

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – Grace Advisory Board (GAB)

Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2023

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

Others: Barb Tippin, Scott Gesell, Bev Hudgins

1. Meeting Opening

- a. Chris Wethman opened meeting with devotion and prayer.
- b. Previous Minutes: no additions/corrections. **Motion** made (Geoff) and **seconded** (Donna) to approve the minutes. **Minutes Approved.**
- c. Statistical Report – tabled for later in the meeting (#8)

2. Financial Review – Treasurer (Donna Gesell)

Unrestricted funds are in the positive. **Motion** made (Dede) and **seconded** (Geoff) to approve the review. **Motion Approved.**

3. Information Items

- a. Elections – positions open this year:
 - i. Secretary – Dede will remain for 1 more term (2 years)
 - ii. Treasurer – Donna will remain for 1 more term (2 years)

Discussion: possibly identifying replacements ahead of time.

4. Discussion Items:

- a. Columbarium Board

Discussion: A Columbarium Board was set up with members and term limits. That has not been followed upon with terms expiring, etc. Is a formal board necessary? Can the Advisory Board make decisions since they are few and far between?

Columbarium Board consists of Dede Crosmer, Kathy Pittman, Greg Taylor (no longer at Grace) and Pastor Brooks (ex-officio member). Board (Dede, Kathy & Pastor) will meet to revise the structure and resubmit documents for the Grace Advisory Boards approval to transfer existing control of decisions to GAB.

- b. MALIM Grant for Sign

Discussion: Check for \$3000 received. Not deposited. Signage (all) will cost more than grant. MALIM will not consider \$10,000 request for Wittenberg Room if we have another grant open.

VOTE REQUIRED

Motion made (Joe) and **seconded** (Geoff) to decline the \$3000, so that the Wittenberg grant can be considered. **Motion Approved.**
- c. Congregational Meeting

Discussion: Congregation input should be included during a meeting/brainstorming session regarding vision/plans for Grace House. Chris will look at the calendar for a possible date in May.

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- d. Congregational Rep Questions
Discussion on Judy's role and that it is still a work in progress. Suggested that Judy call each PALS group leader to find out what their group is doing and share that with the congregation. Members of GAB will encourage members to talk to Judy and go to her with questions.
- e. Go & Make Campaign - Looking forward/next steps
Discussion: Pastor talked about the 3 parts of the Go & Make Campaign.
 1. Community engagement to do more outreach (refurbish downstairs, Grace House, signage)
 2. Renewal of spiritual life (refresh sanctuary [lighting/altar], AV)
 3. Prepare for the future (reimburse Shepherd's Tent [done], see money for Director of Congregational Outreach)GAB discussed priorities to be completed by the end of the year:
 1. Physical goals: finish Wittenberg room and old library, Sanctuary (lighting/altar/AV)
 - a. Geoff will submit guidelines for use of the Wittenberg room
 2. Leadership goals: Leadership development for PALS leaders
- f. Sanctuary Lighting
Status from Resource Board – quotes are being obtained for getting the lighting back to a baseline.
- g. Leadership Development
Filling board vacancies – see Information Items #3.
- h. Membership – Names to be removed per statistical report **VOTE REQUIRED**
Tabled until the next meeting.
- i. Communications - GPS? What is most effective?
Discussion: All members like GPS, continue it (emailed and printed options)
Suggestions:
 1. A separate email/mailed regarding the Go & Make Campaign – what has been done, what is next.
 2. Highlights of GAB meetings in E-news
- j. Thank You Event
Pastor proposed a Fun Family Outing, Creating a culture of gratitude on Sunday, May 7 at Boxcar Club house. GAB enthusiastically endorsed.
- k. Music Position
Pastor is meeting with Chase on 4/29 to discuss Chase's future.

5. Any other items?

- a. **Motion** made (Chris) and **seconded** (Pastor) to refurbish the room know as the former library so that it would be a suitable room for children at the January meeting. **Motion approved** at the January meeting.

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6. May 21 Voters' Meeting

- a. By-Law 4.3: After scheduling a date for the semi-annual Voters' Assembly meeting, the Grace Advisory Board's designated representative shall prepare an alphabetical listing of the names of the voting members. The list should be updated and retained up until the time of the meeting and provide the list of members who are entitled to vote at the assembly.
- b. Information for packet due by May 8, 2023

7. Wrap up – N/A

8. Next meeting Date – TBD, meetings will alternate between zoom and in-person.

9. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Crosmer, Secretary

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