

Elders Present: John Galli, Marlin Golnitz, Brian Hauptmann, Eric Johnsen, Christine McGraw, Carole Ryan, Jon Timmons, Pastor Chris Tweitmann, Valerie Wiegman

Elders Absent: Bob Eggink

Staff Present: Betty Wardle

Staff Absent: Drew Williams

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

- a) The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by President, Marlin Golnitz

II. Brethren Christian High School

- a) Brethren Christian High School is closing its doors.
- b) They are projecting a \$900,000 deficit for the next school year.
- c) Their Board is meeting with attorneys to determine if they should file for bankruptcy.
- d) They have announced this in emails to their teachers, students and alumni.

III. Grace School

- a) Due to the loss of income from BCHS, Grace school can't afford to remain on their campus for the upcoming year. Grace school will not have funds to pay the full lease payment that is due in July.
- b) Breaking Grace's lease with Ocean View School District was discussed. There are two options:
 - o Break the lease now and move to the church campus
 - o Negotiate with the district to pay 50% rent for the upcoming year and end the lease one year early.
- c) There has been much push-back from parents regarding the tuition increase that was passed for the upcoming year. Grace can not afford to lose many students. Lowering the tuition to 3% would leave a \$25,000 hole in the 2020-21 budget. Discussed grandfathering the current families tuition increase at 3% while charging new families tuition based on the 7% increase.
- d) 8 school families are currently unable to pay the balance of the current year tuition because of job loss. This puts the school in a deeper deficit position for the current year.
- e) Council discussed looking into filing an insurance claim due to the loss of business suffered by the school due to covid-19. Eric Johnsen offered to help with the insurance claim.

Re: Item III C

Motion was made to roll back the tuition increase to 3% for all current families. Any family enrolling after June 15 will pay the full tuition.

Discussion – It was discussed and agreed that the school tuition should be limited to 3% for all families. There were concerns about new families learning that they do not pay the same tuition as the other families.

Motion was made to amend the motion to state that that the school tuition should be limited to 3% for all families.

Amendment was seconded.

Amendment was approved.

Amended Motion was seconded.

Amended Motion was approved.

Re: Item III D

Motion was made to designate \$13,400 from the Covid Relief Fund (Those in Need Fund) to use for tuition forgiveness for 8 school families.

Discussion – Discussion that the parameters of the fund do not allow payments for tuition or the large amounts needed. Discussed that as of this date there have been no applications for the funds so the additional \$12,987 that was initially moved to the fund from the Good News Ministry account could be moved back to GNM and from there, given to the school for tuition forgiveness.

Motion was made to amend the motion to forgive the tuition debt for 8 school families for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year from Good News Ministry funds.

Amendment was seconded.

Amendment was approved.

Amended Motion was seconded.

Amended Motion was approved.

Motion was made to Revoke previous motion moving Good News Ministry money to the Covid Relief Fund (Those in Need Fund).

Motion was seconded.

Motion was approved.

IV. New Business

a) According to Grace By-laws Grace should hold an annual meeting in June for the purpose of electing new Elders and voting on church, Care Connections and school budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Because of the Covid 19 rules about gathering together, it is proposed that the current Elders terms and budgets be extended.

Motion was made to Extend the school budget for 3 months, until September 30, 2020.

Motion was seconded.

Motion was approved.

Motion was made to extend the church and Care Connections budget for 6 months until December 31, 2020.

Motion was seconded.

Motion was approved.

Motion was made to extend the council terms of Marlin Golnitz, Brian Hauptmann and Bob Eggink for 6 months until December 31, 2020.

Motion was seconded.

Motion was approved.

Motion was made to Extend the terms of Grace's corporate officers for 6 months until December 31, 2020.

President - Marlin Golnitz

Vice-President - John Galli

Secretary - Carole Ryan

Treasurer - Christine McGraw

Motion was seconded.

Motion was approved.

V. Adjournment

- a) Marlin Golnitz adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.
- b) Jon Timmons gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Wardle
Council Clerk

APPROVED