

Community of Grace Church Council March 20, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: Wendy Fitzsimmons

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Devotion was shared by Sam

Approval of Minutes:

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

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Excited about the young people interning and seeing those 'next' leaders in our church.
 - Services a week ago led by 20 year olds
 - 2 Interns, Shailie and Kaylee
 - 1 Pastoral Intern Andrew
 - 1 Potential Intern Grace Conroy
 - 1 organ student Breanna Cvoyek
- Staff is going through Practicing the Way, by John Mark Comer, thank you Tim, for providing copies for the Council, there is a study guide, and we'll be going through it in the Fall and encouraging small groups to go through the book too.

Pastor Angie's Report

- Keep the Lugo's in your prayers
- Sue Quinn's sister passed away

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- A successful Lenten Dinner Fundraiser for Grace kids last night.
- Retreat 46 is happening next weekend. It's at Camp Shamineau. 18 kids, 4 Magnuson parents are volunteering. Britta had to turn down parents who wanted to help. Huge Win, with many coming forward.
- Shailie is doing great as the Children's Ministries intern.
- Prayer need; That the empty volunteer spots for the Eggsperience would be filled. That God would bring forth 3 storytellers that are needed.

Students – Tim Meier

- Melinda is so excited about Youth Alpha, and our youth are wanting to go deeper,
- 20 kids went bowling, they had a great time, they didn't want to leave.
- Kids are volunteering and asking to help before they are asked.
- March 30 is the BRNC worship night

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Otis Garrison will be here on May 8th for Mission of Hope Sunday
- Project Home will be moving into a closed Best Western Motel, but it needs a new roof, so keep it in our prayers. There will need a bunch of work needed when they move.
- We will continue to find ways to support the White Bear Food shelf

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- No senior report; but Carol has a win - she helped finish the binding on the quilt that was made by a Magnuson class, and she was so surprised by their joy in seeing the finished quilt.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- No report

Groups – Carl Albing

- No report

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- Joe Ehrman reported on Catalyst, 15 people signed up, 4 young couples
- There are new banners in the fellowship hall, and canvas in the commons
- Dinners in the Commons has been going great
- Bibles are being purchased to put in the contemporary worship space

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

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

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- A motion was made that Community of Grace will continue to host BSF on Monday nights from September 2025 to May 2026 and was approved.
- A motion was made to allow Momco (MOPS) to have a special event on April 29th and was approved.
- Mike reviewed the replacement option we have for the organ. It would likely be a late summer to fall install. All the hardware (speakers) will be new; the electronic organ will have full warranty; The organ is currently with the Minnesota Orchestra. A motion was made to authorize the purchase of an organ up to \$115,000, with a down payment of \$25,000 out of our general reserves and approved.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- No report

President – Mike Hamernick

- April offering: 9am contemporary: Stephanie 9am Traditional Carol; 10:30 Wendy. For the 4:30pm Lenten Services, Mike, Andy and Joe will share offering responsibilities.
- We will talk about offering coverage for Easter services at our April meeting, on April 10th.
- Next Meeting is Thursday April 10, 2025 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista