**Grace UM Church Lemoyne**

**Council Meeting – April 24, 2025**

In attendance: Jason Schwartzman, Tony Barr, Ben Clancy, Deb Devlin, Carriann Fodor, Leslie Kocher, Emily Nardella, Tom Rigby.

Jason opened the meeting with prayer.

**Church Audit**

Jason contacted a pastor friend, Duayne Coy, to perform the church audit. \*\*MOTION\*\* Emily made the motion to receive the church audit; Leslie seconded. Jason will provide us with Duayne’s contact information to help develop procedures so that the process is less daunting.

**Equipment Request**

Frank Baker has once again requested to use church equipment for Shippensburg Bluegrass Festival.

\*\*MOTION\*\* Leslie made motion to approve Frank’s use of equipment; Emily seconded.

**Sunday Services when Jason is Away**

April 27: Chick Zoll will do a presentation on Everstand (formerly the Mechanicsburg Home for Children). June 15: Mike Minnix will preach. June 29: Family Promise will do a presentation on their services.

Deb mentioned that we will need to find someone for Sunday, July 13, since the new pastor, Margie, will be away. Jason said normally it is up to the council to find replacements, but he has always done it because he has the connections. Jason said we will work on this together.

**Summer Musician Progress**

Jason indicated that Anderson Charland would be available at least seven Sundays this summer. We need to fill the period June 29 through August 24. Harry will return August 31.

**Joint Service at the Park June 1**

Trinity Lutheran Church as asked if we would like to join them again for a Sunday morning service in the park to be held June 1. Council agreed. If it rains, the event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Joint VBS July 21-24**

Trinity Lutheran Church asked if we want to have a joint VBS again this year. Grace will need someone to coordinate with Melissa (Trinity). Grace will help promote VBS to our daycare families as well as support VBS with supplies, snacks, etc.

**Various Repairs**

The following repairs need to be done:

1. 3 mini split units (1 new and 2 replaced) - $14,000
2. Parsonage updates (replace flooring and fix hole in ceiling - $6,000
3. Parsonage emergency plumbing repair (completed) - $16,000
4. Boiler pumps - $4,000
5. Roof replacement - $75,000
6. Miscellaneous: toilet and sink replacement/repairs- $X, thermostats - $1200

Jason suggested we tell the congregation we have approximately $125,000 worth of building maintenance coming soon. We could take $45,000 from the building fund or general fund to resolve the above items that need to be completed now (all but the roof.) We would do a building campaign to raise money. Any money raised that exceeds the cost of the roof would be returned to the fund we borrowed the $45,000 from.

\*\*MOTION\*\* Tony made the motion that we borrow $45,000 from the building fund or general fund to cover the $14,000 for the mini-split units; $6,000 for the parsonage updates, $16,000 for the emergency plumbing, $4,000 for the boiler pumps and $5,000 cushion to cover costs of toilet and sink repairs and $1,200 for thermostats; Cariann seconded.

**Rental Agreements**

Leslie provided an update regarding the ad hoc committee working on the rental agreements. It is difficult to set standards because of the various sizes and needs of the groups. The committee did finalize the wedding and funeral usage forms. Deb noted that the prices online do not match the paper documents. Once we get things worked out, we will bring to Council for approval.

**Sanctuary Window** **Glazing**

Leslie is reviewing the status of this project.

**Howard Brinton Award**

Jason noted that Grace is receiving the 2025 Howard Brinton Award. It will result in an awards dinner and Grace being able to choose a mission project to receive $1,000.