



Council Minutes May 24th, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Bulgerin	*Alissa Burgos (Secretary)	*Peg Lade (Worship)
*Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen	Ed Eckert (Treasurer)	*Wendy Freeland (Fellowship)
*Mike McGraw (President)	Open (Christian Education)	*Lisa Bernd (Director of Involvement)
*Kerry Feutz (Past President)	Kelly Klug (Outreach)	Sarah Brogni (Property)
*Mike Moran (President Elect)	*Melissa Schmidt (Christian Care)	

(*) present at meeting

The meeting began at 7:20 P.M. with President Mike McGraw presiding.

Reflection led by Kerry Feutz

- ✓ Approval of meeting agenda
- ✓ Approval of the April 2018 minutes

Pastors and DI Reports

PASTOR PAUL'S REPORT:

Sabbatical

PASTOR HEIDI'S REPORT:

I am working on a Favorite Hymn Service for June 14.

Communion Instruction: Paige Newby will have her first communion on June 10. I have also been approached by another family whose young daughter would like to receive communion. I will be setting up a time to meet with them and maybe promoting it to other families who might like to join. One of my summer goals is to find a new First Communion Curriculum that will be good for kids of a bigger range of ages, as it seems to be more common that families are looking for this at earlier ages. We have discussed this as worship planning and we support educating any child who says they want communion and their parents feel is ready.

Weddings: I continue to meet with couples for premarital work and my summer weddings begin in early June.

Advertising: This has been delayed due to other things coming up for me, but I am hoping to find a time to meet with the congregational volunteers over the summer.

Human Growth and Development Committee: I was happy to serve the Grafton School District as the clergy representative for the Human Growth and Development Curriculum Review. Grace was well represented. I am thankful for the continued good relationships between our schools and churches.

Staff Building: This was postponed due to some other things going on, but I think it would be a good thing to do when Pastor Paul returns from sabbatical. We will be having a lengthier staff meeting the Tuesday after Labor Day to talk about plans/projects for the summer and into the program year.

Synod Assembly: I will be at the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly from May 31-June 1 (I have to leave early to do a wedding rehearsal). Thanks to our congregational voting members: Mike and Dana Moran, and Diana Koppa.

Marquette Pastoral Leadership Class: I will be meeting with my cohort from June 11-13. Our topic this session is Immigration. We will be in Milwaukee, so I'll be available if needed for pastoral emergencies.

DIRECTOR OF INVOLVEMENT: (Lisa Bernd)

Sign Up Genius: The summer sign up genius is out & spots are being filled in. This is working out pretty well. Most everyone is using the sign up. We have even gotten some people to sign up for new volunteer opportunities.



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Summer Hours: Ed & I start our summer hours the week of May 28. The office will be closed on Monday & Friday at noon.

Southport Heating & Cooling: Southport was here twice last month to fix some issues we were having in the building. Specifically, in the offices & the music room. As of right now, both areas seem to be working properly.

Grafton School District: We are set for the Grafton School District to use the multipurpose room for their Summer Learning Academy. In the beginning of June, I will get the School District set to use our building for the last week in July for their teacher in service meetings.

Inspections: Our building has had all its annual inspections. We have to test our sprinkler system, range hood, exit lighting & fire extinguishers annually.

Grad Grams: I wrote out all the grad grams for our seniors in high school.

Synod Assembly: I registered all of our volunteers for synod assembly & made their hotel reservations.

Risers: I received a phone call from the Principal at Woodview Elementary School yesterday. Woodview Elementary School received a grant from the Grafton Education Foundation to purchase new risers for their music program. That left them with an extra set of risers. They offered them to our church at no cost. I spoke with Katie to see if that would be something she/we could use & we went & looked at them. And YES, it is something that will work & we will use at Grace. We will be getting them next week.

Coffee Maker: What would we like done with the old coffee maker? It is taking up a lot of space. Would someone please list it & get rid of it for us.

Photo Directory's: They are in and will be out the week of May 29th.

