

# CHURCH MINUTES

## Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Date 9/04/2022

**Present:** Brandon Caneva, Robin Baldwin, David Lyons, Dennis Chowen, Madison Pankratz, and Kelly Magdanz,

**Absent:** Chris Koontz, Linda Hemmah, Mikayla Wilson, Debbie Patmore, Clay Lange, and San Monahan

**Congregational Members:** Bonnie Lange

**Call to Order:** Brandon

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion – Robin Second – Dennis

**Approve Minutes:** Motion – Robin Second – Dennis

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved

### **New Business:**

1. Money Counters – September
  - a. Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – David & Pam
  - b. Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – David & Robin
  - c. Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Brandon & Kelly
  - d. Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Madison
2. Presentation by Bonnie Lange
  - a. Would like the congregation to on an annual basis, send all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Outlaw Ranch. The church will fund this as we do have a youth fund that we could use.
  - b. A video was shown stressing that camp forms a deep connection to bringing youth to their love of the Lord.
  - c. Council felt the 5<sup>th</sup> graders should do some fund raising
  - d. We will table till next meeting but we strongly support this happening next summer
3. Funeral Pall- Bonnie presented the information on this casket covering
  - a. We would add this covering to the vestments
  - b. The white pall signifies that you were baptized and with death moving onto heaven.
  - c. The cost would be somewhere around \$600 or less.
  - d. Pastor could offer the use to families
  - e. Motion to purchase a Pall-Dennis Chowen, second-David Lyons
  - f. There will be a special service to bless the Pall, Bonnie will present more to us at the next meeting
4. Call Committee
  - a. Met with a husband/wife duo who are very interested in Grace
  - b. They have experience and education=more expensive
  - c. 1 ½ call -Pastor Kevin-full time and Pastor Carla- ½ time
  - d. They are from east river, have two children in college.
  - e. They love the parsonage
  - f. Another church from the area is wanting Pastor Carla ½ time possibly
  - g. 4 options to pay: pay for both and be reimbursed ½ for one by another church, pay for both and be reimbursed ½ from Synod, pay for 1 ½ and another church pays ½, or pulpit supply pays for 1.
  - h. Cost for Pastor Kevin-\$89,000 and Pastor Carla- \$92,000 with pension and benefits
  - i. Dynamics of the church have changed, will we grow and are we a business?
  - j. Call committee says this duo is a good fit for Grace as Sturgis is growing
  - k. The duo wants to provide an inviting environment and update the online services
  - l. An emergency meeting will be called on September 7, at 5:30 pm to vote
5. Custodian Position
  - a. David Lyons will take the position

6. Robin and Dennis had to leave so the meeting ended with due to no quorum

**Old Business:**

1. God's Work Our Hands
  - a. Dennis will talk with Marlene

**Committee Reports:** Additional information to be found in monthly reports. *See attached.*

Next meeting is

Motion to adjourn –

Adjourn with Prayer

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Sept PART 2**

**Date 9-7-22**

**Present:** Brandon Caneva (By phone), Robin Baldwin, Mikayla Wilson, David Lyons, Debbie Patmore, Dennis Chowen, Clay Lange, San Monahan, Kelly Magdanz, Madison Pankratz

**Absent:** Chris Koontz, Linda Hemmah

**Congregational Members:** Jeff DeKraai

**Call to Order:** Motion- Dennis Second- David

**Prayer:** Clay

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion- Second-

**Approve Minutes:** Motion- Second-

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion- Second-

**New Business:**

1. Bonnie Lange- Camp & Pall for funerals
2. Money Counters- September
3. Update on Parsonage Repairs
4. Custodian-any updates
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Red Bucket Recipient
6. November Serving Grace- San to make calls?
7. Should we start a campaign for the outdoor railings and sidewalk? There is \$1410 in the account already.
8. Call Committee recommendations
  - a. 1.5 pay scale = \$139,000
  - b. The other .5 would be occupied by the Lutheran church in the area
  - c. Motion made to vote for the acceptance of the call committee recommendation by Mikayla.
    - i. David second. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Committee Reports:** Additional information to be found in monthly reports.

