

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – Grace Advisory Board (GAB)

Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2023

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

Meeting Opening

- Meeting called to order at 7:08pm by President, Chris Wethman
- Pastor Brooks opened the meeting with a prayer and a devotion on 1 Thessalonians 5:11-18
- Agenda: No additions to the agenda added, agenda approved
- Previous minutes: No corrections/additions, minutes approved.

Ministry Boards

Resource Board (Donna Gesell)

- Unrestricted column has a negative balance, but this is slowly decreasing.
- Giving has increased.
- Board to meet and looking to get estimated value of Grace House, Church and parking lot.

Properties & Facilities (Joe Milko):

Lighting in the sanctuary need to be evaluated – will need to get a baseline of what works and doesn't before proceeding. Joe Milko will get quotes for getting the lights back to a baseline.

Administration – no report

Servant Board (Geoff Heintzelman)

- First meeting of families with young children met (Kolba & de Talence). Will meet again in March.
- Need more people to serve on Servant Board.
- Pastor encouraged all to attend PALS training – will try to have this twice a year.

Discipleship Board (Pastor Brooks)

- Bev Hudgins will lead a pre-evangelism class over the summer.
- Pastor has had nine people ask about becoming members, so he will hold a Discover the Call on Saturdays in May with a New Member Welcome in June.
- Pastor will send the group a previous version of his overview report to determine if the committee would like to receive this for this meeting.

Congregational Rep (Judy Barnes)

- Judy will be working on an email to go out to the congregation. She will send to GAB for approval before sending it out.

ALL BOARD REPORTS APPROVED.

Reminder: Each Board (Discipleship, Servant, Resource) is to set annual goals (see 8.7 bylaws)

Information Matters

Music staffing

Chase is graduating May 16. Pastor will plan to speak with him about his future plans.

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Matters for Discussion

Grace House

- Early Head Start would like to use Grace House or the church again. They are looking into funding to support this.
- Discussion on the future of Grace House, it is not a priority for the Capital Campaign. Donna G. to check with plumbers that the issue with the plumbing has been fixed and see about getting a roofer out to see if there is hail damage.

Timeline for completions of renovation of Wittenberg and old library:

- Flooring has been ordered for both rooms.
- Wittenberg Room:
 - molding has been removed and Mike Hunike to work on removing glue.
 - Geoff will reach out to Pastor Amanda about getting Duke Lutherans for a painting party hopefully mid-April so that flooring can get put in by the end of April.
- Old Library:
 - Books have been boxed and to be moved to be placed back when renovation is complete. Joe Milko to evaluate order of renovation for the old library (removing of shelving, carpeting and wallpaper).

Pastor Brooks' Summer Schedule

- Pastor has been voted by the Triangle Circuit to be the Pastoral Delegate for the LCMS Convention in Milwaukee, July 28 – August 4.
- He may also be on the floor committee which meets in St. Louis June 9-12, so may be away then.

Go & Make – Update

Chris has been including updates on work in progress for the E-news. If you think something needs to be added, please let her know so it can go in the following week.

Membership Review & Assignments

Each member of this board will receive a list of 8-10 members to evaluate their membership. See guidelines sent out.

PALS

We need to have a process of how activities in the church are vetted. Any meeting/activity at church should be aligned with a PALS group and or mission/vision.

Meeting Finalization

Discussion that these meetings may need to move to monthly. Chris will send out a poll for an April meeting.

Meeting in May is scheduled for May 7.

Next Voter's Meeting: May 21

Meeting Closed at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dede Crosmer, Secretary

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