

Community of Grace Church Council April 18, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Stephanie Battista, Darrin Vick, Andy Hennig, Mike Mathisen, Sam Hunter, Carol Carlson, Dennis Engman, Carl Albing, Craig Pearson, Tim Meier, Wendy Fitzsimmons

Excused: Angie Way, Joe Ehrman

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Wendy Fitzsimmons shared an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed, one edit was made to the minutes, then the Council meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Holy Week Celebrations
 - Over 110 in attendance at our Maundy Thursday 'At the Table' experience. Lots of positive feedback from staff and members
 - 370 in attendance at our two Good Friday Services- highest since I've been here.
 - Nearly 1000 in attendance at five Easter Services – highest since 2019
- Pastor Angie's Sabbatical
 - We are managing well as a church! Pastor Angie's preparations set us up very well to cover her responsibilities.
- Kairos Conversations
 - We have continued to meet with leadership of the church and school to craft a Missional Narrative and shared value statement. I will have more to say about this next month.
 - Jeff Kjellberg met with the school staff and some of the board members to present the findings of the survey and parent interviews.
 - CGLC Staff will be having lunch together with MCS and LADC staff next Monday to build relationships.
 - We are planning an informational meeting with all MCD parents in late May to bring them up to date on the Kairos process.
- We will conclude our narrative lectionary series, "Mark My Words" at the end of May and launch our summer series in June focusing on the Epistles of Peter, James, and John.
- The CGLC Staff will meet for a Staff Planning Day on Tuesday, May 21st.
- Everyone is invited to the Volunteer Appreciation event on May 29th.

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- VBS is pretty much full, and volunteer recruitment is going well.
- Parents of Grace Sunday studies are going well.
- 17 kids are going to Camp Shamineau this weekend.

Students – Tim Meier

- BRNC is 8 churches that get together to create larger youth events. They will be adding 5 more in the next few months. There is a lot of excitement with the youth.

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Mission of Hope raised \$43,000, the extra \$8,000 will be used for a service project on the November mission trip with Mission of Hope.
- Teen Challenge raised almost \$7000 on April 14.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- It's going well filling in for Pastor Angie with the Juliet meal group and quilters.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- No Report

Groups – Carl Albing

- New Group leadership will be meeting next week under Sharon Clinch's leadership.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- There needs to be an orientation for new council members – there are so many moving pieces.
- 22 people in the Catalyst class, great turnout!

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

- Reviewed March General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed March Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed March Reserve Fund balances.
- Mike introduced to the council the Missions Financial Report, to show council members which ministries Missions is supporting.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- There will be a speaker demo in the traditional service space on April 21. At 10:10, there will be a second demo for people in the contemporary service can hear it as well.
- The parking lot work approved last month is starting.
- There is a new solution for hanging banners outside the church.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No Report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

We are having a full financial audit this year, and it is almost finished – with the auditor noting that another comprehensive audit may not be needed for 3 more years.

President – Mike Hamernick

- Offering – May 9am contemporary: Sam; traditional: Andy; 10:30 is Joe
- May 4th is the Magnusson Gala.
- Next meeting will be May 16th.

Other New Business

Mike Mathiesen closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista