

Community of Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 22, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: Angie Way

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Approval of minutes

- The minutes from the May Council meeting were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Thank you to Mike Mathisen for the blessing and hospitality shared in hosting the council meeting at his home.
- Discussed the Sabbatical Leave Guidelines document and the Hebrew definition of sabbatical is "rest". A sabbatical is intended to include rest from pastoring and shepherding for our pastors.
- Michelle Sherman will update the Sabbatical Leave Guidelines to replace references to First Lutheran Church with Community of Grace Lutheran Church.
- Approval of updated Sabbatical Leave Guidelines will be handled at the next council meeting.
- Motion made to approve Pastor Angie's Sabbatical request and proposal that she presented at the May council meeting, with the condition that she prioritizes rest and the understanding that there is not an expectation from the council that she completes all the items on her proposal. Motion approved.
- Mark Schuneman and Mike Hamernick will meet with Pastor Angie to let her know her sabbatical is approved. The congregation will be formally notified at the Annual Meeting.
- A monetary gift of \$1,000 will be provided to Pastor Angie from the congregation for her sabbatical through payroll. Additional gifts from the council can be coordinated through Mike Mathisen.
- A sabbatical leave committee will be formed based on the sabbatical leave guidelines document. Two of the committee members will be at large members of the congregation, and names of three individuals were provided and agreed upon by the council as potential candidates. Pastor Angie will contact two of these individuals, and a third if necessary to confirm participation for the two at large committee members.
- The CGLC resource development proposal funding was approved by our ministry partners to cover 50% of the expenses. The tentative timeline from Kairos is that an assessment will be targeted for completion by December this year. The next steps are introducing this to the congregation and forming a campus assessment team that will meet every six weeks. The Dream Big team will step back, and Jeff Kjellberg from Kairos will lead the process.

Pastor Angie's Report - Excused

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- VBS will be held 6/26/23 through 6/29/23 and registration is full. Help is needed on 6/25 for setup.
- New "Art Camp" will be offered to 1st through 4th grade students from 7/31 – 8/3.
- Pray for Britta for a healthy baby in the fall.
- Next core team meeting is in July.

Students – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Service and Missions – Mike Duesenberg

- Congratulations to Hannah and Bobby Collins on their new baby.
- Over \$38,000 was raised for Mission of Hope fundraiser.
- Missions Funding report for May was reviewed.
- A \$10,000 commitment has been made to Mission of Hope Headwaters campaign for their new campus in the Dominican Republic.
- The 2023 garage sale was a huge success with the largest attendance in years.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- JULIET group went to Cabin 61.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- Sam will be going fishing with Andrew Kelly to connect.

Groups – Carl Albing

- Information about new groups will be published in the next edition of The Current. Andy Collins will be leading an Alpha marriage 7-week group and Marissa will be leading a young married group.
- A new app will be tested as communication tool for groups during the Parents of Grace 6-week book study.

Adults/Welcome – Dennis Engman

- The Core team meeting was held on the same day as Hannah's delivery.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Mike Mathisen

- Reviewed General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed the Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed Reserve Fund balances.
- Reviewed Canopy of Grace balances.
- A new improved church administration platform will be coming soon, including a planning center and giving platform.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- A proposal for solar panels on the flat roof has been received and is being evaluated.
- Proposals for the security system update are being reviewed.

Secretary – Michelle Sherman

- No report

Vice President – Mike Hamernick

- Faith mentoring group will be meeting in July. The next mentoring class will be held in October.
- Hannah Collins is on maternity leave for 12 weeks as of 6/18/23.

President – Mark Schuneman

- July Offering – Mike Duesenberg has 9 am contemporary services, Andy Hennig has 9 am traditional services, and Mark will send out an email for council members to sign up for specific Sundays in July for 10:30 am contemporary services.
- In July, there will not be a Council meeting.
- A staff and council get together will be scheduled for later in the summer.
- Next meeting is 8/17/23.

Other New Business

- None

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sherman