



## MINUTES OF GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOVERNING COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace UMC Fellowship Hall

MEMBERS: April Shaffer, Carolyn Scheible, Mick Machen, Nick Black, Nick Cecava, Geno Sharp, Chad Burkhart, Sonya Durrwachter, Judy Macek, Dennis DeReese, Kelly Whatley

ALSO PRESENT: Pastor Rebekah Rochte (staff)

ABSENT: Pastor Jason Fry, Robin Orchard

AGENDA ITEM 1: On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, the Grace UMC Governing Council met in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Pastor Rebekah Rochte opened the meeting with prayer.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2018 Governing Council Meeting. There was one correction to the minutes: "Nick Black will contact Robert Lopez, District Superintendent" should read: Nick Black will contact Robert Hoppe from the District office.

Nick Black moved we approve the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

Nick Black reported he had good discussion with Robert Hoppe on our intentions of purchasing another parsonage for Grace UMC and TMF financing 100% of purchase of another parsonage with either a 6 or 12 months interest only period. This will give us time to sell the parsonage and after sold applying all proceeds to new note at TMF. After completion and principal reduction made, then we can take the balance remaining after the pay down and term out on either a 10, 15, 20- or 30-year amortization. Nick suggested we look at shortest term possible that does not strain our church finances. Robert Hoppe was agreeable with whatever we want to do. Nick told him we are trying to stay between \$240,000 - \$270,00 on new parsonage. Expecting to net approximately \$150,000 to \$170,00 on present parsonage, we would anticipate financing of approximately \$100,00 on note for new parsonage.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Complete Pastoral Consultation Form

Council discussed and completed leadership qualities for new pastor of Grace UMC after Pastor Jason retires on July 1, 2019. Said form will be sent to District Office on or before December 3, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Review/Approve Grace UMC Safety Policy (Pastor Rebekah)

Pastor Rebekah stated that it is required by the Conference to annually demonstrate compliance with the Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Safety Policy. Communication was sent to the congregation in May. Training will be offered twice a year. There was discussion on implementation that all adult leaders must pass background check. All adults who deal with children, youth and vulnerable adults must comply with the policy. Pastor Rebekah stated that we have been doing everything required as we have been doing in the past. As many adults as possible need to be trained. The staff is already being trained. Carolyn Scheible moved that the council approve the Child, Youth and Vulnerable Adult Safety Policy. Sonya Durrwachter seconded the motion and motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business:

- a. Coastal Bend District Charge Conference will be at Grace UMC on Saturday, November 17, 2018 with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the conference beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- b. Called Church Conference –Sunday December 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
  - i. Covered dish/pot luck dinner
  - ii. Nick Cecava will prepare and report to the congregation on the accomplishments of Governing Council for 2018
  - iii. Election of Officers (Governing Council and Nominating Committee)  
All council members will be staying on with the exception of Robin Orchard
- c. Geno Sharp initiated discussion on establishing Emergency Action Response procedures
  - i. First Aid Kit needs to be in location for easy access
  - ii. In case of emergency, evacuation procedures need to be in place
  - iii. The Emergency Action Response should be defensive and protective & include AED training and CPR training. Nick Cecava stated we need to check with the District about policies in place regarding emergency response plans. Pastor Rebekah or Pastor Jason will check with the District and find what templates are available and the next steps needed for training. Carolyn Scheible will look up information about AED's. Dennis DeReese will check on obtaining AED's.

AGENDA ITEMS 7 & 8: Pastor Rebekah closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.