

Community of Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 15, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: Mike Duesenberg, Wendy Fitzsimmons

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Devotions shared by Mike Hamernick

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the January Council meeting were approved.
- The post annual meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Council Orientation and distribution of Church Constitution and Bylaws
- Mike Hamernick distributed the Church Council Team Covenant for signatures.
- New council members Craig and Tim introduced themselves.
- The rest of the council introduced themselves to Craig and Tim.

Pastor Angie's Report

- Preparing for Sabbatical,
- Pastor Angie's sabbatical will begin on April 1st.

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- We have continued to see more families checking us out and/or checking out Sunday School in particular, so that's been great!
- Hype Night was hugely successful. We have heard a great deal of positive feedback from parents. According to the kids, the "worst thing about Hype Night was that it ended." There was a great mix of CGLC & MCS kids (and a good number who attend both).
- March 6 the Dinner in the Commons meal is a fundraiser specifically for VBS to help us keep costs down. We are hoping for a good turnout!
- We are starting to promote Retreat 46 at Camp Shamaineau the weekend of April 19-21. Our goal is to send two van loads of kids to camp including CGLC & MCS students.
- Preparations for the Eggsperience are coming along. The eggs & donation board go up this weekend and the volunteer sign-up opens on 2/15. We do already have several people "pre-signed" up for a couple of spots which is awesome.
- Summer registrations open March 1 for VBS, FCA Camp, and Art Camp.

Students – Stephanie (Tim Meier will be new contact)

- Snowtubing was delayed.

Service and Missions - (OPEN)

Mike Duesenberg submitted his resignation on CGLC's Council to Mike Hamernick. Motion approved to appoint Joe Ehrman to Mike Duesenberg's open seat on Council.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- The Jordan Michael concert and lunch was well attended.

Worship – Sam Hunter

No report

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

New Assignment

Groups – Carl Albing

Great Leader training on January 20, lots of positive feedback.

Dan Lugo is stepping back from group organizing, and Sharon Clinch will be leading.

Irina Orf would like to open her Irish step class to the community, and Andy agreed as she wasn't charging for the class.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

- Pastor Darrin explained what pastor's housing allowance is, and that it needs to be approved by the council. Motion passed to approve housing allowances sent by Pastors Darrin and Angie to Mike Mathisen.
- Reviewed January General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed January Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed January Reserve Fund balances.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- BSF has asked for authorization to use the building Sept-May 2024/25 on Monday nights. Motion approved for Bible Study Fellowship, BSF, to use of the building during the next year, from Sept-May 2024/25.
- We were approached by the company that is doing our furnace job in July, that if we moved it up to March, they offered us a free furnace and air conditioner. We are moving it to March!
- Discussed bid for upgrading the sound system in the Sanctuary. Contract negotiations are still underway which does not include a hearing aid loop.
- Security Alerts are being set up for the building.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

No report.

Vice President – Andy Hennig

No report

President – Mike Hamernick

Mike is sitting on the Endowment Committee, they work with Paradigm as a financial advisor, and would like to continue. The motion was approved to keep Paradigm as the financial Advisor of the Community of Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Committee.

Offering schedule was distributed.

Other New Business

- We've been working with Kairos, and Jeff Kjellberg. His contract ended at the end of January. We have a proposal from him for 2024, it was distributed for discussion. It includes him working on a stewardship campaign if we decide to go that route. Pastor Darrin is proposing that we continue to work with him. We could do it on a month-by-month basis or approve the whole contract. There was much discussion, and a proposal that council members provide language suggestions by Monday, and clear with Jeff, and send out for an e-vote next week that approves the contract before March 1.
- There was a summary on December 21, but the work after December 21, and into early January has not been summarized and communicated but could be added to the draft report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista