

Community of Grace Church Council Sept 19, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Stephanie Battista, Darrin Vick, Angie Way, Carol Carlson, Dennis Engman, Carl Albing, Craig Pearson, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Joe Ehrman, Sam Hunter, Andy Henning, and Tim Meier

Excused: Mike Mathisen

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Carol shared a devotion and a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the August Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Angie's Report

- Bringing back some great learnings from Mt Carmel Camp
- Groups training was fantastic
- Kickoff Sunday was a wonderful, day of coming together with enthusiasm
- The Women of Grace 'Waiting on God' study is going well – the circles are enjoying this study particularly this year.
- Choir kicked off
- Prayer Vigil is being planned for Nov 9-10.
- Reflection groups are starting up
- Confirmation retreat last weekend
- Refuge kickoff had 52 kids
- Second Sunday of the month will be the Sunday where people can get prayer at their seats after the services.
- Christmas program meetings are underway, the script is in review
- Ministry fair is September 22, so services will be combined in the Sanctuary this weekend.
- Fall family festival is on Sept 26, from 5:30-7pm
- Midnigher on Sept 27
- Self Defense training will be offered by the Women on Oct 3
- Food packing will be October 12

Pastor Darrin's Report

- We had a great first day of School at Magnuson. There were iced coffees for parents, and gift bags for kids.

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- Children's core team is meeting and sharing ministry responsibilities
- Volunteers needed for Family Night on Sept 26th
- There will be 2 services for the Jammie Jam this year.

Students – Tim Meier

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Ministry fair is this Sunday
- Serve wall has been really effective in getting signups
- Diaper drive end of October
 - Will be breaking down the boxes into the size the foodshelf distributes on Nov 17

Seniors – Carol Carlson

Worship – Sam Hunter

Groups – Carl Albing

- On Sept 7th, Groups held training on Who's Next?
- A new survey and a new Connections publication is coming out.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- Welcome team will be meeting every Sunday 8:30 at the orange wall to talk about the day and pray over requests
- Ipad kiosk is setup to take signups between services
- Fall Catalyst will run from 10/20 to 11/10
- Hannah is working on a video for contemporary ushers and communion servers to standardize the way it's done each week.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

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

Facilities – reported by Mike Hamernick on behalf of Mike Mathisen

There is a storage shed/fencing project that will take place this fall. The three primary reasons for this project are:

- Significantly improve the safety of the playground and eliminate blind or "hiding" spots
- The current sheds are in need of significant repairs that we estimate to be about \$5,000
- Increase the amount of storage and consolidate it into one building that is located on the current blacktop parking lot
 - Space goes from 200 sq ft to 288 sq ft

The new storage building will be located just to the east of the current garbage dumpsters. We will then remove and dispose of the old sheds and repair, revise, and add the new fencing to resecure and make the playground a safer environment. The last piece of the project is to install a new wood privacy fence

to screen the dumpster area from view. This is a city compliance issue that we have been avoiding but needs to be completed.

The total estimated cost is approximately \$30,000 for the entire project. The plan is to fund this from a designated gift that was given to cover a special project when identified.

The council approved a motion to spend up to \$30,000 for the project, to come from dedicated funds that can be used for the project.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- Will not be here for the November meeting.

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- Thanks to everyone for helping with the Kickoff Sunday

President – Mike Hamernick

- October 24 will be the next Council Meeting.
- Offering Oct 9am Traditional: Andy; Contemporary: Mike H; 10:30 Contemporary: Dennis
- Offering Nov 9am Traditional: Carl; Contemporary: Wendy; 10:30 Contemporary: Joe
- Check your council mailbox!

Closed the meeting with a prayer from Pastor Darrin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista