 from 12-6. Volunteers will be needed.

The next council meeting will be held on May 12 at 7 p.m. at Grace.

A motion was made by Karen, second Steve, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hammel
Church Council Secretary