

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

Elders Absent: Jon Timmons, Valerie Wiegman

Staff Present: Betty Wardle, Drew Williams

Staff Absent: Pastor Marv Combs, 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) John Galli gave the opening prayer.

### **II. Ash Wednesday**

- a) There will not be an in-person Ash Wednesday service. It will be on-line only. The parking lot is scheduled to be paved that week and the imposition of ashes is not socially distant.

### **III. Resumption of In-Person Worship Services**

**Motion was made that in-person worship services inside the sanctuary resume on Sunday 2/21 following the previously adopted health and safety measures and protocols and continue, provided that Orange County does not fall back into the blue tier.**

**Motion was seconded**

#### **Discussion**

- a) Pastor Chris presented a document explaining the latest information from the Supreme Court, our county's color-coded tier, the meaning of the tiers and Grace's guiding values in making re-opening decisions.
- b) Council discussed how many people will come back for in-person services. One hundred should be enough for Grace to get in a rhythm for Holy Week. Whether to hold Thursday, Friday and Saturday in-person services on Holy Week can be revisited later.
- c) Singing – we will follow the same guidelines that we did the first time. We will keep doors open and people can bring blankets. Betty Wardle will research singing guidelines.
- d) On-line services will continue.
- e) We will need to look at the number of in-person services needed on Easter Sunday.
- f) Due to concerns about a "Superbowl spread" and new variants, we can look into outdoor services, perhaps combine lawn and cars.

**Motion was approved.**

### **IV. Kairos Trailer**

- a) Prior to Brethren Christian moving to our campus, Kairos Prison Ministries stored their trailer in our parking lot. They have asked if they could resume using our parking lot for their trailer.

**Motion was made to give Kairos Prison Ministries permission to store their trailer in the Grace campus parking lot.**

**Discussion**

We need guidance from the contractor regarding how long the new parking lot surface must cure before allowing the trailer back into the parking lot.

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion was approved.**

g) **The council entered closed session for personnel related issues.**

**V. Adjournment**

- a) Marlin Golnitz adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.
- b) Pastor Chris gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Wardle, Council Clerk

APPROVED