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

**Date 4/7/22**

**Present:** Brandon Caneva, Mikayla Wilson, David Lyons, Debbie Patmore, Dennis Chowen, Linda Hemmah, Kelly Magdanz

**Absent:** Clay Lange, Chris Koontz, Robin Baldwin, San Monahan

**Congregational Members:**

**Call to Order:** Brandon

**New Business:**

1. Church was broken into on Thursday night.
  - a. Wire Mesh on Windows out front.
    - i. Estimate around \$200-\$300
  - b. Cameras for exterior and office.

- i. Estimate of \$1000
- c. Motion for a budget of \$1500 to purchase made by Debbie.
  - i. Second by Kelly. Motion carried.

### **GLCW MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

GLCW met on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. After a 6:00 pm salad supper served by the officers, President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. Correspondence included letters from St. Dymas prison ministry and Joy Ranch, and a newsletter from Bridges of Hope.

#### **Reports of committees:**

- **Community** – Homecoming is Sept. 16. An informational meeting about the Adventure Park is Sept. 20. History at High Noon upcoming programs include the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Public Library, Jim Holland's action figures, and Grace Lutheran Church (in January) for which we need a panel of members to discuss the history of our church. The Arts Council and Library are beginning plans for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Smithsonian Exhibit which will come next spring.
- **Action** – 35 baby kits, 12 school kits, and 5 personal kits were assembled and sent.
- **Courtesy** – 4 cards (3 get-well and 1 sympathy) were sent. Darlene Mullins will be taking over the church card sales from Coleen Hanes.

#### **Old Business:**

- The nominations committee was not very successful in getting women to accept the GLCW officer positions. Deb Patmore agreed to stay on as President and Marlene Kotab agreed to accept the Recording Secretary position. All agreed that more women are needed to become more active in the GLCW. The women do many key projects for the church and the age of our very dedicated church women is advancing. None of the positions are difficult, and we do want the good work to continue at Grace.
- The Fall Bazaar is Oct. 22. Connie Hurlburt sent a list of vendors – Avon, wooden bowls, purses, Usborne books, handmade clothing/items, and Tastefully Simple. Dawn Geppert will be donating decorative items. More vendors and donations are welcome. All donations from members will be put on tables according to their value. Members were reminded that it is not a rummage sale, but all country items or handmade items are welcome and will be placed on various priced tables. Lefse should be priced by the individual maker. Ruth Mechling will get soup and pie donations for the kitchen. All volunteers should call Connie Hurlburt. We need workers from 8-3:00.

#### **New Business:**

- All church members are asked to attend a church cleaning day on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- Circles meet on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Rachel at 1:30 pm and Mary at 7:00 pm at the church
- GLCW meets on Oct. 11 with Rachel as hostess and Mary in charge of the program.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Marlene Kotab, Sect

**Grace Lutheran Worship Committee Minutes**  
**September 20, 2022**

On Tuesday, September 20, 2022, the Worship Committee met at 5:30 pm with Marlene and Christian Kotab and Candy McKay in attendance. After an opening prayer, the agenda and minutes were approved.

**Old business:**

- The Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> Back-to-School Sunday Service and Ice Cream Social was a great success with many children and school staff in attendance.
- Confirmation Sunday is moved to Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- No report on First Bible Sunday.
- The Children's Christmas program is at 6:30 pm on Wed., Dec. 14.
- We are searching for an additional singer for WNL services.

**New Business:**

- The WNL banner needs to be hung out front.
- We will host a meet and greet night on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 pm for the potential pastors. They will lead the service. The congregational vote to offer them a call is Sunday, Oct. 9. Both services are very important times for everyone to attend.
- Pulpit supply for October – Pastor Neugebauer will lead all Sundays except Oct. 30 which will be covered by Pastor Dan Johnson.
- The Grace Fall Bazaar is Sat., Oct. 22.
- The Thankoffering Sunday is November 13.
- October liturgies: Oct. 2 - #3, Oct. 9 – Remembering the Promise, Oct. 16 – Spoken #1, Oct. 23 - #8, and Oct. 30 – Service of the Word.

Marlene Kotab, Chair