

Community of Grace Church Council January 14, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Devotion was shared by Joe Ehrman

Approval of Minutes:

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

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Previewed his comments for the annual meeting on January 26, 2025

Pastor Angie's Report

- Dan Lugo is participating in Leadership Tomorrow sponsored by the White Bear Lake Foundation.
- Community of Grace Housing Allowance Designation for Rev. Angela M. Way was submitted. A motion was made by Carl, seconded by Dennis, and approved by the council.
- Celebrate December, Lessons and Carols, Jammie Jam, Christmas Program, good attendance across Christmas services, and Prayers for the New Year

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- January 31 is 3rd-5th grade hype night

Students – Tim Meier

- Refuge will be bringing Alpha to the kids
- Serve day with BRNC in February
- Refuge will be snowtubing on Feb 12th

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Water filters were delivered in Haiti, bringing lots of life transformation

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- The quilters made 408 quilts in 2024

Worship – Sam Hunter

- Sam echoed Angie's comments about the amazing December events and the fun that makes people feel welcome.

Groups – Carl Albing

- The survey has been completed.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- Jammie Jam, Christmas Eve to Christmas Day, lots of new faces
- Christmas services – 1500 cookies, many made by teenage girls from refuge
- 34 welcome volunteers for the Christmas services

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

- Reviewed December General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed December Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed December Reserve fund balances.
- We will be moving our maturing CDs to two additional banks over the next few months, to ensure all our deposits are ensured by FDIC.
- Thanked the Lord for His provision. The last 3 days of the year were just amazing as God's provision came rolling in.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- The sound system hasn't been as good as expected, so there is some ongoing work to figure out where exactly all the speakers should be, and retuning.
- We bought the air conditioning units, that will be installed this summer.

Ministry Funding Plan for 2025 - Mike Mathisen

- Mike shared year-end projections and various proposals for the 2025 ministry funding plan
- We talked about the funding plan in more detail, before it goes out for the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- The ministry funding plan for 2025 was approved by the council to bring to the congregation at the annual meeting on January 26th.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- No report

President – Mike Hamernick

- January offering: Mike Contemporary 9am; Andy 9am traditional; Tim 10:30am contemporary
- February offering: 9am contemporary: Stephanie Carol is 9am traditional ; 10:30 Dennis
- Annual meeting will be on January 26th. After the meeting, we'll meet to elect the officers.
- Next Meeting is Thursday February 20 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista