

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – Grace Advisory Board (GAB)

Meeting Minutes – 2/18/2024

Board Members Present: Pastor Brooks, Chris Wethman, Dede Crosmer, Joe Milko, Donna Gesell, Bev Hudgins

Others: Barb Tippin, Scott Gesell

Absent: Judy Barnes

- **Meeting Opened** with a devotion by Pastor Brooks at 12:30pm

- **Approval of minutes from January 11, 2024**
 - Motion** made by Joe Milko and **seconded** by Donna Gesell to approve the minutes.
 - Discussion:** none
 - Minutes approved**

- **Approval of Statistical Report**
 - Motion** made by Pastor Brooks and **seconded** by Donna Gesell to approve the statistical report.
 - Discussion:** none
 - Statistical report approved**

- **Reports**
 - Staff – no report
 - President – no report other than to let GAB know that the lighting in the sanctuary will be controlled by the main panel (DMX board). There will be no remote for the lights.
 - Congregational Representative – no report
 - Discipleship/Servant Board – no report, next meeting will be on Saturday, March 9, 10am-12pm
 - Resource Board – see attached with addendum to “Work to still complete” #3 – Overhead light in kitchen in Grace House is fixed.
 - Discussion on the safety deposit box. Will get notarized names (by Dede Crosmer) of officers and those that will have access to the safety deposit box after the new slot of officers in May.
 - Scott Gibson and Joe Milko will be the points for getting information on door security for the church. One quote has been obtained for approximately \$7000, that quote is good until March 15.
 - The Resource Board approved the motion to purchase a slightly used Kawai piano for \$7000. Erin Hodge and Donna Gesell will go on Tuesday to confirm possible purchase. GAB approved of this motion.
 - Pastor Brooks
 - Notice will be going out to the congregation about a Town Hall on March 3 between services to discuss the possibility of going to one service.
 - Everyone received the Director of Christian Outreach from Chris this week. Please review and send feedback to Pastor by the end of this week.
 - Racial Reconciliation will be hosting a Farmer’s Market on April 15 to support minority farmers. Please spread the word and encourage attendance.

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- **Other information:**
 - Joe Milko is requesting a meeting space for retirees to gather and talk cars. GAB approved this, but the outside use request form needs to be filled out.
 - GAB will host a simple supper on March 13
 - Chris Wethman is looking into Travis Guse coming back on May 18

- Voters Meeting: May 5, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Crosmer, Secretary

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RESOURCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2024

Admin:

Background checks have been completed for both Erin Hodge and Brooke Meaike to work with the children in music each Sunday.

Finance:

We have renewed the 30K investment with LCEF for another year at 4 percent interest.

Dave Pittman is talking with a different Lutheran insurance company to compare that we are insured correctly and have the best premium possible. More work to be done before this is complete.

Properties and Facilities:

Safety Deposit Box:

The bank has new rules about the safety deposit box. We must have a letter or minutes stating the officers of the congregation and a list of who is to have access to the box. This information must be notarized and taken to the bank. An appointment must be made and all signers must be present at the same time with identification. There is a \$75 charge to have the box rekeyed if we cannot find the key.

Altar:

Donna will be meeting with Allen Sanderlin this next week to discuss him making kneeling pads for the altar.

Grace House:

Early Head Start is starting to use the Grace House again this month. We have a family moving into the apartment on Feb 29th. Mr. Tommy Hutchins is a lung transplant patient at Duke. The family will probably be in the house for several months.

Work to still complete:

1. Repair of the back porch and ramp. John Redick and his brother-in-law will be donating all labor for this project and hope to have it finished by Easter.

2. Repair of the front porch. John Redick and his brother-in-law will try to find the tough and groove boards to repair the side of the porch next to the church and the front over the steps. Then we will be ready to paint the porch. If they can find the correct boards, they hope to have this done by Easter as well.
3. Overhead kitchen light still needs to be fixed. John Redick and Mike Hunike will work on the light.
4. The tile in the laundry room/basement access needs to be replaced. John Redick has offered to complete this and to rebuild the door to the basement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Door Security

It was discussed that we should move forward with securing the DLC door, red basement door and the back door into the fellowship hall with a card access only system. There will have to be a very complete information and training for the entire congregation. It is recommended that the advisory board move forward with this plan from First Security Service, Inc with first looking into possible alarms at the same time. Scott Gesell will get the additional information.

Piano

At this time, we recommend that the piano in the sanctuary remain and that we replace the piano in the balcony.

Dave Pittman made the motion: Erin Hodge is to follow up on the Kawai piano owned by the past president of the NC Composers Alliance by going to play the piano. There is to be someone with her at the time that could negotiate and purchase the piano.

Joe Wethman second the motion and the motion carried.

New Resource Board representative

Donna Gesell is requesting that someone else be the resource board representative to the GAB. She is willing to stay on until the end of May but feels that she is just too involved in multiple areas and would like to step aside.