

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members

Tom Blackburn, pres (2024)	Barb Schell, VP (2023)	Karen Galle, secretary (2024)
Susan Dickinson, treas (2025)	*Wilson Castillo (2024)	*Judi Fenicle (2025)
Bob Hillegas (2023)	*Ann Hoffman (2024)	Rick Keen (2023)
Jason Pringle (2025)	Susan Ryder (2023)	Judy Zeiders (2025)
Pastor Van Orden	Jesse Woodrow	

(End of term indicated in parentheses)

*denotes absent

Call to Order – Tom Blackburn called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Approval of Agenda – Bob Hillegas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Devotions – Pastor read an excerpt from a book, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*. She then read an opening prayer from the same.

Treasurer’s Report – Susan Dickinson plans to do several things in 2023: set up procedures, research and combine and/or define accounts that don’t have a clear purpose. Susan Ryder made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Action Items:

- Approve minutes of November 14, 2022, Council meeting minutes – Susan Ryder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.
- January 2023 Congregation Meeting – Barb Schell made a motion to schedule the meeting for January 22, 2023. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Status report on Wi-Fi/cell phone service – Jason Pringle has been in contact with an IT representative who made several recommendations. Jason has not yet gotten a price quote for upgrades.
- Facility Vulnerability Assessment status – Scheduled for May 18, 2023. South Central PA Task Force provided a survey that must be filled out in conjunction with the Property Committee chair prior to the assessment.
- Van purchase – Susan Ryder made a motion to delegate authority to Jesse Woodrow and Jason Pringle to purchase a 15-passenger van with Youth funds pending analysis of the origins of and intended use for these funds, up to a cost of \$30,000. The motion was seconded and carried.

- 2023 Budget – There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed budget. There will have to be some cutbacks in the budget because of 2022 end-of-year projections. It will be voted upon at the January meeting.

Reports

A. President's Report

B. Secretary's Report – Evote – Susan Dickinson made a motion to purchase new albs & cinctures at a cost of \$564.80 by using Fund 3 - Memorials. The motion was seconded and carried.

C. Vice-president's Report

D. Pastor's Report – see attached

- Pastor's Report of Transition Interviews and Recommendations – we need to come up with a vision statement. Council members should write down some ideas for next meeting.

E. Ministry Reports

- Children, Youth & Family Ministry (Melinda Bechtel/Wilson Castillo) – Jesse Woodrow's report attached. Council will serve dinner to the youth group on Sun. January 22, 2023.
- Endowment (Michelle Knight/Barb Schell)
- Fellowship (Hope Pankake/Bob Hillegas)
- Personnel (Marti Bert/Jason Pringle) – see attached
- Property (Mike Ryder/Susan Ryder) – see attached
- Grace and Community Outreach Ministry (/)
- Stewardship & Finance (Barb Schell, Jason Pringle) – Barb Schell has made a list of things that the council is doing to try to minimize expenses, in anticipation of questions from members at the Congregational meeting. Pledge surveys and cards will be sent out via US Mail to all members this week.
- Tech (/)
- Worship & Music (Beth Jury/Karen Galle) – see attached
- Youth Ministry (Jesse Woodrow)
- Safety and Security (Jason Pringle, Rick Keen, Judy Zeiders)
- Call Committee (John Ozimok/Wilson Castillo)
- Ministry Partner Giving Pantry (Garri Ann Hearn/)
- Sunday School Coordination (Hope Pankake)
- Strategic Plan Implementation (Pr. Van Orden, Ann Hoffman, Susan Ryder, Barb Schell)
- Grace Assets Task Force (Mike Ryder/Rick Keen)

Other Business

Adjournment – Susan Ryder made a motion to adjourn at 9:09 PM. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was closed with all saying the Lord’s Prayer.