

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

**August 18, 2022**

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

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

Excused: Mike Duesenberg, Mike Mathisen

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

### **Devotions by Pastor Angie**

#### **Approval of minutes –**

- The minutes from the June Council meeting were approved, with one correction of “Food for All” to “Fare for All”.

#### **Pastor Darrin’s Report**

- Strategic realignments of staff
  - Hannah Collins – will be responsible for Service and Connections
  - Dan Lugo – will be taking on responsibility for groups, in addition to worship. Dan has a Master of Divinity
  - Mark Hanson will be taking on role of Choir Director and Organist in addition to Executive Assistant
- Staff addition
  - Andrew Kelly – will be Student Ministries and Worship Associate starting in September
- Consulting arrangement with Mike Mathisen will be increase in weekly hours from September through December, and in 2023 he will become .6 FTE as Executive Administrator
- Angela Vick will be directing the bell choir
- God has been faithfully providing!
- A letter to congregation will go out at the end of August regarding strategic initiatives. There will be a Church family meeting on October 9 at 5 pm. Pastor Darrin requested feedback from the Council on the draft letter.

#### **Pastor Angie’s Report**

- Brianna Voichick’s last day for worship will be 8/28/22. She will be finishing up the choir room project including new files and documentation for all the music.
- Prayer chapel will be used for a monthly prayer focus.
- Prayer champions needed to invite the congregation to pray between services. Glenda is the prayer champion for September. The September focus is on schools, and a prayer will be given in the service as well.
- Advent and Christmas planning is underway, including Advent devotionals.
- Pastor Angie met with Women Circle leaders, and they are studying names of God.

### **Children's Ministry** – presented by Wendy Fitzsimmons

- Prayer has been a focus for the upcoming children's ministry season, including incorporating the lectionary.
- Prayer needed for Parents of Grace. It will be on the same schedule this year: HisKids on three Sundays per month with one Sunday per month having the kids in service and Parents of Grace meeting afterwards.
- Prayers needed for childcare needs, and for Britta and Victoria
- Wendy and Dennis attended the Dream Big meeting with Magnusson Christian School
  - The school would like to know from the council - What does the church want as a vision?
  - The school would like to distribute a card asking people to be in prayer.
  - Pastor Darrin responded that we are needing more time to answer these questions, and that the October church family meeting will help us discern
- Sixth graders will now be allowed to join Refuge student ministries if their families choose.

### **Students** – Presented by Dan McMahon

- Summer recap – students volunteered with VBS, and three of the students now refer to themselves as “the VBS girls”. Waterfall adventure was held in July. Grand Slam event with three other churches was held in August.
- Mission week and camping trip was cancelled due to several students that had to drop 1-2 weeks prior to the event.
- Preparation for fall student ministries is underway. Melinda is excited about having the new student ministries associate on staff to open new options in the coming year.

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

- No report

### **Seniors** – presented by Ken Colberg

- ROMEO – met on 7/7 at Denny's
- JULIET – met on 7/4 at Cabin 61, 8/1 at the Stadium
- Fare for All – 7/15 and 8/12
- Quilters meet on Mondays and Thursdays, received \$250 action team grant from Thrivent

### **Worship** – presented by Andy Hennig

- Staffing changes in worship are the main focus as people transition into new roles.

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

- Kickoff Sunday on 9/11, and planning for fall is in progress.
- Say yes campaign is in progress. Prayers needed for additional responses.

### **Treasurer's Report – presented by Mark Schuneman**

- Reviewed YTD financials
- Reviewed Endowment Fund balances
  - The endowment committee has approved a one-time gift toward the Canopy of Grace 2.0 campaign of up to \$200,000 at the request of the Council.
  - Motion made to designate the amount of the church parsonage fund to be \$267,671.23. Motion approved.
- Reviewed Reserve fund balances
- Reviewed Canopy of Grace 2.0 update
  - Motion made to ask endowment committee to release \$200,000 as a special one-time gift for the funding of the Canopy of Grace 2.0 project. Motion approved.

### **Facilities – presented by Mark Schuneman**

- Tar, sidewalk and concrete areas are complete.
- Roofing project is near completion.

### **Secretary – no report**

### **Vice President – presented by Mike Hamernick**

- Compliments and thanks to Pastors on Hebrews sermon series

### **President – Mark Schuneman**

- Offering for September – Mike Duesenberg is 9:00 Contemporary, Ken Colberg 10:30 contemporary. Andy Hennig – 9:00 traditional.
- Kickoff Sunday September 11
- Council volunteers to help cook, clean, setup, etc. Mike Hamernick will send out a volunteer signup.
- Reminder to wear council name tags each Sunday
- Nominating committee will kick off soon. Positions for Council, auditing committee, and endowment committee will need to be filled.
- Dan McMahon and Ken Colberg will be transitioning at the end of the term. The hope is to refill the open position as well. Provide potential names to Mark or Pastor Darrin.
- New staff reception at the Mathisen's – Tuesday, 9/20 @ 5:30 pm. Dinner will be included.
- The October Council meeting will be moved from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other New Business - None**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sherman