**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

**November 12, 2023**

Present for the meeting: Pastor Jami, Jeff Ashland, Russ Eckard, Pat Palmberg, Gary Rosemore, Randy Masad, David Krumwiede, Brent Salzwedel, and Mary Christianson.

Prior to opening the meeting, Pastor Jami led us in a prayer of gratitude.

President Jeff Ashland called the meeting to order.

Gary Rosemore made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; Pat Palmberg seconded. Motion carried. Pastor Jami will post the approved minutes on the website.

Financial reports were reviewed; Brett made a motion to approve, Randy seconded, and the motion carried. Russ made a motion to invest $50,000.00 in CDs; 2 - $20,000 and 1 - $10,000 at Central Bank; Pat seconded and the motion carried.

**New Business**

The Stewardship Committee needs to start activating again, focusing on Time, Talents, and Treasures. We discussed the possibility of expanding the number of committee members. Deb is constructing a letter that will go out to church members. Council members will serve as liaison on the Stewardship Committee. We discussed the definition of membership (opportunities, welcome, hospitality). We will continue the discussion at our next meeting. Pat will work with Deb on the Stewardship Committee, and the Council will preview the letter before it goes out to the congregation. When discussing the Committee System, Pastor Jami suggested we keep the categories broad.

We discussed the Sanctuary layout, and the Baptismal fount moved to the front. Pastor Jami has been looking at possible technology updates, and equipment might affect space at the back of the sanctuary.

**Old Business**

Pastor Jami plans to implement the online church directory next week. It will be password protected. Members will be able to add a picture along with address, phone, etc. Russ made a motion to buy the software ($100/year) for the directory, Gary seconded, motion carried. Brett and Russ will help Pastor Jami with a meeting in the Fireside room for members who are interested in getting started adding information to the directory.

Our Constitution update conversation is continuing. Pastor Jami has two contact people to help advise on this. Pat made a motion for Pastor Jami to send our constitution to contacts for review; David seconded, and the motion carried.

**Open discussion:** Gary suggested we update our sign out near the street. We discussed the possible need of a janitorial service. Pat announced that Dennis Lippon contacted her regarding the revival of the garage sale at our church to raise funds for Oaxaca. Rob Catlin requested using the Grace Lutheran Church name by his entry in an upcoming chili cookoff. Brett made the motion to approve, Randy seconded, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Christianson, Council Secretary