

Grace Council Minutes

March 9, 2020

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

David called the meeting to order at 6:39.

Pastor Matt led a devotion. The discussion followed the 'What Did You Notice? What Did You Wonder?' Format.

The minutes from the February congregational meeting were approved.

Pastor Matt shared his report. Nancy Nyland will be at both Hope and Grace on Sunday, March 25th. She will be staying for the Connect Team meeting after the service at Grace.

The Lenten Fellowship Event will be on Wednesday, March 25. The meal will be corned beef and brisket.

Amy shared her report. She highlighted that she will be attending the Annual Summit on Children on March 27 in Goshen and is looking forward to it.

David gave an update from the Connect Team.

Deena reviewed the financial statements from February. The financial report was approved.

Team reports were shared.

The property committee brought a motion to the council to approve \$550 to replace the outside door to the boiler room. Tim Brubaker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Shrove Tuesday Tenderloin Fry was on Tuesday, February 25. About 241 people attended. The income was around \$1,400.

The Easter breakfast will start at 9:00 on Sunday, April 12. It will be a carry in. Sign up sheets will be going around soon.

Preschool open houses are scheduled for March 31 and April 1. There are already 19 children signed up for preschool next year.

Amy led a discussion on bulk mailing the newsletter. Our bulk rate permit is up for renewal this month. It is no longer a cost savings to the church to mail the newsletter using bulk mail. In order to qualify as a bulk mailing, we need to send the newsletter to 200 HOUSEHOLDS. It is a struggle every month to reach 200. Tim made a motion that we do not renew the bulk mailing permit. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion was passed. We will still be able to send the March newsletter under last year's bulk mail permit.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.