

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

**November 17, 2022**

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

Present: Ken Colbert, Mike Duesenberg, Dennis Engman, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Mike Hamernick, Andy Hennig, Mike Mathisen, Dan McMahon, Mark Schuneman, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick.

Excused: Angie Way

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

### **December devotion – Mark Schuneman**

#### **Approval of minutes –**

- The minutes from the October Council meeting were distributed for approval at the December Council meeting.

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

- Great meal-packing event for Mission of Hope! Many people brought friends to help with the event. Pastor Darrin is very proud of the staff, and thankful for all they do.
- Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, 11/23.
- Advent devotionals
- Christmas Day Worship service falls on Sunday this year:
  - Regular services on Christmas Eve – 2 pm, 4 pm, 9 pm
  - One traditional service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- New Year's Day Worship
  - One contemporary service at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, intentionally child friendly. The service will include prayer stations, a communion station, worship, and prayer practices.
- Christmas Jammie Jam
  - Wednesday before Christmas worship service, 12/21 at 6 pm, approximately 40 minutes
  - Event will be publicized in the White Bear Press
- Short devotional about loving our neighbor and picking up litter.

#### **Pastor Angie's Report – N/A – Pastor Angie**

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

- Analyzing the surveys collected
- First Communion options can include
  - 2/17 – 2/20 at Mount Carmel. The cost for families is a potential concern.
  - April 14- April 16 at Camp Chamonix for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Christmas program – there are 17 children signed up so far.
- Family related events will need more childcare options available
- Jammie Jam worship will be held on 12/21
- HisKids attendance is going strong. The Hype Night had 60 kids in attendance

- Continued prayer requested for Britta for the holidays

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

- Celebration of Confirmation was held on 11/6/22
- The Big Night in December will be focused on service projects, including Feed My Starving Children and onsite projects
- New students are showing up almost every week

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

1. Food packing event for MOH was November 12. Went incredibly well.
2. Diaper Drive is ongoing and going well. Diapers will go to the White Bear Food Shelf, as this is the biggest need this time of year.
3. Looking to fill six volunteer slots at the White Bear Food Shelf Give a Gobble Thanksgiving event. Hannah is working to fill these six slots.
4. Service & Missions budget meeting occurred November 8. We agreed to increase our monthly contributions to \$3,800 from the 2022 monthly contributions of \$3,650. Will make a motion to add Corrie's House for a monthly contribution of \$100. Corrie's House is a Twin Cities ministry providing refuge to young girls who have been sexually abused. It is hoped that there will be volunteer opportunities for CGLC members. The second motion will be for a monthly contribution of \$100 for Solid Ground, which is a Twin Cities ministry to help prevent families from becoming homeless. It is hoped there will be volunteer opportunities for CGLC members. We have decided to drop support of \$100 per month to Okoboji but will continue to send children and families to the camp, which will be funded directly by the families.
5. The Haiti discretionary fund will contribute funds for the hotel accommodations for Otis Garrison and the two other staff members who were here for the food-packing event.
6. Since staff has not been traveling to Haiti, it was decided that \$6,000 would be transferred from the Haiti Staff Travel reserve account to General Service and Missions.
7. As Pastor Darrin indicated last Sunday, we will be giving \$5,000 and any additional funds raised Sunday to Mission of Hope.
8. It was decided to give \$2,000 to Project Home as a yearend gift.
9. It was decided to give \$2,000 to the Family Service Center as a yearend gift.
10. Funds out of the HOM Diaper Drive reserve fund of approximately \$800 will be used to purchase additional diapers for our Diaper Drive. Mike M. will go to Sam's Club to purchase the diapers.
11. The Garage Sale reserve fund will pay out \$4,500 to General Service and Missions.
12. The Student Service and Mission reserve fund will pay out \$4,000 to General Service and Missions.
13. \$3,000 was paid out for the WBL Food Shelf Give a Gobble event out of the Love Pours Out Fund.
14. Balance for general service and missions as of 10/31/2022 is (\$9,713.79). Monthly contributions for General Service and Missions in October were \$2,829.96, which is \$824.04 below the monthly expense outlay of \$3,650.00. Year to date contributions through October are \$26,786.21, which is below year-to-date expense outlay of \$36,500.00

- Motion made to Add a \$100 per month donation to Corey's House. Motion approved
- Motion made to Add a \$100 per month donation to Solid Ground. Motion approved

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

- JULIET gatherings:
  - 10/3/22 – Mac's Diner in North St Paul.
  - 11/7/22 – Roma's in Willernie
- ROMEO gatherings: Denny's on 10/6/22 and 11/3/22
- Veteran's celebration on 11/10/22. Great meal served by children of Magnusson Christian School.
- Fare for All - 11/11/22 from 1-3 PM. Many families attended.
- Quilters and Circles are going well.

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

- Reformation Sunday pick-up choir along with trumpet players was a wonderful addition to the worship service.
- Next pickup choir is the first Sunday in December
- Plans are being considered to update the sound system in the sanctuary. Assistive listening technology is also being considered.
- Andrew Kelly is stepping up into worship technology area.
- Women of Grace Christmas gathering will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm. Music by the Hennig family will be featured.

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

- Welcome Team needs more volunteers.
- QR codes for giving and "new here" will be on the back of the chairs in the Fellowship Hall and in the sanctuary.
- Core team is meeting to discuss the future of groups.

#### **Treasurer's Report** – presented by Mike Mathisen

- Financial report for October reviewed
- Endowment fund balances reviewed
- Reserve account balances reviewed
- Canopy of Grace 2.0 balances reviewed
- Projected need is \$368,078 to fully fund ministry through 2022
- The e-note will be sent with this information from Mike Mathisen, and a letter will be sent from Pastor Darrin to communicate to the congregation.
- Final roof payment will be made when the work is completed. Everything has been removed from the roof.
- The preliminary proposed budget for 2023 was reviewed. This will be referred to as the Ministry funding plan to help provide more context on how gifts impact our ministry.

- Annual meeting date will be January 22, 2023

**Facilities – presented by Mike Mathisen**

- Motion made to authorize the signing of a one-year lease agreement between CGLC and LADC in the amount of \$50,000 annually, retroactive to July 1, 2022. Motion approved.
- Elevator issues:
  - Imminent repair of \$8,000 needed to replace bearings and seals.
  - In the next 4-6 months we will need to authorize an elevator overhaul because the electronics and pump parts are obsolete. The process is 20-26 weeks from approval to work being completed. Estimated cost is \$80,000.
  - Motion made to approve expenditure to TK Elevator Corp of up to \$8,000 for reference ID ACIA-21AUCLM for the imminent elevator repair. Motion approved.
- A new wall for the chapel/sanctuary has been ordered. The wall will likely be a late January or early February installation.

**Secretary – no report**

**Vice President – presented by Mike Hamernick**

- No report

**President – Mark Schuneman**

- December offering: 9 am Contemporary - Michelle, 9 am Traditional - Mark, 10:30 Contemporary - Dennis
- Next meeting 12/15/22

**Other New Business – None**

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sherman