

Grace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2011

We began our meeting with a wonderful picnic set up by Mark Lee. Many thanks to Mark and his family for such a nice treat!

Mark called the meeting to order, and Pastor Kristi led us in a devotion.

June Meeting Minutes were approved.

Mark acknowledged our Grace Win for the year....Pastor Kristi is with us! It was just one year ago that we brainstormed the process for the new position.

Finance – Report Attached

- The treasurer writes out all the checks and Tammy mails them as the money hits our accounts.
- Summer is a difficult time for budgeting due to vacations and such. We do still have some money in our summer savings.

Evangelism

- Win – the Disco Party – A lot of fun was had by all! We had a lot of visitors present from Curves and we collected quite a few socks and shoes for the CIS Ministry.
- At the Welcome Center there is a visitor section – someone will stand back there with a nametag “I am a Know-it-all” after services to answer questions our visitors may have.
- Clipboard has been sent around at services a couple of times this summer looking for volunteers to introduce new members.
- Rally Sunday we will be doing Australia

Worship

- Win-welcome of Judy Cushman to the Ministry.
- Rally Sunday we will be doing South America
- Will be trying a new liturgy at the 8:00 services
- Holding training sessions with the singers for new liturgy
- Musician schedule has been set.
- Joanne is looking for Celebrate singers

Church in Society

- Took a large amount of shoes, socks, and undies to the Caring Closet.
- Trying to contact Larry Davis about getting involved with a work day for Habitat for Humanity.

- Homeless shelter for cold weather is again being discussed. Pastor Kristi and Stacy attended a meeting on this. The goal is for one location this year, United Methodist Church. Churches again will be asked to volunteer time and food.
- The Youth volunteered at the Neighborhood Table in July and that went well.
- Beads For Life, from the Women of Uganda will be sold again this year. We may have a booth at the Mall to sell them on the Nonprofit day in November.

Personnel

- Nothing new to report

Education

- Win – our former Sunday School participants come back as young adults and direct our Vacation Bible School...it is so cool!
- Purchased new curriculum for Sunday School call SPARK.
- Will have new bibles to give to the 3rd graders this year. They are more colorful and more inviting for youth.
- Rally Day we will be doing Asia.
- Reaching out to members for new SS teachers
- 1st day of SS will be 9/18, and we will be having a information meeting during that time to encourage member involvement with SS.
- Looking for musical talent! Thanks to Laura Walton for all musical talent she has shared with us!

Property

- We will be painting the old portion of the church on Saturday, 9/24, and looking for volunteers. If we get enough help, we should be able to accomplish this in one day!
- There seems to be a problem with the microphones cutting in and out.

Fellowship

- Grace campout at vista Royale was a success! A good time was had by all.
- Some ideas for fall...
 - Organize a hayride
 - Maybe another potluck
 - Horseback riding
- Soul Food has really been a success. We are making deliveries almost every week!

Stewardship

- Rally Sunday is September 11, 2011
- Dessert Feast sessions will again take place this year as part of our Stewardship drive.

Youth

5th – 8th Grades

- There were about 25+ youth that helped with VBS and Stuff the Bus. We were able to support Stuff the Bus this year with 100 backpacks!
- Will be getting Confirmation small groups set up soon.
- Reaching out to members for several small group leaders for Confirmation
- Backpacks are being made for the youth – Confirmation kids and new youth so they will have one place to put their Confirmation stuff!

High School

- 12 youth and 4 adults went to Nashville, TN on a mission trip. Watch the newsletter for a couple of stories from the trip written by our youth.
- July 26th, 15+ youth and adults served a yummy spaghetti dinner at the Neighborhood Table.
- Rally Sunday will be doing Europe.

Board of Youth is meeting August 18th – getting ready for fall fun.

Pastor Kristi

- New Outreach coming for Summer of 2012. We will be offering a Spanish VBS in July of 2012, and our VBS will again be held in August.
- March of 2013 we are planning a mission trip to Desert Springs AZ.
- Grace University will kick off on September 21 during Confirmation Class. This will be offered to all adults and will give our members an opportunity to teach us about an area of expertise they have. The first one will be on finance.
- Small study fellowship group for women will begin in September.
- Church Assembly meeting this week – will be live streaming.

Pastor Kent

- Central Synod “Rethinking Stewardship and the Power to Give” Seminar will be held September 12th at Wausau, and September 13th in Appleton. Hopefully we can get a good group to go, please contact the office and they will coordinate the trip for us.
- 2012 budget worksheet is attached to the minutes. Please review and make changes as necessary. Return to Tammy in the beginning of September as we would like to review at our September 13th Board Meeting.
- Mission Trip to Guatemala will be the end of January 2012. We have three goals:
 1. Teach locals how to build vented stoves. Will allow better air in the houses and use less wood.
 2. Teach the locals how to cook on the new stoves and more about nutrition in meals.
 3. Children’s’ Ministry will be more of a traveling ministry visiting a different orphanage daily.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2012 at Grace, 6:30 p.m.