

Community of Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 11, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: Mike Duesenberg

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Devotions shared by Mike Mathisen.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the December Council meeting were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Expressed gratitude for everyone's service and for finishing the year strong financially.
- There was a good turnout for the community panel discussion with Kairos on Sunday, January 7, 2024.
- Reminder for the retreat including staff, council, and Magnusson Christian school leadership on Saturday, January 27 which will be an important day in our process of discerning plans for the future for CGLC and the school. Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI is the location for the retreat, and the schedule is 9 am – 3 pm.

Pastor Angie's Report

- Christmas Eve services were all well-attended. Total attendance was 1,007 between Christmas Eve and Christmas day.
- ARC retreat "Life Together Day" was held at CGLC on January 4, including the Masters Institute students.
- Pastor Angie, Pastor Darrin, and Dan Lugo spent a day together planning out the preaching for the new year.
- Lent comes early this year, with Ash Wednesday falling on 2/14/24. Traditional service will be at 4:30 pm, using Holden evening prayer, and parables of Jesus. Lenten suppers will be served on the remaining Wednesdays in Lent. At 6:15 pm, the second Lenten service will be held including the Refuge students. Teaching and worship will be first, followed by breakout groups with adults in the Fellowship Hall, children in the Sanctuary for hands on learning games, and Refuge students will go to the lower level.
- 11:30 AM service and an evening service for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are being planned.
- Pastor Angie's sabbatical will begin on April 1st.

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- Hype night is scheduled for February 2nd, and we are intentional to invite Magnuson Christian School families to participate. There are 17 kids registered so far.
- March 23 will be the Easter “Eggsperience” including the walkthrough of the Easter story.
- March 6 will be the children’s core ministry team meeting.
- Retreat at Camp Shamineau is pending on a date, potentially April 12-14 or or April 19-21

Students –Stephanie Battista

- Melinda is back from her leave of absence.
- High school winter lock in event was held on December 29 and 30th.
- Faith formation class is on January 21st at 11:45 am.
- A winter snow tubing event is set to take place in February.

Service and Missions – Mike Mathisen for Mike Duesenberg

- Missions team had decided to stop funding the Solid Ground ministry in 2024.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- No report

Worship – Sam Hunter

- Discussion related to questions about the mix of traditional and contemporary elements into the worship services. The feedback will be passed along to the worship team. It is important to help people understand that we look to have worship experiences that are enriching for everyone who participates.

Adults/Welcome – Dennis Engman

- No report

Groups – Carl Albing

- Group Leaders event to take place on January 20th. From 8:45 am to 11:00 am. There will be three speakers – Pastor Darrin, Andy Henning, and Dan Lugo.
- A table will be in the commons area the next two Sundays for people to learn more about groups.
- New Connections Guide is available that shows all the groups that are available at CGLC.

Treasurer’s Report – Andy Hennig

- Reviewed December General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed December Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed December Reserve Fund balances.
- Reviewed December Canopy of Grace balances.
- Discussed 2024 Ministry Funding Plan.
- Motion made to approve the proposed 2024 ministry funding plan as presented for \$1,680,700.
Discussion: Several furnaces have also been replaced through the endowment fund, which is

how the Lord continues to provide outside of the CGLC annual budget. Motion amended to include the expenses of \$1,679, 860. Motion approved.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- New fire panel has been installed.

Secretary – Michelle Sherman

- No report.

Vice President – Mike Hamernick

- Thank you to Michelle and Mark for their service on Council.
- Prayer led by Pastor Darrin for Mark and Michelle

President – Mark Schuneman

- Offering on January 14th - Michelle is available to cover the 10:30 service.
- The annual meeting is scheduled for January 28th at 11:45 am. A meeting of the new council will be held after the annual meeting to elect officers for the upcoming year.
- Next council meeting is February 15, 2024.

Other New Business

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sherman