

Grace Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Present: Pastor Matt, David Hockerman, Alison Oelschlager, Tom Straub, Cindy Bockelman, Bill Owen, Deena Hart, Tim Brubaker, Amy Henderson-Hill (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Pastor shared a reading from Jonah 1, a short discussion followed. Then a short discussion was had about the Introduction, Chapter 1, and Chapter 2 of Abundance. **Please read Chapters 3 and 4 for the December council meeting.**

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Matt shared his report.

- Boy Scout bankruptcy- Grace filed a claim as recommended by the Bishop. This will cover Grace Lutheran should there be a lawsuit filed in the future against the congregation.
- Singing hymns at worship- Pastor is proposing that we sing the Gathering Hymn and Hymn of the Day seated with masks on, beginning the first Sunday in Advent.

A discussion was had about the weekly offering envelopes that are mailed to each member at home. It costs the church between \$550-\$600 a year to mail these envelopes. Amy, Tim, and the finance committee will look into the costs, details, and specifics of our subscription with the company to see what our options are going forward. Tim made a motion to allow the Financial Committee to make a decision about the envelopes based on the information they gather. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was shared by Deena. The financial statements are subject to audit. The proposed 2021 budget was shared and reviewed. A vote on the 2021 budget will be taken at the December council meeting.

Property committee had a written report to share.

#### 2021 Council member Nominees

- Terms are over for Tim Brubaker, Alison Oelschlager, and Cindy Bockelman. Tim and Alison are term limited and can't be elected again.
- Katie Wilkinson's spot also needs filled.
- We are in need of 3- 3 year term members as well as someone to fill Katie's position.

Tim made the following motion: Due to Covid-19, we will postpone the December annual meeting to coincide with the January annual meeting to be held on January 17, 2021. This will postpone the approval of the 2021 budget and council elections. The budgeted monthly expenses will be extended through January 31, 2021.

Dave seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Grace Lutheran has been asked to charter Cub Scout Pack 3082. Tim made a motion to charter the Cub Scout Pack 3082. Tom seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 22 after the service.

#### **Holiday worship schedule recap:**

- Thanksgiving Day service at Hope at 9 AM.
- Sunday, November 29: joint service at Grace at 10:00.
- Christmas Eve: 7 PM and 11 PM at Grace; 9PM at Hope
- Sunday, December 27: joint service at Grace at 10 AM

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

*Via email On Sunday November 15, 2020 Dave Hockerman made a motion that if the ISDH reports Whitley County as a "red" Covid status, Grace will suspend all in-person worship services. And in any event, Grace will cancel in-person worship for Sunday November 29. Alison Oelschlager seconded the motion. Motion passed via email response.*

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Oelschlager