

Community of Grace Church Council June 19, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: Angie Way,

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Devotion was shared by Stephanie Battista

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the April Council meeting were reviewed and approved, with two small corrections.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Pastor Darrin shared about end of the year celebrations.
- The Garage Sale was a smashing success.
- Opportunity to possibly partner with a church in Stacy. The council approved exploratory discussion with St John's in Stacy.

Pastor Angie's Report – Wendy Fitzsimmons for Angie Way

- Praise and Worship night, 18-20 people came and shared songs and prayer.

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- 40 middle and high schoolers have signed up to help with VBS
- Parent meet-up on the playground after church
- Rest for Britta and Victoria this week, and that all participating kids and volunteers feel Jesus when they come to VBS.

Students – Tim Meier

- Refugee kids have filled up the volunteer spots, and there are 6-8 kids going up to senior high summer camp.

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- 800 people came from the community for the Manitou Garage Sale.
- Lunch, cinnamon rolls, and the food shelf raised about \$2000 total. \$800 for lunch, \$800 for cinnamon rolls, and \$400+ for the food shelf.
- There is a sign up on church center to help the Family Place with moving into their new place, 12 people have volunteered to help with the move.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- It's a joy to get to know all the ministries and walk alongside the seniors.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- No report

Groups – Carl Albing

- This fall, Practicing the Way will be the study we will be doing for small groups that select it, and will be re-offered in the winter, and the summer.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- People are using the Orange Wall Kiosk
- The Garage Sale is such an outstanding event for the community.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Mathisen

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

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- The HVAC program is complete. Except for the Sanctuary system
- It will be about \$198,000 for the sanctuary HVAC system, that may be done in 12-18 months.
- The elevator is one more thing that we'll need to address.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- Andy led the audit team through the annual audit. No deficiencies were noted.
- Recommended a policy for document retention be developed, for the non-permanent records.

President – Mike Hamernick

- July offering: Tim 9 am contemporary; Carl 9am traditional; Joe 10:30am
- August: Mike 9am contemporary; Carol 9am traditional; Dennis 10:30am
- July we take a month off: No meeting
- Next Meeting is Thursday August 21.
- Two companies were considered to continue the work the church is doing with the school, and with the mission of the church. Generis was selected by the committee, and includes 6 months of coaching, and a 12-month plan for donor development for the school, in addition to building a culture of generosity in the church. Motion to approve \$38,400 and reasonable expenses was approved by the council.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista