

Grace Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2025

In Attendance

In attendance: Pastor Steve, Bill Siewert, Ernie Simon, Sharon Potter, Martha Houser, Dash Heath.

Absent: Lucy Smith, Mike Zubas, Don Siefkes. Linda Siewert – took meeting notes.

Opening prayer offered by Pastor Steve, 6:31 pm.

I. Approvals

- A. May Meeting Minutes. Mike Oakley motioned to accept the minutes, and Martha Houser seconded the motion. May minutes accepted.

CORRECTION - Per Lare. See May minutes, the bullet points under Ongoing and New Business.

The 5th bullet point should read: Lare secured a contractor who finished the *interior* framing around the new red entrance doors in Merrifield hall basement door used for the pantry.

- B. April Financials. Sharon motioned and Bill seconded to approve the April financials. April financials accepted.

II. Ongoing and New Business

- A. Building & Grounds committee met on Saturday, June 21.
- Bill Siewert and Dave Farrell repaired the punctured line for one of the sprinklers.
 - Some vestry members suggested Josh could play the church organ more during the service, if the choir is able to have microphones set up.
 - Bill spoke with Tom Stoltz about re-writing the rectory's lease agreement. Tom agreed to read and amend the lease agreement. **The lease needs to be forwarded to Tom.
 - The blankets used from the McCrest stay must be discarded. Does anyone want to handle blanket removal or donate them to a shelter.
 - The flooring and carpeting in the outreach rooms, Sunday school rooms and hallway were cleaned McCoy Cleaning Company.
 - The Merrifield hall handicap ramp was serviced by Lare on May 27. Lare replaced some new wood railing, posts and treads.
 - An exterior light at the pantry entry door was replaced by Lare. Lare also replaced the hallway lights near the food pantry.
 - New light bulbs were installed by Chris Eckert and Lare, in the ladies and men's bathrooms.
 - After the McCrest program, the tables and shelves were returned to the outreach room #1.
 - The towel dispenser in the men's bathroom was repaired, but does need to be replaced.
 - Lare adjusted the thermostats in accordance with the current seasonal weather.
- B. Garden update. The master gardener will dig out the rest of the garden. B&G requested a list of names for the current group of gardeners.

- C. Grace and ALC will hold a joint service on Sunday, August 24, 10 am. ALC will provide a barbeque luncheon following the 10 am service. Pastor Steve will speak with Pastor Julie (ALC) and request that they switch church service in December so ALC can attend Grace's cookie walk.
- D. Google (street) view and photos. Ernie will borrow his cousins GoPro camera and loan the camera to Mike Zubas. Mike will be able to take exterior and interior pictures of our church. Pictures will be reviewed before being added to Google Street.
- E. Grace's Facebook page. Pam Schaefer has volunteered to manage the updates on the Facebook page.
- F. The Sunday's Pastor Steve will be away on vacation.
 - July 22: Reverend Ben Adams will preside over both services.
 - July 6: Reverend Sarah Mayer-Flatt will preside over the July 6 services in the parish hall.
 - July 20: Reverend Anna Taylor will preside over the services.
 - August 17: Reverend Cynthia Garmen will preside over only 1 service. Rev. Garmen uses a wheelchair, so service will be held in Merrifield hall.
- G. The July vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, July 24. The warden's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15. NOTE – There will be no vestry meeting in August.
- H. Good Shepherd Appeal Letter; does Grace Church want to contribute \$300 to support? The vestry decided to decline Good Shepherd's request. Bill motioned to table GS' request. Motion passed.
- I. Rectory update. At the May vestry meeting, a motion was approved to have the realtor lower the lease price from \$2,000 to \$1,800 per month. Mike Oakley will contact the real estate agent to have the lease price lowered.
- J. Grant writing update. At the May vestry meeting, Lucy made a motion that we find a person to write grants on behalf of Grace church, and pay them \$250 per grant submitted. Ernie Simon will contact a teacher that his daughter recommended.
- K. Postcards update. Advertising that would list information about Grace Church. Pastor Steve will research details and costs for postcard mailers. This project is still pending.

III. Other Business

Christa Carpenter (of Hearts for Homes) slipped and fell on the exterior steps leading downstairs for the food pantry. Bill Siewert will talk with B & G members about options to make the steps more visible (e.g. paint on edge of steps, or grips).

A. Prayer and Adjournment

Lord's prayer was led by Pastor Steve. Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Linda Siewert ☺