

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 12, 2010

Members Present: Pastor Roger Haug, Diane Beckmann, Holly Jones, Julie Grunwald, Matt Potter, Cap Peterson, Gordy Oslund, Randy Zimmerman, Mark Christiansen, Scott Singlestad, Sonja Highum, Brad Connors Not Present: Pastor Dan Doering

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Pastor Roger led devotions.

Scott called for a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

SCRIP-No report.

Grace Garden-Report submitted. The infant room currently has (2) openings. The toddler and preschool rooms are full. The center is fully staffed. There was a resignation of (1) board member and (2) Grace Lutheran members have expressed an interest and will attend the January 19th meeting. There will be a "Puffin" fund raiser in February. All rooms have been painted and look great. Ideas are being reviewed for future permanent playground equipment that would be purchased with endowment money. Chapel time is going well thanks to Pastor Roger and Pastor Dan.

3rd GEAR-Report submitted. 3rd Gear Wednesday Nights Schedule Starting at 7pm (unless otherwise noted) January 13 - @ St John - The Book of Eli Part II January 20 - @ St John - The Book of Eli Part III January 27 - @ St John - TBA February 3 - @ The Garage Pizza Sales start Sunday January 17th! Watch your mailbox for order forms and information!! **FAT TUESDAY FEAST OF FOOLS FUNDRAISER IS FEBRUARY 16th!** Mission Trip Informational Meeting - Sunday, January 24th @ noon in St John's Trinity Hall. Fundraiser updates will be on the agenda! 3rd Gear Ski Trip - Friday, February 12th @ Afton Alps Group rates costs: Lift Ticket - \$22 Ski/snowboard rental - \$18 Skiing all day on Friday! Leaving Waseca at 8 a.m. and arriving back late evening.
<http://aftonalps.com/index.php>. The council asked that Marty include weekly attendance in his reports.

A motion was made to accept the above reports. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurers Report-December was a good month to end the year. We had a small profit for the year and our contingency fund is at \$20,000. The investment fund had a decrease of almost \$35,000 for December. The investment fund had a return of 6.5% for the year. I don't have a total of offerings to date. We have drawn out of the investment fund \$100,000 to donate. I feel with no salary increases and other small changes we should have a healthy 2010. A motion was made to accept this report the motion was seconded and approved. An added item to this report was a motion to revise the annual budget by a reduction of \$1,600.00. The motion was seconded and approved.

The following reports are approved via a consent agenda format. A motion was made to accept the following reports. The motion was seconded and approved.

Property Ministry Team-Report submitted. First item discussed was snow removal on the parking lot. This will be done on Saturday, January 16th. We also discussed new chairs for the social hall and Cap attended the GWELCA meeting on January 10th. We will look into styles, price ranges and table any further progress with this project until we have a better hold on the financial outlook of all groups involved. We also have a new member on property, Ivan DenOuden. The front doors of the parsonage were also brought up. Replacement of the exterior doors on the parsonage is also on the docket. We are also in the very early stages of looking at, and starting to plan the re-roofing of the old sanctuary and want to assure everyone this project will not be happening any time soon.

Management Ministry Team-Report submitted. The management team has not met since the last meeting but I did speak with Pastor Dan and staff reviews will be completed prior to our next meeting.

Stewardship Ministry Team-No report. Pastor Roger commented that Blair Anderson is willing to speak with our Stewardship ministry team for gratis. Pastor Roger also added that a letter including a pledge card will be mailed out after the annual meeting.

Worship Ministry Team-No report. Pastor Roger reported that the worship ministry team is talking about funerals/weddings...who will take over? Also talked about who to contact for music and discussed possibly using time and talent sheets. The worship team remains very positive.

Evangelism Ministry Team-No report. Diane added that the pajama party for CADA house continues and the evangelism ministry team is currently looking for groups to serve Lenten suppers. The prayer vigil will be moved out of the Lenten weeks to a different time.

Education Ministry Team-Report submitted. The Education ministry team met and discussed the following: The new Sunday school curriculum is going well. Thanks to everyone that helped with the children's Christmas program. The program was a success and appreciated by all Sunday school participants. Confirmation is on a break for Christmas, but going well; it will be starting again in the New Year. Pastor Roger is leading a small adult education hour between programs. Faith Steps facilitated by Dave and Laurie DeMars has been well received. This month they had the 7th graders and their parents participate with a theme of REAL PEOPLE. Fun and games were had by all. I want to thank everyone that has helped me in serving on this committee the past three years. I have truly appreciated everyone's help and think I have grown tremendously in my faith-walk with God due to my serving on Grace Lutheran's church council.

