

Community of Grace Church Council August 20, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Darrin Vick, Angie Way, Carol Carlson, Dennis Engman, Mike Mathisen, Carl Albing, Stephanie Battista, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Craig Pearson, and Andy Hennig

Excused: Joe Ehrman, Sam Hunter, Tim Meier

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Pastor Angie shared a devotion and an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the June Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- It's great to be back, and to be planning preaching series into 2026.
- We had our first meeting with Generis this week.

Pastor Angie's Report

- Lake Baptisms in August, 3 children of the same family, and two affirmations.
- Mt Carmel had about 25 members of the congregation participate in a week of bible camp.
- Getting ready for Fall Kickoff

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- Art Camp: 32 Students in both sessions. Britta said a huge win is that 8 5th graders asked that they be able to have art camp next year.
- Both Victoria and Britta got a vacation
- Vacation Bible School was awesome

Students – All

- They had a busy summer: Wild Mountain was cancelled, but no one complained, and they played sardines in the building, they spent a Sunday afternoon at Bunker Beach, and they just went to Valleyfair.
- Refuge kicks off on September 10.

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- A group of 13 volunteers helped install TV mounts and hang TVs in all the rooms at Project Home! We also finished the closet shelving – so they are ready for their move in on August 19th. Move in was yesterday!
- 334 backpacks were donated through school tools to WBL students in need. They were handed out on August 9th, and 5 CGLC people were there as volunteers. It was so special to see the looks on the kids' faces when they received their backpack.
- We will work this week to make sure every student living at Project Home also receives the school tools and backpack they need.
- Hannah met with other organizations at a 'White Bear Area Resource Network' meeting put together by the food shelf last week. Hannah is working on building relationships with those in attendance so that CGLC can better serve our community.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- The quilters cleaned and organized the space they share with the school.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- No report

Groups – Carl Albing

- This fall, Practicing the Way will be the study we will be doing for small groups in 20 groups.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- No Report

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engen and Mike Mathisen

- Reviewed July General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed July Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed July Reserve fund balances.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- There is a new sign for the Community of Grace Christian School.
- There will be a blue awning over the west entrance

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- Andy will miss the first three weeks that the organ is here! Tim Meier will be in charge of the signup genius for the Pancake Breakfast on September 7th.

President – Mike Hamernick

- September offering: Stephanie 9 am contemporary; Andy 9am traditional; Joe 10:30am
- September 18th is the next meeting
- The October meeting October 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista