

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 16, 2021**  
**7:00 pm, Zoom**



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

Elders Absent: Jon Timmons

Staff Present: Pastor Marv Combs, Betty Wardle, Drew Williams, Darin Zylstra

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**I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

- a) The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Marlin Golnitz
- b) Christine McGraw gave the opening prayer.

**II. Council Consent Agenda**

- c) Minutes of the January 12, 2021 council meeting were previously approved via email.
- d) Pastoral care report and report of baptisms, weddings, memorial services and membership changes were presented.

**Motion was made to approve and accept the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion was approved.**

**III. School Update**

- e) School Financial Report

Christine McGraw presented a written treasurer's report for January for the school. (attached)  
The school is in great financial shape. There are more new students and January tuition was \$25,000 more than December's tuition. Financials were in the black for January, even though a lease payment was made.

**Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report for the school.**

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion was approved.**

- f) Principal's report

Darin Zylstra presented a written report (attached)

- An email sent to parents regarding Ash Wednesday produced good conversations and there are parents who want to attend.
- Teachers are trying to get appointments for vaccines.
- New requirement – Report bi-weekly to CA Department of Education regarding type of learning – in-person, on-line or hybrid.
- As of today there are 227 students and 235 registrations for next year.
- School is trying to figure out capacity for next year. There are still four additional classrooms that can be used. Need to see guideline updates regarding number of students per class.
- Currently negotiating cost for new language arts curriculum. A school family is donating some of the funds needed.

**Motion was made to accept the Principals report.**

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion was approved.**

#### g) Ocean View District Update

- Ocean View School District did not approve our request for 50% rent reduction next year. They have asked us to renegotiate our lease instead. They feel a 50% reduction is too much, but they would like a longer lease and would negotiate a reduction.
- A meeting is scheduled to begin discussions with Ocean View.
- GLS and other tenants are currently helping the district service the debt incurred from the asbestos issue a few years ago. They are also aware that we could lose students to public schools after Covid.
- Christine will be prepared with our maintenance needs when negotiating.

### IV. Care Connections Update

#### a) Care Connections Financial Report

Christine McGraw presented a written treasurer's report for January for Care Connections (attached).

- There is a small amount of money coming in. Mary Taylor is currently being paid from church funds.

**Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report for Care Connections.**

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion was approved.**

#### b) Written update from Care Connections Board President.

- Care Connections plans to open 2 weeks after Orange County is in the orange tier.

#### c) Next month there will be a specific report of Care Connections finances.

#### d) The ownership of the van will be reviewed and Care Connections will research possibilities of selling it. (ask Mary)

### V. Church Update

#### a) Church Financial Report

Christine McGraw presented a written treasurer's report for January for the church (attached).

- The church sustained a small loss in January. This is to be expected at this time of the year.
- Noted that Capital Campaign amount for November and January are the same. Christine and Betty will verify correct amounts.

**Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report for the church.**

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion was approved.**

#### b) Congregational Meeting Plan

Brian Hauptmann, John Galli and Betty Wardle presented a written plan for conducting a congregational meeting with the restraints of Covid and a timeline for a congregational meeting to call Drew Williams.

- The plan was discussed.
- Recommendation was to eliminate parking lot attendees and add in a Zoom meeting in order for those not attending church yet to be part of the meeting. Voting is possible as a poll in the Zoom program. There would need to be a moderator to manage Zoom.
- Council discussed how to have more people able to attend in the sanctuary if they come after the service for the meeting only. Because we use only every other pew for the service, the alternate pews could be used for the meeting so more people could be seated and not be sitting where others were previously seated during the service.

**Motion was made to hold a congregational meeting to Call Drew Williams as Associate Pastor on March 21 at 10:30 in the sanctuary with overflow in Hope Hall and via Zoom. A cottage meeting will be held in person and on Zoom prior to the meeting.**

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion was approved.**

**VI. Facilities Update**

- a) Vince Rubio has resigned his position as Sunday Facilities. We are looking for a replacement for the position. Suggestions are welcomed.

**VII. Budget Update**

- a) Recommended schedule to discuss 2021-22 church budget:
  - Discuss particulars in March, present a draft budget in April and a final budget in May.

**VIII. Elder Nominations**

- a) Nominating committee is ready to proceed with new nominations.
- b) Request for Nominees for Elder will be available thru the weekly email and in the sanctuary on Sundays.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a) Marlin Golnitz adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.
- b) Drew Williams gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Wardle, Council Clerk

APPROVED