Pastor Dan-Report submitted. I hope this finds you having a great new year. December was a busy month of additional worship services, counseling with folks, and recruiting volunteers to fill vacancies. I was pleased with attendance during Christmas Eve services, especially due to weather concerns. I would like to create a more formalized policy concerning cancelling worship due to weather concerns (which is worth a discussion in the future). I have been and continue to work on a Lenten curriculum for confirmation students and their mentors, a marriage enrichment experience for our members, and starting work with our newly formed Scholarship committee. I am very thankful to the council for the time and energy that they have put in during the past year. Finally, thank you for making it possible for me to visit my family in Illinois during the last week of December. God bless!

Pastor Roger-Report submitted. I am pleased that we are all hanging in there together. Let us all focus on what God is calling us to do in our particular areas of responsibility. I really enjoyed the council meal together. To me, that is like a foretaste of the kingdom to come, without the sweet and sour pork, and the hot apple pie, just joking. Seriously, our fellowship is so important. That sharing we do together gives us the opportunity to celebrate the diverse gifts we have on our Church council. I am looking forward to setting goals with you and working to achieve the vision God has for us. God bless.

Investment Committee-Report submitted. Gordy reported that the investment committee continues to work on ways to improve dispersion of funds. They have discussed the question: How far to reach out? They also have some work to do as far as ways to qualify applicants. So far a total of \$36,880.43 has been given out of various funds. The following shows numbers for 2009:

| Application Date | App. # | Endowment Fund | Purpose | Application Amount | Aproved Amount | Date Approved |
|------------------|--------|---|---|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 8/18/2009 | 1 | Legacy of Angels Staff Development Fund | Medical Assistance | 3,260.08 | 3,260.08 | 8/28/2009 |
| 8/28/2009 | 2 | Legacy of Angels Fund | Seminary student loan match | 2,880.00 | 2,880.00 | 8/28/2009 |
| 9/8/2009 | 3 | Legacy of Angels | Medical Assistance | 2,276.35 | 2,276.35 | 9/9/2009 |
| 9/11/2009 | 4 | Legacy of Angels | Medical Assistance | 930.00 | 930.00 | 10/9/2009 |
| 9/15/2009 | 5 | Legacy of Angels | Medical Assistance | 2,759.07 | 1,500.00 | 10/9/2009 |
| 10/7/2009 | 6 | Disaster Relief Fund | Good Sheperd Lutheran flooding repairs | up to 78,000 | 7,500.00 | 10/9/2009 |
| 10/9/2009 | 7 | Legacy of Angels Matching Gift | Medical Assistance | 1,162.00 | 1,162.00 | 10/28/2009 |
| 10/16/2009 | 8 | Endowment Matching Gift | Kids Against Hunger food drive match | 4,247.00 | 4,247.00 | 10/28/2009 |
| 10/21/2009 | 9 | Endowment Matching Gift | Neighborhood Service Center Food Baskets | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 10/28/2009 |
| 10/27/2009 | 10 | | Red Cross - Matching funds for fundraiser | Match | - | denied |
| 11/10/2009 | 11 | Legacy of Angels | Medical Assistance | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 11/13/2009 |
| 11/10/2009 | 12 | Legacy of Angels | Medical Assistance | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 11/20/2009 |
| 12/1/2009 | 13 | Legacy of Angels Staff Development Fund | Medical Assistance | 8,830.00 | | |
| 12/10/2009 | 14 | Legacy of Angels Matching Gift | Seminary student loan match | 5,625.00 | 5,625.00 | 12/16/2009 |
| 12/11/2009 | 15 | Endowment | CADA of Waseca County | 165.00 | | |
| 12/24/2009 | 16 | Legacy of Angels | Medical | 816.14 | | |
| | | | | | 36,880.43 | |

Council Action Items-None

Discussion Items-The council discussed annual meeting procedures and ballots.

New business-None

Old Business-The council discussed setting up a scholarship committee. Pastor Dan submitted information stating that the Synod office is willing to work with us on this if we set up the guidelines and they handle the dispersing of the funds. A motion was made to accept the following to serve on this committee: Carol Peterson, Duane Rathman, Deb Selvik, and Craig Miller. The motion was seconded and approved.

Listening Post-The council will take a greener approach in 2010 and reduce the number of report copies that are printed for monthly council meetings.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Grunwald
Grace Lutheran Council Secretary