

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
May 17, 2018

Members present: Paul Dressler, Mary Jenatscheck, Karen Buum, Isaac Thompson, Kristy Larson, Craig Brenden, Pastor Paige, Pastor Kristi

1. Call meeting to order – Kristy called the meeting to order
2. Devotion and prayer – Pastor Kristi led us in a devotion & prayer
3. Approval of agenda – Motion to approve agenda/Seconded/Approved
4. Approval of previous meeting's minutes with corrections - Motion to approve agenda/Seconded/Approved
5. Financial reports – The financial report doesn't appear promising. We're lagging behind previous year's money even with insurance money. The past three year's offering trend is down. Reducing staff is a possibility given our budget needs. Discussion was held on priorities and focus for Council members in encouraging members to give. Executive team will look at financial situations and bring to Council further information about giving. Motion/Seconded/Approved
6. Ministry team reports –Motion/Seconded/Approved
7. Staff reports –
 - Pastor Paige sent out sabbatical letter. Preparing for summer.
 - Pastor Kristi reported a transfer of Ken and Tina Harren. Welcoming new members Joel & Jacky and Rhett Wolfe and Rebecca Streed and Sheldon Tangen. Phone chart for Council was reviewed. Staff reviews have been worked on. Synod Assembly was wonderful. SE Minnesota Synod is one of the strongest Synods for giving especially toward global missions. Servant of Christ award was received by Grace Lutheran.
8. Business and discussion items
 - Preparing for Congregational meeting (May 23) on roof.
Report on bid and costs for certain parts. Planned costs are \$64,348. Questions - should Greener Solutions be there to answer questions/ should property team lay out details. We need to explain how we can afford this project. Investment Team can discuss information about endowment fund contributions. Video of project will be shown.
 - Sabbatical Letter Update – Pastor Paige letter went out to congregation.
 - Handling of Offering Money Update – A rough draft for procedures going forward is being worked on.
 - Treasurer Position Update – Pastor Kristi requested the Executive Team consider what should be posted for this position. Current Treasurer was asked for input.
 - Nominations Committee – No new information to report
 - Audit Committee – No new information to report
 - Worship Accompanist Update – Handout was given about current agreement.
 - Hospitality Station Update – Lay input is further needed.
 - Security at Church – This is one of our goals. An educational training session on this topic will be attended by several staff including Pastor Kristi.

- New Business – Motion to approve Christine Krause for Endowment Disbursement Committee..
Seconded/Approved

9. Date of next meeting: June 21 at 7:00 PM. Executive Meeting - June 18 at 5:00.

10. Adjournment