

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

6:30 pm



Elders Present: Carole Ryan, Christine McGraw, Joyce Eggleston, Jill Nugent, Jon Timmons, Rachel Zippwald, Ken Beaulieu, Pastor Chris Tweitmann

Staff Present: Janie Andrich, Betty Wardle

Congregation Present: Ralph Clark, Linda Woodbury

I. Call to Order

a. 7:00 pm

II. Opening Prayer

a. Rachel Zippwald opened the meeting with prayer.

III. Ministry Team Highlight

A Highlights of Adult Spiritual Formation were shared by Linda Woodbury

1. The team is currently involved with Sunday morning Adult Education, Alpha, Disciple, Monthly Prayer Gatherings and Cursillo.
2. The team has lost Pastor Joe and Karen Quane (to Grace Visual Arts) but are adding new members to the team. Bob Eggink will be leading the Sunday Spiritual Gifts class one week.
3. Linda emphasized patience in growing the team.

IV. Council Consent Docket

a. Minutes of the August 28 council meeting were presented. **Motion was presented, seconded and approved.**

b. Adult Spiritual Formation minutes from September 10 were presented

c. Reaching Out team minutes were presented

1. Discussion ensued regarding S.H.I.P. being invited back to Grace next year. The Reaching Out team was insistent that S.H.I.P. return. Problems with them this year were cited, including a lack of night supervisors and the volunteers not being fully prepared. Council felt that there are too few volunteers to run the program. It was suggested that the team provide a proposal to the council, much like the one done by Good News Ministry when they began. Rachel will provide a copy of the Good News proposal to the Reaching Out team.

Motion Presented: Reaching Out Team will provide the Grace Council with a proposal setting out the criteria necessary to make S.H.I.P. viable at Grace next year. The proposal will be ready to present at the January council meeting.

Motion was Approved

d. A report of baptisms, weddings and memorial services for 2012 was presented. A list for the year is attached.

V. Financial Report and Acceptance

- a. Rachel Zippwald did not receive all figures necessary to complete the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report will follow for approval via email.

VII. School Report & Acceptance

- a. Janie Andrich presented the Superintendent's report. (Attached)
- b. Janie and the staff are receiving positive comments from parents and staff regarding the preschool move.
- c. The preschool enrollment is still fluctuating as the year starts. After the first month or so, enrollment will settle down to a normal pattern.
- d. The school is beginning the periodic re-accreditation process which happens every six years.
1. Janie and staff are preparing all necessary reports and documentation to present to the accreditation team that will visit the campus in the spring of 2014.

Superintendent's Report was accepted.

VIII. Pastor's Report

- a. Pastor Chris has finished the sermon series on "Answering God's Call". Beginning this Sunday Bishop John Bradosky will begin the new series on "Covenant and Kingdom" which will carry us through to Lent.
- b. Pastor Chris and Beth attended the 3DM leader/spouse retreat last week
- c. Pastor Chris and Beth are team teaching the middle school bible class at our school – Beth teaches Tuesday and Pastor Chris teaches Thurs which gives Chris more time in his schedule to prepare for preaching.
- d. Alpha has started. Grace is partnering with Hope this session. Pastor Chris and Pastor Paul Finley are rotating weeks doing the teaching. Debbie Graves did a phenomenal job coordinating Alpha.
- e. Pastor Joe's departure as announced. People were sad but the news was well received.
- f. The council will coordinate a farewell barbeque to honor Pastor Joe on October 28th.

IX. Council Action

a. Grace Care, Grace Life proposal (attached)

1. Jill Nugent presented a proposal to divide the current Authentic Community into Grace Care and Grace Life.

Grace Care

- Funeral and wedding receptions
- Meals for the sick, shut-ins and new mothers
- Grief Share
- Care and visitation of those in the hospital or homebound

Grace Life

- Fellowship activities (including supplies)
- WOW lunch and entertainment
- Grace Diners
- OK Club (formerly 2nd Half Ministries)
- Visitor and Inactive Member Outreach
- Women's Ministries
- Men's Ministries

Explanation

- “Grace Care” and “Grace Life” will be listed as separate headings in the annual budget.
- The office staff in conjunction with the Senior Pastor will provide coordination and oversight of the ministries listed under “Grace Care.”
- An active elder on the Council provide coordination and oversight of the ministries listed “Grace Life.”
- The following ministries listed under “Grace Life” have leadership and support are therefore make-up the current “Grace Life” ministry team:
 - Fellowship activities (J. Nugent)
 - WOW (C. Orr)
 - Grace Diners (S. Golnitz)
 - OK Club (D. Brundage)
 - Women’s Ministry (Joyce Eggleston)
- The following ministries listed under “Grace Life” DO NOT have lay leadership: Visitor and Inactive Member Outreach and Men’s Ministries. As a result, these ministries are not active until specific and consistent lay leadership and support develops.

b. Motion Presented:

To rename the ministries, “Congregational Life” and “Authentic Community” to “Grace Care” and “Grace Life” and to adjust their areas of focus, as follows:

Grace Care

- *Funeral and wedding receptions*
- *Meals for the sick, shut-ins and new mothers*
- *Grief Share*
- *Care and visitation of those in the hospital or homebound*

Grace Life

- *Fellowship activities (including supplies)*
- *WOW lunch and entertainment*
- *Grace Diners*
- *OK Club (formerly 2nd Half Ministries)*
- *Visitor and Inactive Member Outreach*
- *Women’s Ministries*
- *Men’s Ministries*

Motion Approved

b. LWF Resolution from the NALC

1. A resolution from the NALC was presented regarding the NALC Application for Full Membership in the Lutheran World Federation. Resolution and underlying documentation is attached to these minutes.
2. The resolution was approved at the NALC Convocation in August and has now been sent to all NALC congregations for ratification.

Motion Presented: To accept the resolution for the NALC to join the Lutheran World Federation and recommend passage by the congregation at the next Congregational meeting.

Motion Approved

c. Special Congregational Meeting Agenda for Sunday October 21, 2012

- Elect nominees for open elder positions: Linda Woodbury and Jon Finch
- Vote on resolution by the NALC regarding the Lutheran World Federation

X. Show and Tell (Who are some of the new faces at Grace?)

- a. Council members shared information that they have learned about individuals, couples and families in our church and school community.
- b. Council discussed ways of connecting these new faces to other members and groups in our community.

XI. Closing Prayer

- a. Betty Wardle closed the meeting in prayer.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm

Next regular council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine McGraw
Council Secretary

APPROVED