

Community of Grace Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
4/26/18

Those present: Jodi Bendt, Sandy Anderson, Michelle Blankenship, Mark Schuneman, Dan McMahon, Ken Colberg, Tim Orf, Mike Preston, Jeff Montgomery, Steve Turnbull

Excused: Mike Verley, Maia Hendrickson, Mike Mathisen

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. Refreshments and devotions by Dan McMahon.

The March 22, 2018, minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve Turnbull

Pastor Steve walked the council through a document he's been using with the staff to provide more clarity about the character of our church and ministries.

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

On March 31, we enjoyed a successful Easter Egg hunt with approximately 950 Attendees. The Gospel focus was well received. Changes made the event flow well.

Core Team met on Monday to discuss religious foundation timelines for children.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

The students recently finished their latest topic on judgment. On Breakout night, the Senior High students went to Chick-Fil-A, and Confirmation students focused on baptism. There was also a leader meeting, with training and discussion on how to enhance relational ministry.

Stress and Anxiety is the final topic of the year for Refuge. On May 6, there will be a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Mission Trip. On May 18, there will be an opportunity for students to attend PULSE Twin Cities, a concert expecting 60,000 attendees, bands, worship, sharing of gospel.

Refuge Summer Takeover: Students will help with VBS in AM, and have fun events/discussion in the afternoons.

Lake of the Ozarks Mission Trip for students in 10-12 grade will be July 16–21.

Adult Ministries: Sandy Anderson for Maia Hendricksen

A Growth Group Survey will be used this year to measure current effectiveness of groups for care and spiritual growth. Core team is discussing new strategies to engage more people aged 35 and below and 65 and up in Growth Groups, and more robust offerings for short term discussion groups. Financial Peace University is in session with 20 people participating.

May 6 is Name Tag Sunday. We Love Our Volunteers event to be held on May 30, 6:30-8 p.m. We will also be celebrating volunteers in worship on June 3.

Senior Ministries: Ken Colberg

EVENTS: S.A.M.P.L.E. event on April 12 with 15 people attended the meal with eight staying for the painting project. A good time was had by all.

GROUPS: R.O.M.E.O.'s usual meeting place, Baker's Square, has closed. They will meet at Denny's in Maplewood until further notice. J.U.L.I.E.T. met at Mad Jack's the Monday after Easter with 20 people in attendance. WOMEN'S CIRCLES monthly leaders' meetings will prepare to study chapter 8. 4 PM SENIOR BIBLE STUDY resumed after Easter with a special guest Pastor Joy Johnson from the Via De Christo community.

SERVICE: BANDAGE ROLLERS, KNITTER, and CARD MAKERS continue to serve. Pat Ponath, the leader of QUILTERS continues to recover from surgery, and the quilters continue to meet. WOMEN OF GRACE will be collecting clothes for Martha's Closet during the month of April.

UPCOMING: J.U.L.I.E.T. will meet at Applebee's on May 3. S.A.M.P.L.E. lunch and free Harmony Singers Concert. WOMEN OF GRACE will be setting up a trip to the Alpaca Farm.

Worship: Tim Orf

No Report.

Missions: Mike Verley

No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Montgomery for Mike Verley

Giving in March finished below budgeted expectations and below 2017 actuals. 2018 expenses are below budgeted amounts.

Facilities: Mike Preston and Jeff Montgomery

1. Council's approval was requested to partner with Valley Self Defense for a security assessment. Valley Self Defense would provide a comprehensive security plan. Jeff would like approval to put a team together to make decisions around our church's security. Council is aware and approves.
2. **MOTION: Jodi Bendt moves to use undesignated memorial funds of \$6,500 to pay for manual shades in the commons area.** Discussion undertaken. **Motion carried.**
3. Security Doors to secure schools are a unique capital repair that also benefits the church and HISKids on Sunday. Of total price of \$33,528, it may be proposed that CGLC would pay for 50% of the total cost out of the building and reserve fund and

each school would fund 25% of the total. Discussion with each school needs to occur.

4. **MOTION:** Council moves to call a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the expenditure of \$260,000 to renovate the Fellowship Hall. Discussion undertaken. **Motion carried.**

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

No report.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

No report.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Blankenship

No report.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

- Offering for May: Mike Mathisen at 9 a.m. and Michelle Blankenship at 10:30 a.m.
- Devotions and refreshments for the meeting will be provided by Mike Preston.
- Next meeting on May 17.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m. Closed with prayer.

Michelle Blankenship
Executive Secretary