

Community of Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

November 16, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Angie Way, Dennis Engman, Mike Hamernick, Mark Schuneman, Stephanie Battista, Darrin Vick, Carl Albing, Andy Hennig, Mike Mathisen, Wendy Fitzsimmons

Excused: Michelle Sherman, Sam Hunter, Mike Duesenberg, Carol Carlson

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the October Council meeting were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Family meeting went well on November 12. Jeff Kjellberg commented how we really seem like a family at CGLC. Staff and congregation interacted well, and everyone was welcomed and worked together to make a healthy environment.
 - Council members shared highlights from table discussions and offered several points of consideration as the process continues to unfold which include CGLC's involvement with ministry partners and the community at large.
- There will be a post it note summary provided to the council for discussion of next steps, and there will be a one day off site with staff and council on January 27 to dive into listening, learning, and discerning of the information. The intent of the offsite meeting is to understand the path where God wants to lead the CGLC campus.
- Jeff Kjellberg, Pastors Darrin and Angie, Dan Lugo and Mike Mathisen met with Heather Norman and Nick Boehland from Magnuson to review and discuss the current partnership between the two. Jeff will be conducting interviews with Magnuson families for data gathering on their points of view relating to our future partnership while discovering what is important to them while attending Magnuson.
- Melinda Kern has begun a medical leave of absence with a return in early January 2024.
- Britta Maly returns from maternity leave this Sunday, November 19.
- Nominating committee has been meeting to address the open positions occurring in 2024.
- Darrin has begun working with an executive coach to gain more wisdom and insight as he leads CGLC.

Pastor Angie's Report

- J.U.L.I.E.T went to Chili's in November and will be going to Olive Garden in December.
- Confirmation service happened November 5th.
- The Veterans Day event happened with about 36 in attendance. Magnuson students provided encouraging cards and helped serve dessert.
- Spiritual retreat on November 11th had 13 people in attendance.

- Prayer ministry focus for November of “prodigal” is going well.
- Circle leader studies happened today.
- Women of Grace event will occur on December 2nd in the fellowship hall with a performance by Jordan Michael.
- Thanksgiving Eve service will take place on November 22nd.
- Advent season will begin on December 3rd.

Children’s Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- Christmas program practice has begun and there is a lot of excitement around it.
- Parents of Grace book study has gone well and beginning in January another session of Parents of Grace will take place.

Students –Stephanie Battista

- The students prayed for Andrew Kelly as he enters seminary.
- There will be a high school midnighter that will take place after Christmas but during the Christmas break.

Service and Missions – Pastor Angie for Mike Duesenberg

- Diaper Drive still going through Nov 22. Diapers and cash are accepted.

Seniors – Mark Schuneman for Carol Carlson

- Mary Ellen creating 100 giftbags for housebound and nursing home residents.
- R.O.M.E.O had 14 people meet at Perkins

Worship – Sam Hunter, excused.

- No report.

Adults/Welcome – Dennis Engman

- There has been more usage of coffee and cookies on Sundays.
- Welcome team is going well and a lot of energy.

Groups – Carl Albing

- Next “Leaders of Groups” team meeting is scheduled for late January.
- The core team is still data gathering for how many people are in groups, and everyone has been willing to provide that information when asked.

Treasurer’s Report – Andy Hennig

- Reviewed October General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Mike Mathisen will provide a financial status update at each service on November 19th, and will be available afterward in the fireside room for Q&A.
- Reviewed October Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed October Reserve Fund balances.

- Reviewed October Canopy of Grace balances.
- Discussed preliminary 2024 Ministry Funding Plan.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- No report.

Secretary – Michelle Sherman

- No report, excused.

Vice President – Mike Hamernick

- Discussed pilot program of Alpha Marriage that he and Andy Collins are leading.

President – Mark Schuneman

- Michelle to provide refreshments in December.
- December offering:
- 9am Contemporary: Stephanie
- 9am Traditional: Sam
- 10:30am: Dennis
- Next meeting is December 21st.

Other New Business

- Motion to approve Jordan Michael to sell merchandise at his concert on December 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Hamernick