Regular Things: I also continue doing the weekly inset, Grace Notes, the Good News, responsibility emails, entering contributions, e-giving & the million things that come up daily.

Attendance Report

Attendance was discussed.

Open Issues

1. Long Range Planning
 - a. Pastor Heidi: talked to worship planning about moving Moana series to February and they were fine with it. Tuesday they will talk about summer goals and long-range planning with staff. As a staff they are working on ideas for long range planning.
2. Mt Meru Coffee Project
 - a. Jeanne Dries asked if we would give money to work with the coffee farmers in Tanzania. Mt Meru is training the farmers and would like us to give towards the training. They will help them with skills, improve production and quality, etc. Want to train 60-80 farmers annually.
 - ✓ A motion was made to give \$100 to Mt Meru coffee for farmer training.
 1. Motion seconded and approved.
3. Eryn Durlam – Music Conference
 - a. The conference will take place in Chicago this summer. She is not asking for the registration fee but would like hotel, gas, and food allowance. Would like \$200.
 - b. Should we take from Lay Education fund? There is \$150 in the budget now.
 - ✓ We should inform other staff of this fund too.
 - ✓ Council is considering having staff tell us prior to the 2019 budget if they plan to take a class. They can submit their requests and we can budget accordingly.



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- c. Council approved giving this money to Eryn.
4. Outreach for Hope Bike Ride
 - a. Pastor John Norquist from Faith-Cedarburg called Pastor Heidi asking if Grace would consider being the host site for the Outreach for Hope Bike Ride in Ozaukee County on the morning of Saturday, September 8.
 - b. Outreach for Hope is a ministry of our synod that funds ministries that serve low-income communities. The bike ride is a huge fundraiser for them- with the main site being in Dousman, and Ozaukee County as an auxiliary site. We have participated in this as a part of our "God's Work, Our Hands" day of service.
 - c. The past few years, Christ the King has hosted this, and they are no longer able to. The planning committee thought that Grace was ideal given our proximity to the Interurban Trail and our new and improved facilities.
 - d. Grace would need to provide parking, the space, light breakfast items and help with lunch. Pastor John said that last year they got subs donated from Cousins and the people of the church donated sides.
 - e. This would be a popular item for Grace members to contribute to who don't have the ability or the time to volunteer in other ways that weekend.
 - f. Council agreed to do this.
5. Blessing Box Installation
 - a. Kerry's daughter made the box for her confirmation project. It will contain food another item for people in need. A Thrivent grant was given for materials and some supplies.
 - b. We now need to provide help to have it installed. Need diggers hotline. Need to have it installed.
 - c. Council will discuss with Sarah to see who can install it.

Committee Reports

CHRISTIAN CARE: (Melissa Schmidt)

We had the new member reception April 29th. Will plan to have another new member class in September.

FELLOWSHIP: (Wendy Freeland)

- Only two families signed up for the Chinooks game. This Sunday is the cut off. Pastor Heidi will put something on Facebook. The game is July 21st.
- June 24th is the church picnic.

FINANCE: (Ed Eckert)

No Report

OUTREACH: (Kelly Klug)

- I am working on a sign up for the lunches for All People's Church for our June 27th sign up donation. We will need donations for the lunches as well as people to help put them together.
- I hope to have some dates for St Ben's at our next meeting.

PROPERTY: (Sarah Brogni)

No report

WORSHIP: (Peg Lade)

The WPT met on 5/1/18.

- With the exception of Jane Braband, all members were in attendance. At this meeting we added a new member to our team. Tori Saunders is now one of our congregational representatives.
- It was decided that the summer liturgy will be "Now the Feast".



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- We had a discussion about using either Google Docs or Microsoft 365 to give all members of the team access to all team documents at any time online. More research is necessary, but we agreed on the validity of the idea and plan to move forward.
- Pastor Paul's sabbatical starts on May 13th and he will return on August 5th. We wish him a blessed and restful sabbatical.
- Eryn plans to get the Time & Talent sheets from Lisa to help planning summer special music.
- Deb reported that the Music Room is really warm – way too warm for rehearsals at times. Eryn agreed that she has the same problem during choir rehearsals. Since Eryn will already be talking to Lisa she will also bring this issue to her attention. Work continues on the HVAC system and this should be added to the list of areas that need work.

