

Grace Council Meeting
(via Zoom)
April 13, 2020 at 7 PM

Present: Pastor Matt, Amy Henderson-Hill, Alison Oelschlager, Mike Driver, Tom Straub, Cindy Bockelman, Tim Brubaker, David Hockerman, Deena Hart, Bill Owen

Pastor started the meeting off with a reading from the 24th chapter of Luke.

Deena explained what the Cares Act means to Grace. We can apply for a forgivable loan of up to \$26,700 to cover the cost of payroll and utilities for 2 months. Based on our current needs and expenses, the finance committee decided that Grace would apply to receive \$21,100 through the Cares Act. David made a motion that we apply to receive \$21,100 in funding through the Cares Act. The motion was seconded by Tim. The motion was approved.

David shared with the council that a \$14,000 donation was made to the Community Harvest Food Bank on our behalf. The donor is unknown at this time. He also mentioned that due to the

current situation the client count has been down over the last 3-4 weeks. However, some new clients have visited the pantry for the first time. It is expected that as this situation continues, the need will probably increase again.

Pastor Matt brought a program to the council called Stewardship for All Seasons. The goal of the program is to foster generosity within the congregation. The cost of the

program is \$4,000 a year. It is a 2 year program. The synod is covering half of the cost to congregations that participate. Our cost would then be a total of \$4,000 (\$2,000 a year for 2 years). Other congregations have participated in this program and have seen positive benefits. Tim made a motion to join the program. After further discussion and clarification on the total cost, it was decided that more information was needed to make a decision. Pastor Matt will get information from congregations that have participated in the program to share with council during the May meeting. The motion was put on hold until the May meeting.

A quick update was given on the preschool. The open houses scheduled for the end of March and beginning of April were cancelled. Many preschool items are on hold due to the Covid-19 stay at home orders. We still do not have an answer on the insurance question that was going to be asked of Kirsten. David and Pastor Matt will try and get an answer from Kirsten before the May meeting.

Pastor Matt led a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

The next meeting (via Zoom) is scheduled for May 11th.