

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 10, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church Council met via Zoom on February 10, 2022 at 7 pm. President Gary Anderson opened the meeting and offered prayer. Good news was shared and the prayer concern list was updated.

The minutes from the January 13, 2022 meeting were approved. The January 2022 financial report was approved.

A motion was made by Nancy, second Karen to appoint Mike Schlievert and Linda Jacobs to the Audit Committee.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jaci

~Ash Wednesday will be on March 2. There will be a rotation of area pastors during Lent and the theme will be “Making Change.”

~Celebrated the ten-year anniversary with Salem Grace United Church.

~Will attend a portion of the final service at Martin Luther Church on March 6, the final day of worship.

~Anna Rose Snyder will be baptized on March 20. Anna is the daughter of Cory and Kristen (Jacobs) Snyder, and the baby sister of Jack and Kate.

Board of Congregational Life – Reported by Mary Schlievert

The board met on February 1, 2022 Attendance: Mary S., Joan E., Linda S., Rachel B., Nancy B.

The meeting opened with prayer. Mary reviewed the minutes from the 11-16-21 meeting.

Old Business

~We finalized the Funeral Meal Protocol (See attached). A copy will be provided to Joyce.

~A Fellowship Hall Rental Agreement will be attached when the Funeral Meal Protocol is given to any interested parties.

~Prayer Partners from 2021 were revealed on 12-19-21.

New Business

~We had planned a potluck for the Annual meeting January 30th, but that was canceled due to Covid.

~Prayer Partners for 2022 were picked on 1-30-22.

~Updates to the directory are completed and will be shared with Joyce.

~There will be a Valentine Event Feb. 13th.

~In March we will have Soup Suppers on Wednesdays for Lent, Covid permitting.

~In April we will have a cookie and punch Easter Vigil reception in the Narthex following the Easter Vigil service.

~There will be events for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Pentecost (June 5th).

To Do:

~Schedule directory photos

~Set-up for Soup Suppers each Wednesday in Lent

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 15th, 6 pm (before choir)

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Board of Property – Reported by Steve Blausey

The February BOARD OF PROPERTY meeting took place on the 8th of February with 5 members in attendance. Under old business, the water supply situation was discussed again and we passed our February test. That's great news and we are hoping that with these negative tests that we can avoid having to do a well camera test. With the recent snows, we would like to have everyone extend their gratitude to Al Wolfe for his plowing out of the parking lot. We know he did it 3 times last week and we appreciate

his dedication. Also, a few weeks ago we had some minor repairs made on the boiler system to keep everything working properly.

Under new business, Jazzercise has started using the Fellowship Hall for classes. We have asked the cleaning person to pay more attention to that area now. Also, due to the events surrounding getting our water issue corrected, our parsonage renter was inconvenienced many times, having to have her water shut off and lines flushed. It was decided by this board that no monetary rent will be collected for the month of February. We also discussed a few small projects which pertain to repairing the entryway soffit, repairing the vestibule ceiling, and remodeling the sacristy.

Some items were brought up for *long term strategic planning* and this board will start getting projected costs for these projects. We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Board of Worship – Reported by Joan Eckermann

The board will meet on Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Board of Witness and Mission – Reported by Nancy Pries

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, February 8 at 4:00 in the conference room. Amy Simkus, John Heminger and Nancy Pries were in attendance.

Plans for Lenten envelopes and financial contributions at soup and bread Wednesday evening meals will go towards purchasing Colonies of Bees at \$20.00 a colony from ELCA Good Gifts.

We found a good price on bath towels, so based on the 112 we have already purchased, that is how many Personal Care Kits we will prepare. Inventory has been taken as we have supplies from previous years. To get what we need, we have decided to use three months to see if we can get the remaining supplies we need. We will ask for these supplies: March - 45 nail clippers, April-36 toothbrushes, May-92 bath size bars of soap. We are asking for folks to find these items at a good price. Check clearance aisles etc. A collection box will be on the table in the narthex. We also need at least 50 banana boxes more with the brown paper inside.

We are discussing having someone come to speak to us from the beneficiaries of our benevolence.

Piecemakers – Reported by Nancy Pries

Ninety quilts are being made. Volunteers are needed to sew around the edges and tie.

Old Business

Volunteers are needed to attend the 2022 Synod Assembly on June 3-4 at Bowling Green State University. Grace can have three delegates, one of whom must be under the age of 30.

A continued discussion was held about Grace establishing a Capital Reserve Fund. It would be an invested savings fund dedicated to paying for future capital replacement needs of the church and facilities. There was a consensus at the January 13, 2022 meeting to go forward with this concept. As we continue to move forward, an investment professional will be consulted.

A motion was made by Steve, second Randy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

The next council will be held in person on March 17 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hammel
Church Council Secretary

