

Community of Grace Church Council October 23, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: Wendy Fitzsimmons

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Joe shared a devotion.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the September Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Some church staff were able to attend the LCMC meeting.
- The nominating committee has been convened, and they will be looking for two candidates as Wendy and Carol rotate off the Council.
- The Communications Director job has been posted, and interviews will be conducted next week. We have 6 great candidates. Mark Hanson is the interim coordinating communications person.
- We continue to work with Generis on the church and school side.

Children's Ministry – No report

Students – Tim Meier

- Student ministry has been very busy, and kids are bringing their friends every week. Refuge is a highlight of student's weeks.

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Meal packing events at the school Friday, and for the full church for Saturday
- A group of 12 may be headed to the Dominican Republic.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- Pastor Mary Ellen is bringing some of the Practicing the Way practices to seniors at home.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- No report

Groups – Carl Albing

- Interviewing group leaders, and getting feedback

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- 8 new people participating in Catalyst
- Multiple people were added to the hospitality teams.
- Craig has drafted a new Council Member Orientation packet. It was distributed to everyone at the meeting. If you have feedback for the packet, send that to Craig.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman and Mike Mathisen

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

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- The school has a new awning and concrete coating at the west entrance, which is the main entrance for the school.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- No report

President – Mike Hamernick

- November offering: Stephanie 9 am contemporary; Craig 9am traditional; Wendy has 10:30am, with some support from Joe.
- The November meeting will be on November 20.
- A motion was made and approved to continue using Paradigm in calendar year 2026 as our financial manager of the Endowment fund. This is also at the recommendation of the Endowment Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista