

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Dec. 15, 2022**

The Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Council met on December 15, 2022 at the home of Mike and Mary Schlievert. Members present were Nancy Pries, Deb Boos, Gary Anderson, Steve Blausey, Randy Jacobs, Mary Schlievert, Joan Eckermann, Mike Schlievert (guest), and Pastor Jaci Tiell. Pastor Jaci opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary's report for the November 10, 2022 meeting was approved.

The November 2022 financial report was approved.

**Current Financial Status.** The November Financial Report noted our current healthy financial situation: For the year income now exceeds expenses by \$26,083. The end of year surplus is likely to end up between \$20,000 and \$22,000. The Checking Account balance at the end of the month was \$45,297. Right after the first of January, Council needs to decide how to allocate the surplus.

**Outgoing Council Member.** Randy Jacobs is completing his most recent term as Treasurer and Council Member. We express our sincere thanks to Randy for his outstanding service to the Church, as the Treasurer and Council member, but also in so many other ways.

**New Council Member.** Mike Schlievert will join the Council as Grace's newly elected Treasurer in January. Welcome to Mike!

**Expenditure and Bank Signature Authorization.** With the Congregation's approval of the 2023 budget and the election of a new Treasurer, the Council needs to approve a new authorization for the expenditure of funds:

**MOTION: That Church Officers and Board Chairmen, as appropriate, may authorize expenditures in accordance with the 2023 Budget approved by the Grace Congregation on 6 November 2022, and that the President (Gary Anderson) or Treasurer (Mike Schlievert) are authorized to sign checks as necessary to make those expenditures.**

A motion was made by Mary, second by Randy, to accept the motion. Motion approved.

**Annual Reports.** January is Annual Report month. Shortly after the first of January, a request will be sent out for Annual Reports to be submitted.

**1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting in 2023.** Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, at the church.

## **Upcoming Worship Services:**

- a. **4<sup>th</sup> Advent Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayers, 21 December, 6/7 PM**
- b. **Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, 24 December, 8 PM**
- c. **Christmas Day Carols and Scripture, 25 December, 10:30 PM**

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve, second by Nancy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Boos  
Secretary Pro Tem

## **Addendum: Board Reports (Submitted but not officially reported to council)**

### **Board of Witness and Mission - Nancy Pries**

The Board of Witness and Mission met Tuesday, December 13th.

John Heminger, Amy Simkus and Nancy Pries were in attendance.

Opened with prayer.

We are thankful for the blessings our board has received during this past year. We have met all our designated commitments with two needing a bit more income. We feel those will be fulfilled by the end of the year.

We hope everyone in the Elmore mailing area received the invitation to our Christmas Eve church service. The next adventure is to have a package to hand out to new neighbors and visitors to our services. Our members took eleven names of residents from LHM to buy gifts for Christmas.

Gary asked us to suggest where extra funds should go, from council, at the end of the year. We would like to suggest: The Ability Center in Sylvania, LOMO now called HOPE WOOD OUTDOORS, or a foster program in Toledo.

### **Board of Property- Steve Blausey**

The Board of Property met on Dec. 4th at 9:30 am in the conference room with 6 members attending. Last month's report to the Council was read. Old Business: Steve is waiting to hear back from Hartford Insurance for an inspection. Some discussion was had about the quote from CWS Environmental to do water testing next year but no decision had been made. Zach is still working on the elevator phone issue. Steve has been trying to reach out to a gas supplier but constantly gets a busy signal. The "fall clean up" has been postponed and has been pushed off till spring due to weather. Again, more discussion about church cleaning ensued.

Under Miscellaneous, we have been asked about leaving the Fellowship Hall thermostat up a little due to the Seniors and Jazercise being too cold. We will bump it up 2 degrees. We were also asked about giving a church key to Jayne Klett for Sunday School operations. Group agreed to extend her a new key.

Moving on to New Business, the boiler needs to go through some technical servicing to keep it running efficiently and we also have a break in the piping in the Sunday school end. No new business.