

ACTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pr. Aanonson, Don Ager, Mike Allenbaugh, Ramona Allenbaugh, Jim Edgmond, Brenda Erber JoAnne Fisher, Cindy Hermann, Karen Hessel, Connor Lawhead, Shirlee Staley

GUEST: Cindy Edgmond

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

Cindy Hermann was approved, and welcomed, by Council as the next Congregational Life Chair.

BOY SCOUTS:

Don Ager and JoAnne Fisher met with the Boy Scout troop leaders on April 20th. Various issues were discussed and Council approved their requests as follows:

- Items behind the storage shed in the back parking lot will be reviewed by the Property Board and any items worth keeping by the church will be moved or discarded.
- Council approved their request to remount their display case on the east wall of the Social Hall.
- Council approved their request to conduct periodic fundraisers at the church between services. The fundraisers would consist of selling candy bars, popcorn, and other various sundries.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

The church calendar on the web site (www.gracemuscatine.com) now displays ALL the activities at Grace and the location of each activity.

SOUTHEAST IOWA SYNOD:

Grace and other churches in the Synod received a letter from Bishop Burk seeking a one-time monetary donation. Keeping in mind all the assistance the Synod has provided to Grace in our search for a new Pastor, Council approved conducting a fund drive at Grace for the Synod May 8 – May 29. Further details will be announced on May 1st and will be publicized in Grace Notes PS during that timeframe.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY:

Council approved Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation for Jasmine Bengtson and Maggie (Margaret) Goddard. Council members felt the essays were well written. The Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation will be May 15th during the Amazing Grace service at 10:45 a.m.

HAPPY TIME PRESCHOOL:

Happy Time Preschool of Muscatine submitted their notice of nonrenewal for the 2016-2017 school year. They will be moving out the end of May 2016. Since the fence is attached to the building, it becomes the property of Grace and will not be removed by Happy Time.

PROPERTY BOARD:

Council discussed resurfacing the parking lot this summer or fall. Options included all concrete (\$250,000), all asphalt (\$90,000) or all chip seal (\$20,000). Another option suggested was to asphalt the driveway and turnaround area and chip seal the back parking lot. The Property Board agreed to discuss this further at their next meeting (May 2) and make a recommendation to Council at their May meeting.

Council asked the Property Board to do some deep-cleaning and painting in the choir room; literacy office; and Pastor's office. The painting and shampooing of the carpets could be outsourced and the Property Board will discuss this at their next meeting and provide a quote to Council.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:55 p.m. (One hour and 25 minutes)

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne Fisher, Council Secretary