

CHURCH MINUTES

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 12/9/2022

Present: Brandon Caneva, David Lyons, Clay Lange, Kelly Magdanz, Madison Pankratz, San Monahan, Pastor Carla, Pastor Kevin

Absent: Mikayla Wilson, Debbie Patmore, Robin Baldwin, Linda Hemmah, Dennis Chowen

Congregational Members:

Call To Order: Brandon

Prayer/Devotional

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion - Clay

Second - San

Treasurer's Report

New Business:

1. Money Counters - January
 - a. 1/1 Pam & David
 - b. 1/8 Brandon & Clay
 - c. 1/15 Kelly & Madison
 - d. 1/22 Brandon & Clay
 - e. 1/29 Mikayla & Kelly
2. Lenten Offerings - where to designate remaining amount (\$2702.00)
 - a. Utilizing for any over-run expenses on the parsonage project \$2600
 - b. Purchasing an appreciation gift for Al Weidenbach - gift certificate in the amount of \$100
 - c. Motion to approve - San Second - Kelly
3. Red Bucket recipient for 2023 first quarter
 - a. Continue to give the proceeds towards bible camp tuition costs for 5th grade students
 - b. Motion to approve - Kelly Second - San
4. Annual Meeting Date - January 15, 2023
5. Committee annual reports due to Keri by January 3rd
6. Red Bucket (Camp) total so far, Oct-Nov \$1657.13
7. Mutual Ministry Committee
 - a. Jeff Dekraai leading and perhaps recruiting the current members of the call committee

Old Business:

1. Update on palls
 - a. Have ordered two (one for a casket and one for an urn)
2. Update on parsonage project
 - a. Lights came in
3. Railing project

Committee Reports: See attached.

Next Meeting: January 5th at 5:30pm

Adjourned with Prayer

Worship and Music Committee Minutes

A Worship/Music Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Pastors Kevin Jensen and Carla Nelson, Marlene and Christian Kotab, Tim Patmore, Robin Baldwin, Ruth Mechling, Candy McKay, and Marcia Potts (by phone). After the opening prayer, the minutes and agenda were reviewed.

Old Business:

- The Christmas décor will be removed on Jan. 8th after the service.
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services went very smoothly. Marcia suggested using recorded instrumental Christmas music before the Christmas Eve service as people are coming in.
- There is no WNL on Dec. 29 and Jan. 4. It resumes Jan. 11.
- We will begin weekly communion. Continuous communion will be on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Communion at the altar rail will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. At WNL, we will gather around the altar area or use continuous communion. Discussion was held about timely, contemporary topics for the WNL services to encourage more participation by youth and young families.
- The puppet set has been moved to the education building where Vicki Monahan's pre-school was held. The kitchen play set was moved into the Sunshine Room.

New Business:

- We will continue using assistant ministers. They are an integral part of worship.
- Discussion was held about themes for the Lenten services. The pastors will attend the pastors' conference and will confer with the others in the Bear Butte Conference. Lenten services, meals, sharing church with the Presbyterian in the past, Confirmation Students' Living Last Supper, and Reverse Advent by the High School Youth were all reviewed for the pastors.
- Palm Sunday with participation by the children (singing and procession of palms) is April 2
- The Easter Cantata is Sunday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 4 performed by the Community Cantata Choir. All are welcome to join.
- Easter is April 9.
- Spring Break on March 16-17 may change because of the makeup for snow days. We may have WNL on March 15 if there is a shortened break.
- Pastors Kevin and Carla will both be at the office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
- The pastors are planning a Thursday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study on Matthew beginning on Jan. 12, a Wednesday 5:00 p.m. study especially for those whose children are at Kids Alive, and a Men's Prayer Breakfast at Uncle Louie's on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.
- Liturgies for Jan. 1 – Spoken Liturgy #2, Jan. 8 – Service of the Word, Jan. 15- #8, Jan. 22- Remembering the Promise, and Jan. 29 – #4.
- Next meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Marlene Kotab, Chair