

The March 2013 Vision Board meeting was called to Order at Mary Jo Andrusko's home. After Ralph Holbrook made a correction to the February 2013 minutes, Alden Riley made a motion to accept the amended minutes, seconded by Lori Ackerson. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the Nominating Committee, which is being composed to nominate individuals for the Vision Board.

A recommendation has been brought forward to close Grace Academy. A motion was brought by Mary Jo and seconded by Ed Stang to terminate the program this spring, while allowing Dave Trapp (a member of Grace) to continue with lessons in the building.

The topic of Envisioning for Grace was discussed. What Pastor Mark and the Vision Board are envisioning is how Grace can reach out to people within the community. Grace going to the people, not vice versa. Examples: (1) Community Garden on Nightingale: (a) help weed and water the gardens; (b) bring out hotdogs; (c) bring out gardening tools to let gardeners borrow; (2) Farmers Market: (a) help set up and take down; (b) welcome people; (c) act as parking lot attendants; (d) advertise for the farmers market. We will constantly come back to this topic. "Build it and they will come."

Free to Be Grace, Grace's Core Values. As of 03/12/13, 87 families have pledged, weGrow. 162 families have been visited, weConnect. 25 volunteers helping visit families, weEquip. Total amount pledged to date \$924,215.

We are nearing the end of lent. It is sensed the new video series has not been well received but it was time for a change after watching the Nooma videos for five years. Pastor Mark met with the Pastoral, Worship and Music Staff and volunteers and planned the overall theme of the Easter Season.

It was suggested/requested a podium be used at funerals for the signing of the guestbook. It was also requested at the Lenten supper a sign stating where the donation proceeds are going. Example: Donations are going to Sole Hope.