

**Grace Lutheran Church and School
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 10, 2011**

Board Members Present: Sid Cook, Mike Curtis, Bobby Halliburton, Mike Kyle, Derek Magill, Joel Peterson Jim Runzheimer, Barbara Spivy, Deryl Surratt and David Swille

Board Members Absent: Gail Marlatt

Ministry Team Present: Pastor Hintze, Greta DeWitt, Steve Stigler

Deryl Surratt gave the devotion showing a video by Monica Sutchter in regards to church budgets. Monica conducted a survey asking what percentage of church budgets go to Missions. People responded saying 50%. Actually, payroll and facilities consume most of the budget with only 15% going to missions. Monica used the parables of the Lost Sheep and 10 Coins encouraging all to put our budgets in order and reach the lost together. Deryl's challenge to us: "What am I doing to reach the lost?"

President, Sid Cook called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Mike Curtis moved to accept the minutes from April 12, 2011 meeting. Derek Magill seconded the motion. Motion carried

Barbara Spivy moved to accept Mike Kyle as Board of Directors representative for Grace Lutheran School's Principal Advisory Panel. Mike Curtis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following are the proposed names of people for the Principal Advisory Panel for Grace Lutheran School : Steve Stigler, Sherry Burgdorf, Vinessa Young, Uvonne Duppstadt, Jennifer Gainer, Mary Thiede, Denyse Blasdel, Cathy Taylor, Scott Cunningham and Stacy Hayes. Mike Curtis made a motion to accept the Principal Advisory Panel. Derek Magill seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Stigler – Grace Lutheran School Report

- Pastor Hildebrandt and the Principal Advisory Panel put together the Enrollment Policy for 2011-2012.**
- Some final paperwork is to be completed this week in order to complete our accreditation process.**
- Sherry Burgdorf will be the Director of our summer program this year. Enrollment is at 31 with 6 of those enrollments being staff children who will not be paying tuition**

- Current enrollment for 2011-2012 school year is 73 students – 30 in preschool and 43 in Kindergarten-8th grade. Current enrollment for this year is 172 and the goal for next year is 190.
- The school's actual income is short of its budgeted income by a little over \$62,000. This shortage is due to two circumstances – slow tuition collection and a delay in our fundraisers for the year.

Greta DeWitt – Children's Ministry Report

- Attendance at the Family Worship Service has been good. This service is attracting families from our school that usually do not attend worship. The next Family Service will be June 19th.
- Club Grace has a new curriculum called "The Fantastic World." The focus for the next 5 weeks will be patience, honesty, encouragement, courage and compassion. Club Grace has 2 new members from our school and a new member from Spanish Trail Apartments.
- For the summer we are bringing back the popular video led Kidmo series for Kids Power Hour.
- VBS is scheduled for June 13th-17th. This year's theme is PandaMania
- The grand opening of our new nursery will most likely be in Aug.

Pastor Hintze gave the following reports:

Glynn Meissner – Facility Manager Report

- Roofing over the Music room and the offices is complete. Gym roof and Sanctuary roofs should be complete by the end of this week.
- The A/C has been replaced for the Youth Shed and a metal cage has been installed. Metal cages have been installed around the units in back of the Meeting Room Building. A metal fence has been installed on the South end of the units west of the church office.
- Lighting fixtures will be installed by John Rukavina and help.
- Security measures need to be addressed for better security for children, teachers and staff.

Elizabeth Hilsabeck – Music and Worship Arts

- The 5th octave of handbells are scheduled to arrive in June. A fundraiser to purchase the matching handchimes will take place in July & August.
- Music Ministry Sunday is May 22.
- We will have a patriotic service on July 3rd.
- Grace Lutheran School's musical "Alice in Wonderland" will be Saturday, May 21 at Woods Chapel Baptist Church.

Pastor Hintze – Youth Ministry

- A State of the Youth at Grace Lutheran Annual Report included – showing a loss of 10 Jr. High students and a gain of 14 Sr. High students. These numbers are reflective of the first 4 months of 2011. Volunteers for 2011 – 12 college leaders, 4 Sr. High leaders, and 12 Jr. High leaders
- Wednesday night student ministry has resumed with many great outings planned for over the course of the summer.
- Still meeting with DCEs from other Lutheran churches to see how we can team up to do ministry in the DFW community

- I have been helping cover for Pastor Hildebrandt for his vacations in May and June. Also helping teach our adults in our 201 Vision Class
- Deryl said a few renovations have been made to the youth shed. Initiation for 8th graders coming into Sr. Youth was held.

Derek Magill gave the following financial report:

- Giving is down by \$48K and school collections down by \$68K. Designated offerings of \$66K helping to offset. Net loss for first half is \$4K.
- We have received \$66,355 in gas lease royalties.
- Capital Campaign expenses are \$58,259.
- Compared to the same period last year, general tithes/offerings down by \$65K and overall income is down by \$75K while expenses are down by \$85K
- 2011-2012 budget planning is beginning. The Finance Committee will also be putting together a 5 year financial plan in place over the summer. MT and BOD will be participating.

Break from 8:30-8:45

Old and New Business:

- Policies and Procedures for Children and Youth Ministries were presented. It was decided background checks should be made every 2 years versus every 5 years. Sharon Folks will be the clearing person for all background checks for the church ministries. Barbara Spivy made a motion to accept the Policy and Procedures for Children and Youth. David Swille seconded the motion. Motion carried

Mike Curtis made a motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. Motion carried.

- Pastor Circuit Meeting for churches in our circuit and surrounding areas will be held on Oct. 21-22 at St. Johns Mansfield.
- Roofing is almost complete. \$30,000 out of gas lease money has been spent to pay for roofing repairs above insurance monies. Approximate cost for a new roof for Grace Lutheran School building is \$145,000.
- David Swille reported that the new stove will be shipped on May 18th.
- Next meeting of BOD will be July 5th.

Derek Magill made a motion to adjourn. David Swille seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

July Devotion – Barbara Spivy

July Snacks – Mike Curtis

Respectfully submitted,

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