

## **Community of Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

**May 18, 2023**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Present: Carl Albing, Stephanie Battista, Carol Carlson, Mike Duesenberg, Dennis Engman, Mike Hamernick, Andy Hennig, Mike Mathisen, Mark Schuneman, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way.

Excused: Wendy Fitzsimmons, Sam Hunter

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Devotions shared by Stephanie Battista.

Highs and lows – Council shared personal items.

### **Approval of minutes**

- The minutes from the April Council meeting were approved.

### **Pastor Darrin's Report**

- Discussed CGLC resource development proposal from Kairos that was emailed to the council prior to the meeting. Motion made to approve the proposal for 50% of the \$32,000 fee to be paid by CGLC plus ancillary expenses. The remainder of the fee would be paid by our other onsite ministry partners, upon approval by their respective boards. Motion amended that the proposal would also include a targeted completion date mutually agreed upon by all parties. Motion approved.
- The proposal will be further discussed in the Dream Big Committee meeting on June 1, 2023, with our ministry partners.

### **Pastor Angie's Report**

- Six funerals were conducted by the pastors in the last month.
- 100 leaders were at the ARC Day Away.
- Staff planning day was held.
- "Stamp out Hunger" food drive was collected in our building in May.
- Mount Carmel mini week – Angie is receiving some interest for a few days away in August.
- Sabbatical policy copies were distributed. Sabbatical request timeline and proposal reviewed. The council will discuss the proposal at the June meeting.

### **Children's Ministry – presented by Mark on behalf of Wendy Fitzsimmons**

- Wendy attended the Core meeting.
- 450 people attended the Easter Egg Hunt. Discussion in progress for a name change for the event next year.
- Six kids went to Camp Shamineau the weekend after Easter.
- Mystery box messages will start the first Sunday in June.
- New "Art Camp" will be offered to 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from 7/31 – 8/3.

- VBS will be June 26 – 29. There are 30 spots remaining for kids. Volunteers still needed.
- Volunteer Fest will be held on June 25 to help put up decorations for VBS.
- Britta's maternity leave will be in October and November, and she is working on plans for Children's ministry during her leave.
- This coming Sunday is the last Sunday of HisKids for the ministry season.

#### **Students – Stephanie Battista**

- Last night was the last night of Refuge – lots of positive energy.
- Overnighter scheduled for this coming weekend.
- Refuge students will help with VBS.
- Worship night was held on 4/30 at Redeemer in Fridley with other area churches.

#### **Service and Missions – Mike Duesenberg**

- Stamp out hunger was a successful event in our building! We are hoping to hear back from the post office sooner next year so we can advertise better.
- MOH food packing event fundraiser started April 16 and will culminate on Sunday, 5/21 as we welcome Brad and Vanessa Johnson to our Church. Brad will preach, sponsorships will be available, and there will be a merchandise table in the commons. We will be raising \$25,500.00 to send 85,000 meals to Haiti.
- Volunteer sign up has started and we need many volunteers for this year's garage sale.
- Missions Funding report for April was reviewed.

#### **Seniors – Carol Carlson**

- Carol joined the quilters meeting in April, as well as the pastors that shared devotionals. The devotional is very meaningful to the quilters.
- ROMEO group went to Perkins.
- JULIET group went to Blue Heron. Next meeting is at Cabin 61.

#### **Worship – presented by Pastor Angie on behalf of Sam Hunter**

- Choir is very appreciative of Mark Hanson's gifts and leadership.
- Traditional worship service is growing.
- Upcoming meeting with prayer champions will focus on a plan for next year.

#### **Groups – Carl Albing**

- Carl met with Dan Lugo to discuss groups. Plan is to re-launch groups at some point in the future. Purpose of groups is to deepen connections and provide spiritual growth.
- Core group met and did some brainstorming on what groups may be needed.
- A new app is being considered for signups.
- Move from CCB to Planning Center software is planned for next ministry session.

#### **Adults/Welcome – Dennis Engman**

- Hannah will be on maternity leave in July and is making plans for her absence.
- Kiosk bar discussions are being held.

- Welcome team schedule is being updated.
- The last session of the current Catalyst group will be on 5/21/23. Successful attendance with 21 participants is something to celebrate.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Andy Hennig**

- Reviewed General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed the Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed Reserve Fund balances.
- Reviewed Canopy of Grace balances. This will be reported on through 2023, as we continue to see contributions.
- CGLC 2023 budget by ministry area for April was distributed for review.
- Financial update to the congregation will be during services during June 4<sup>th</sup>, including employee retention credit.

#### **Facilities – Mike Mathisen**

- Furnace phasing program – we have received a quote for \$60k for phase 1. The endowment committee will be discussing at the July meeting, with a recommendation to the council at the August meeting.
- Stepped up our search for building security upgrade based on questions being raised by school families and staff. Training will also be planned alongside the upgrade. Step 1 is a security upgrade on the security system for key fob access and communication. Mag locks on all the doors would be included with an automatic schedule. An emergency button will be a feature to automatically lock all exterior doors along with a text message to all staff and school for an immediate lockdown. Initial estimate is \$50-\$60k, with the church portion about \$29k-\$30k. This is in the discussion phase.

#### **Secretary – Michelle Sherman**

- No report

#### **Vice President – Mike Hamernick**

- No report

#### **President – Mark Schuneman**

- June Offering – Stephanie has 9 am contemporary, Sam Hunter has 9 am traditional, and Sam also has 10:30 contemporary.
- The June Council meeting will be held at Mike Mathisen's home on 6/22/23. Food and drink will be provided.
- In July, there will not be a Council meeting.

#### **Other New Business**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sherman