

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – Grace Advisory Board (GAB)

Meeting Minutes – May16, 2023

Board Members Present: Pastor Brooks, Chris Wethman, Dede Crosmer, Geoff Heintzelman, Joe Milko, Judy Barnes

Others: Barb Tippin, Carolyn McElfatrick, Joe Wethman

Board Members Absent: Donna Gesell

1. Meeting Opening

Pastor Brooks opened meeting with a reading, Jeremiah 29:11-12, words of wisdom on “Strategic Planning is Always about Goals” and prayer.

Previous Minutes: no additions/corrections. **Motion** made (Pastor Brooks) and **seconded** (Joe Milko) to approve the minutes. **Minutes Approved.**

Statistical Report – tabled for later in the meeting (Discussion Items)

2. Financial Review

With Donna out of town financial reports are included in the Voter’s packet

3. Information Items

- MALIM check for signage returned. There is no need to resubmit the Wittenberg Grant to MALIM, they will be looking over Wittenberg grant within the next few weeks.
Pastor Amanda let Pastor Brooks know that they had been in touch with her in regard to the grant and conveyed that the room would be a catalyst for the Duke Lutherans (building a program)
- Status of Sanctuary lighting – not much progress. Having difficulty getting anyone to return calls regarding potential work.

Discussion Items:

- a) Columbarium Board
Dede Crosmer & Kathy Pittman submitted updated guidelines. Grace Advisory Board reviewed. **Motion** made (Judy) and **seconded** (Pastor) to approve the revised guidelines. **Motion Approved** – new guidelines attached.
- b) Statistical Report
Reviewed statistical report. **Motion** made (Dede) and **seconded** (Judy) to approve the statistical report. **Motion Approved.**
- c) Congregational Summit
The format for the congregational summit on Saturday, June 3 (9-11:30am) will be the same as the one pre-COVID. The Advisory Board is encouraged to be there and to encourage others to attend.
- d) Music Position
Discussion on whether we should pursue someone part-time (worship services and choir) or a program director (worship services, children’s choir, handbells etc.). Pastor and Joe Wethman will be attending a Walltown meeting tomorrow (5/17) with other churches and will ask how they manage their music programs/positions.

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- e) Walltown
Needs to be part of the discussion on June 3

 - f) Go & Make
Next steps: Stakeholder meeting in early June regarding the Wittenberg room
With Donna out of town, we do not have an exact number on the Go & Make Campaign.
Discussion on some of the priorities:
 - Restore or replace Sanctuary lighting
 - Refurbishing Altar/Chancel area
 - Upgrading sound system

 - g) Advisory Board Retreat
Possible late summer retreat – still in thinking stages
4. Wrap up
Chris talked with Bob (IT support), and he suggested running a second internet line for the Wittenberg room.
5. Adjournment with spoken hymn “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Crosmer, Secretary

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