Our next team meeting dates are:

- June 5th
- No meeting in July
- Aug. 7th

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE: (Open)

Pat Murack stepped down from council. This position is now open. Reports were supplied by Katie and Erica.

HYPE:

- No HYPE events in May
- HYPE families and youth will be receiving a survey to generate ideas for future HYPE events and meetings.
- Graduation Sunday was May 20th during the 10:30 service. 12 Grace youth graduated from High School this year.
 - Each grad was provided with a gift from Grace
- Pastor Heidi, Pat Murack and I will be meeting in June to discuss plans for HYPE and define roles and expectations.

JYG:

- Lock -in on April 13, 2018. 15 youth attended
- No May events scheduled for JYG
- Pastor Paul, Kelsey, Jessica and I will be meeting in August to develop the calendar for the 18/19 School year.

KFC:

- KFC did not meet in April because of the snow storm
- KFC met on May 20th. KFC played outdoor games and enjoyed a lunch from KFC
- I will be developing the KFC calendar, with help from KFC volunteers, for the 18/19 school year during the summer.

Confirmation:

- Confirmation Classes ended on May 16th. We went one week over schedule because of a cancelled meeting.
- 12 Confirmation students were confirmed on May 13th
- 3 7th Grade students will be attending Confirmation camp at Pine Lake June 17-22. Katie and Erica will be attending camp with the kids. Katie will be going June 17-20 and Erica will be there June 20-22.

Parent Fellowship Hour:

- Last PFH was May 6th.

Summer Events:

- Noah's Ark Trip on August 19th.
- JYG/HYPE Service events – TBD
- VBS – I will be working with the SITs during VBS and organizing the Art projects for the week.

May Youth Education Update



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End of year Sunday School activities:

- April 15—3K, 4K & 5K played bells in worship
- April 29—1st-5th graders sang in worship
- May 6—3K, 4K & 5K sang in worship
- May 6—Youth Education Volunteer Appreciation Day
- May 20—End of year celebration All-Family Event

Sunday School Offering

- Over the course of the school year, our students (3K-8th grade) raised \$464.38 in Sunday School offering
 - The money will go to support our two sponsorship students in Nicaragua and Make-A-Wish
- At the end of year celebration the kids voted to support the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee in addition to our sponsorship students for next year
 - In addition to donating money, we will be asking the congregation to save their soda pop tabs to donate. A collection bin will be available for the summer and throughout the following school year

Sunday School Supply Donation

- We have requested that families donate any unused school supplies (markers, scissors, etc) to Sunday School

End of year surveys

- We surveyed Sunday School volunteers and Sunday School families.
- Surveys are available if you would like to see them

VBS

- Our Rolling River Rampage will take place Aug 6-10
- Registration has begun for students and volunteers. We are getting a great response! Please help us promote it to family and friends. Over half of our attendees are invited by Grace members.
- Due to our increase in participants every year, we have put a limit of 150 students on VBS. Last year we were at 138 students, so this would still be a substantial increase. I'm hoping this will encourage families to register sooner in the process, as late registrations is one of the biggest problems.
- Sunday, June 3 we will hang out or VBS donation supply requests. We are always very thankful for the support we get from the congregation for VBS!

Church Picnic—June 24

- We will be organizing games again for the picnic and outdoor service

Nursery

- We will continue to have a staffed nursery over the summer months.

Pine Lake Info Session

- Thank you to Aiden from Pine Lake for meeting with a few of our families on April 29 about the benefits of attending a Christian Camp like Pine Lake
- One of my goals is to try and increase the number of kids and families who attend Pine Lake

Children's Messages

- I'm looking for a few folks to do a children's message over the summer. It is "easier" because there is only one service. It would be great to have folks from council share their faith with our kids. If you are interested, let me know. I provide you with a list of ideas to get you started on what you can do/say.

Other Business

Closing Prayer: