

Community of Grace Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

7/19/18

Those present: Sandy Anderson, Jodi Bendt, Ken Colberg, Mike Mathisen, Dan McMahon, Tim Orf, Mark Schuneman, Jeff Montgomery, Angie Way

Excused: Michelle Blankenship, Maia Hendrickson, Mike Verley

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Jodi Bendt was appointed as Recording Secretary. Refreshments and devotions were provided by Sandy Anderson. The June 21, 2018, minutes were approved with one correction.

Interim Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Angie Way

- The Transition Prayer Team continues to meet and most recently gathered to pray as the Call Committee met for the first time. Intercessory prayer sheets were updated and available for the 75 people who have committed to pray. Carol Watnemo and Pastor Al will bring the intercessory prayer sheets along on their visits to homebound members. Intercessors will pray after worship on two upcoming Sundays - August 5 & 19. The team also provided prayer books to the Council and Transition Team.
- Mary Nell Clemens, who serves on both the Call Committee & the Prayer Team, will let each candidate being interviewed know the church as a whole is and continues to be in prayer for the one the Lord knows will be called to serve him at CGLC just as Pastor Steve knew he was being called to serve in a new location.
- Staff Unity Days are planned for July 31 and August 7; and a staff retreat with Michelle (Holy Cow consultant) is planned for August 15-16.
- We will be hosting a LCMC Call Committee workshop on Saturday, August 25. This is for our Call Committee, as well as others in the metro area.
- Worship planning through December is complete. Several retired pastors are scheduled to lead worship in the Traditional service when needed. An updated preaching schedule has also been established.
- Continued discussions with Doug Nelson regarding ideas for the 10:30 Traditional services in the fall.

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

- Core team is meeting again on July 23.
- Camp Strong is July 30 – August 2. This is a partnership between CGLC and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

- Our High School students are on their Mission Trip in the Lake of the Ozarks.
- The Welcome Team is now wearing lanyards on Sunday mornings. A new volunteer "security" role is being discussed – people with nursing, EMT, etc. experience.

Adult Ministries: Maia Hendricksen

No report.

Senior Ministries: Ken Colberg

- Groups: JULIET met on July 2 at Joseph's in Stillwater. Twelve people, including two new members and one visitor attended. ROMEO is now meeting at Denny's. Old Guys Bible Study continues to meet.
- Service: Quilters continue to meet weekly with an average of 20 women attending.

- Events: James J. Hill house tour planned for July 24. Milt Bighley will be taking the group on this tour.
- Care: Parish Nurse Carol Watnemo and member Sylvia Johnson will be calling on our homebound members to take their pictures for the MyCG directory over the next few months. The homebound members will also be asked if they would like to be part of the Transition Prayer Team. Our two trained volunteers continue to drive the New Trax Bus to provide rides to church on the first and third Sundays of the month.
- Coming up: Women's Circles will start a study on The Lord's Prayer this fall. Pastor Angie and a group of seniors will be attending the Mount Carmel camp August 27-30.

Worship: Tim Orf

- It is wonderful to see our congregation worshipping together this summer and to see God's people in action.

Missions: Mike Verley (Sandy read Mike's report)

- HAITI: Recently Brad Johnson announced that service teams are not going to be coming to Haiti "for a season" due to recent political unrest. This is the first time in our nine-year partnership that this has happened. Instead, teams will be redirected to a new area of ministry on the islands of Turks Caicos. Just days before all this happened, Perry scheduled the 2019 Haiti Service Trip for January 12-19. Registration will roll out in mid-August and will be greatly dependent on the status of travel to Haiti.
- HOM: VBS kiddos and their families helped fundraise a big pile of diapers and over \$250 for Project Home in June.
- HOOD: The School Tools Drive kicks off this coming Sunday, July 22 and will run to August 12. New service opportunities to help pack backpacks and staff the drop off table are now available online and in the Commons. The Food Shelf had a group cancel at the last minute for Bonus Saturday this weekend. As of this afternoon, seven people are planning to serve! We are also going to have a team serving the following Saturday on July 28.
- Last month, a letter was sent to supporters of Service & Missions and we have had a great response. This week our giving is back on track and \$285 above budget!

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Montgomery for Mike Verley

- Giving in June finished \$81,696 below budgeted expectations and \$54,504 behind 2017 actuals. Year-to-date expenses are below budgeted amounts by \$30,164.
- Motion made by Jeff Montgomery to move unused snow removal funds (up to \$13,000) to pay for the purchase and installation of a new server this summer. Motion seconded. Following discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Motion made by Jeff Montgomery to fund the purchase and installation of security doors (4 in total) using \$18,000 from the Reserve Fund. Motion seconded. Following discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

- Fellowship Hall work is progressing. The framing is complete. The window installation begins on Tuesday, July 24, followed by the drywall installation the week of July 30.
- The concrete outside of the Sanctuary front door will be replaced during the week of July 23.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

- Financial information will continue to be communicated to the congregation on a weekly basis.

Transition Team: Mike Mathisen

- Results of the congregational survey were communicated in the bulletin and eNote.
- A Transition section was added to the website that will include Transition Team and Call Committee updates.
- The Communication Director job description will be completed and posted in early August.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Blankenship

No report.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

- MCS Director, Cheri Beulow, has resigned. Her last day will be July 24. The MCS Board President acted quickly to secure a former MCS Director, Luann Lindbeck, as the Interim Director.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

- Kickoff Sunday is September 9. This year the Council will help to prepare and serve cinnamon rolls. More information and opportunities to sign up will be available next month.
- One of our Staff Appreciation events is the Staff & Council BBQ Pool Party at Jodi Bendt's place on the afternoon of Sunday, August 12.
- Motion made by Jodi Bendt to approve the Identify Statement that will be used for both the pastoral search as well as provide some guidance to the staff. Motion seconded. Following discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved with noted changes.

Other New Business: Sandy Anderson

- Motion made by Sandy Anderson to approve the new CGLC Employee Handbook. Motion seconded. Following discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved with noted changes.
- Mark Schuneman is leading the effort for a Staff Appreciation Day on August 26. The plan is to show our appreciation for the staff in worship, in the bulletin and during the rest of the week. Volunteers will fill in for staff on Sunday as needed.

Council Assignments for August:

Offering at 9:00 – Sandy Anderson

Offering at 10:30 – TBD

Council Devotions & Refreshments – Ken Colberg

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. Closed with prayer.

Jodi Bendt

Appointed Recording Secretary