

GRACE LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2012 6:30 pm

In attendance: Rick Rockwell, Kelly O'Reilly, Ed Lofton, Linda Keaser, Jackie Combs, Cheryl Hagenjos. Absent: Sue Ellen Simmons. Food provided by Rick and Linda. Thank you.

DEVOTIONS: Cheryl led the devotions. 2 Corinthians 4:8-12 was read and insight into Dietrich Bonhoeffer's early life from the book: Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy was discussed.

MINUTES: approved online.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kitchen remodel discussion. Several estimates for remodeling the kitchen were presented by the committee. Phil Coblenz Construction of St. Louisville, OH, is the proposal recommended by the committee. Several questions were asked by the council with more research planned by the committee. The committee also presented a list of all the work done on the parsonage. The council thanked the committee for all their work.
- The supply pastor schedule was reviewed. Several names were mentioned as possible supplies. Jackie presented the report of pastors supplying thru April 22.
- The Council Offsite for 2012 was discussed. It will be held March 23-24 at St Therese Retreat in Columbus, Ohio. Approximately 25 persons should be in attendance including Call Committee, and several NALC pastors.
- Ed gave an update on the Discernment Task Force. They may be ready to present their results on April 1 or perhaps earlier.
- Persons to make up the call committee were discussed. Several names, chosen by the council, would be offered a position on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Purchasing a humidity control device for the new baby grand piano was discussed after Kate McCallum recommended the

purchase. Cost is approximately \$1500. Motion approved via email on February 15.

- A request was received from the local gymnast parents to use the social room of the church for a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 14th. The request was approved (6-0).
- A wedding request (non-member) was received for 13 October. After much discussion the request was approved (4-2) as long as Pastor Beth leads the ceremony and the couple receives counseling.
- A building use request was received a rehearsal dinner on June 29. Request was approved.
- A wedding request (member) was received for June 30 as a backup for an outdoor wedding in case of rain. The request was approved (4-2) as long as Pastor Beth leads the ceremony and the couple receives counseling.
- The church Wedding Policy will be reviewed at another time.
- Delegates are needed for the Ohio Mission District Convocation in May. The information will be put in the bulletin to see if there is an interest to go.

TEAM REPORTS:

Upreach: Jackie

- Supply Pastor's schedule: Pastor John Jackson will be in the pulpit on Feb. 19, 26, March 4, 18 and April 1. Pastor Beth Bateson will lead the worship for Wednesday Evening Lenten Vespers on Feb. 22, 29, March 7, 14, and 28. Also on Good Friday, April 6 and Homecoming Saturday, April 21. Pastor David Wendel will lead the worship on March 25 and Easter, April 8, and possibly Homecoming Sunday, April 22. Pastor Richard Match will be in the pulpit on March 11 and Maundy Thursday, April 5.
- Met with worship committee on January 18, 2012
- "Holden" vesper service will be used for Wed. Eve Lenten Services; two leaders for leading the singing
- Use Setting 1 thru April (until after Easter)
- Plan to sing children's hymn before children come forward
- Communion to continue on 1st and 3rd Sundays during Lent when Pastor Jackson is worship leader.

- There will be no noon worship service/lunch on Ash Wednesday; 7pm worship only

Inreach: Linda

- The WNALC (Women of the North American Lutheran Church) has been created as a community of faith, hope and love, to offer support and guidance to congregations of the NALC.
- January 29 – February 19: First Communion training for nine 3rd graders. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 19 at the 10:30 am service. A reception will be held in their honor following the service.
- February 19, 2012, the KFROGS are hosting a spaghetti dinner following the 10:30am service for the congregation. Donations received will be used to help make Easter baskets for the children of the Thornville Food Pantry.
- February 19, 2012; KFROGS will meet at 6pm (grades 3-7)
- February 21, 2012 KFC Mardi Gras Madness at 6:30 pm (dinner and a talent show)
- February 22, 2012; Ash Wednesday; Soup Supper at 6pm with worship at 7pm with Pastor Beth Bateson.
- February 26, 2012; The Story Begins! Sessions held for all ages during "Adventures in Faith", Sundays 9:15-10:15 am.
- March 31-April 1, 2012; KFC and the Aladdin Shrine Circus weekend.
- July 5-8, 2012; National Youth Gathering (grades 8-12) in Nashville, TN.
- Discussion concerning program for hard of hearing.

Outreach: Sue Ellen (in absence per email)

- Plan to buy pens with Grace logo to replace pencils in the pews
- Hopewell Methodist Church planning an appreciation dinner for area fireman and is requesting help from Grace for this event.
- Updated information in tote bags for visitors, and suggests we add to Sunday morning announcements
- Thanks for your support for the LSS “Souper Bowl”
- Contacted Pastor Doug Lynn about community outreach
- Suggest use blue attendance cards; possibly using instead of sign-up sheet.

Financial Report: Kelly

- Accepted as presented.
- Sue Ellen commented about encouraging more member to use the Simply Giving program

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Ed to purchase another LCD projector for "Adventures in Faith." Vote as 6-0 in favor of purchasing the projector. Rick will research for a projector.
- Discussion concerning worship and picnic during summer.

WRAP-UP: Dates to remember: as above. Next meeting: March 12, 2012. Devotion: Kelly; Food: Kelly and Cherl.

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Respectfully submitted
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Grace Council Secretary