

Community of Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 12, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Ken Colberg, Mike Duesenberg, Dennis Engman, Mike Hamernick, Andy Hennig, Mike Mathisen, Dan McMahon, Mark Schuneman, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way.

Excused: Wendy Fitzsimmons

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Approval of minutes

- The minutes from the December Council meeting were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Pray for Mark Hanson in grieving the loss of his sister, Arlene.
- A Mission of Hope vision trip is being planned to the Dominican Republic, for 3 days during the week of 3/20/23. Pastor Darrin, Hannah, and another person yet to be determined will go on the trip to discern and understand the possibilities of bringing a team from Community of Grace in 2024.
- A decision has been made to reconfigure the Dream Big team to add Pastor Darrin, Mike Mathisen, and Mike Hamernick of CGLC, Nick Boehland from Magnusson Christian school, and Erik Macintyre of the Master's Institute.
- Pastor Darrin will be travelling with his wife, Angela to Arizona for the last of the LCMC LeaderCare retreats at the end of January.

Pastor Angie's Report

- The prayer chapel has 5 prayer stations for taking next steps with Jesus.
- February prayer focus will be healing.
- Planning is in progress for Lent, summer, and next year preaching outlines.
- Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.
- Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays with a 4:30 pm traditional service and a 6 pm -6:30 pm family friendly service.
- Lenten Soup Supper will be available from 5 pm – 6 pm. Choir practice and Refuge will continue at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.
- A Valentine banquet will be held in February.
- Irina Orf will lead a Seder meal on the Wednesday before Easter.
- Good Friday services will include an 11:30 am traditional service and a 7:00 pm teen and adult service.

Children's Ministry – presented by Mark Schuneman

- The Egg Hunt event will be on 4/1/23. The need for volunteers will be significant. Last year, over 900 people attended, and we are planning for more people to attend this year. Hours will be extended from 9 am to 12 pm.
- A prayer station will be added to the Egg Hunt this year.
- We will need to fill a lot more plastic eggs this year.

Students – Presented by Dan McMahon

- The core meeting was held this week. Plans are underway to begin using the prayer chapel after Refuge on Wednesday nights.
- February 2nd will be a snow tubing event at Green Acres. We have invited the youth program from East Emmanuel in St Paul to join us.
- The next teaching series is the relationship between faith and science, and that they are not incompatible. A guest speaker will also talk about how science also shows evidence for God and biblical truth. A Q&A night will be scheduled
- On February 20th a service day is planned with other churches. There will be a brunch first at Redeemer Lutheran in Fridley.
- There is a desire to start sending students to camp in the summer, as well as a spring retreat.
- This is Dan's final report as he finishes his council term.

Service and Missions – presented by Mike Duesenberg

- Hannah is looking for new hands-on volunteer opportunities for our congregation for Corrie's House and Solid House since Project Home is no longer in our basement during the month of December.
- A possible vision trip is still being looked at to the Dominican Republic with Otis from Mission of Hope with Pastor Darrin, and Hannah. This is being looked since we cannot send a team to Haiti at this time. This would be early 2023.
- A contribution of \$1,000.00 was given to the WBL Food Shelf in support of the 2023 Bearly Open.
- Monthly contributions for General Service and Missions in December were \$3,567.20, which is \$82.80 below the monthly expense outlay of \$3,650.00. Year to date contributions through December were \$32,939.41, which was below year-to-date expense outlay of \$43,800.00

Seniors – presented by Ken Colberg

- JULIET gathering was held on January 2 at Applebee's.
- ROMEO gathering was held on 1/5 at Denny's.
- Fare for All held will be on 1/13 from 1-3 PM.
- Seniors really enjoyed and appreciated the Christmas program.
- This is Ken's final report as he finishes his council term.

Worship – presented by Andy Hennig

- Christmas season worship services went extremely well.

- Jammie Jam was a fun event to celebrate Christmas with young families.
- Choir rehearsals started back on 1/11/13.
- A new piano, which is a hybrid digital piano has been donated to the church.
- A “tech day” is scheduled to get more people involved in worship technology.
- The pipe organ console is 60 years old. Obermeyer organ company suggested updating the electronics, at an estimated cost of \$3,000. To replace the console, Rogers Organ has been contacted for a replacement estimate.

Adults/Welcome – presented by Dennis Engman

- Groups core has been meeting monthly. Discussion has included best practices that are done at other churches, with potential changes for CGLC in the fall.

Treasurer’s Report – presented by Mike Mathisen

- Reviewed end of year actuals. Year ended with expenses exceeding income by \$51,316 which includes a \$25,000 contribution to the operating reserve fund.
- Including the over and above gifts to the Food Packing event, and other giving opportunities, the net would come to \$29,857.
- Reviewed Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed Reserved Fund balances.
- Reviewed Canopy of Grace balances
- Distributed for review the 2022 year-end budget by ministry area.
- Reviewed 2023 proposed Ministry funding plan.
- Motion made to present the ministry funding plan to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting on January 22, 2023. Discussion regarding the motion was held. Motion approved.

Facilities – presented by Mike Mathisen

- Final payment on the roof is pending completion of the work.
- This is Mike’s last meeting as Treasurer and member of the council.

Secretary – Michelle Sherman

- Michelle will be out of town for the annual meeting. Mike Hamernick will be taking the minutes in her absence.

Vice President – Mike Hamernick

- Thankful for the Christmas program and services

President – Mark Schuneman

- Annual meeting is scheduled for 1/22/23 at 11:45 AM. A quorum of 100 people is needed.
- February offering: Mark will send out an email signup.
- Next council meeting will be immediately after the annual meeting.
- The February meeting will be held on 2/16/23.

Other New Business

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sherman