

Highlights from August Grace Advisory Board Meeting. August 4, 2024

By Judy Barnes, Congregational Representative.

- Pastor's Report-
 - The DCO call committee will be setting up interviews for several candidates in the upcoming weeks.
 - Pastor Brooks is making preliminary plans to ensure pastoral coverage during his upcoming Sabbatical in mid-September 2025.
 - Thanks were expressed for all the prayers for Pastor's mom. A reminder that he will be attending continuing education and will not be at church on Sunday, August 11th.
- Treasurer's Report-
 - Treasurer's report showed a holdover balance in Touched by Grace Funds. They were utilized to fund trip by Pastor, Erin and Amy to Liturgical Conference in July
 - There are still expenses (sound and security systems) to be deducted from the balance of the Go And Make monies.
- Secretary and Congregational Reports -No reports
- Resource Board Report-
 - Kathy expressed thanks for several projects around campus that have been completed.
 - Resource Board is working on a number of projects relating to the playground, Grace House and church property flooding.
 - Erin Hodge's son will be painting the upper parking lot bumpers as a community service project.
 - Discussed possible liability issues for Farmers' Market vendor. Awaiting return call from agent.
- Discipleship-Servant Board Report-Planning meeting date.
- Vice President Report-
 - Worked with Chris Wethman on application for an LCMS grant targeted for Farmers' Market.
 - A separate grant (\$1500) was received to work on the website.
- President's Report-
 - Future discussion items: Review of budget allocations for operations vs. missions.
- Discussion on revision of mission/vision statements.
- New Business
 - Discipleship Board assessing LCEF's The Steward Path for possible use at Grace.
 - Discussion about stewardship/commitment cards.
 - Sept. 15 the Big Embrace, similar to a Rally Day.

- Sept. 29 is the 5th Sunday- There will be a Town Hall session with GAB members present to discuss questions from members.
 - GAB members to consider developing a Strategic Plan.
- Next Meeting- Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 via Zoom