

COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

January 7, 2020

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Sandy Anderson, Jodi Bendt, Ken Colberg, Dennis Engman, Maia Hendrickson, Jeff Hovis, Mike Mathisen, Dan McMahon, Jeff Montgomery, Tim Orf, Mark Schuneman, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way

Excused: All present

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Treats: provided by several members

Devotions: all shared highs, lows, and prayers.

Minutes for December approved with minor changes.

Pastor Darrin's Report:

Celebrations: He enjoyed his first Christmas at CGLC. About one year ago in January, Pastor Darrin learned we selected him to become our senior pastor. He is also celebrating that God's people stepped up for this church financially.

Pastor Angie's Report:

Celebrating the success of the Christmas program. The prayer service took place on December 29. Looking forward to see what God will do with the spiritual gifts series. The future tool will remain in myCG so we can understand one another's spiritual gifts.

Core Team Reports

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

HISKids starts January 12, 2020.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

Mission trip students will provide soup and salads before the Annual Meeting as a fundraiser.

Adult Ministries: Jeff Hovis

No report.

Seniors: Ken Colberg

All groups are functioning well. J.U.L.I.E.T. met at Panino's in Shoreview on January 6, 2020.

Other upcoming events: S.A.M.P.L.E. will hear from Gene Eastlund as he shared about his trip to Costa Rica.

Worship: Tim Orf

Advent and Christmas worship seasons were wonderful. Looking forward to the Spiritual Gift series. Discussed the value of the spiritual gift assessments.

Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman

Christmas was successful with remarkable support from the Hospitality Team.

Missions: Michelle Sherman

HAITI: Shoes were collected as birthday gifts for Mission of Hope. The "Raising Hope" campaign starts January 26 and runs through February 23. MOH has 80,000 children on a wait list for food. Diane and Jeff Hovis will lead this campaign, and Otis will visit from MOH. We set a financial goal of \$20,000. MOH started partnering with an organization in Guatemala. Schools in Haiti are reopening in January following the rioting.

HOOD: CURE Ministries is closing down at East Emanuel. Stamp Out Hunger is scheduled May 9, 2020. We will continue supporting Fare For All, Bonus Saturday, and Diaper Duty.

HOM: We completed our month with Project Home on January 2. We logged 750 volunteer hours. Unfortunately, we had one incident, but God put the right volunteers here, and it was managed effectively. This experience was heartbreaking for the volunteers. If any questions arise, feel free to direct questions to Pastor Darrin, Michelle Sherman, or Gary Johnson. This event will not change our partnership with Project Home.

Infrastructure Reports

Treasurer and Stewardship Report: Mike Mathisen

We ended below budget, but expenses were managed well for an overall shortfall of \$35,708. We will share the realities with the congregation. To make up the difference, we will pull about \$40,000 out of reserves. Pending projects with big expenses are coming up. Since paying off the mortgage, we have tried to save \$100,000 for major projects each year. Down the road, we need to make decisions about the flat roof, rest rooms, and HVAC. The congregation will learn this at the Annual Meeting. The proposed budget remains relatively flat and attainable based on past years.

Motion made and approved to recommend the proposed budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

Materials for roof have been delivered. Paul is getting bids for the flat roof, restrooms and HVAC. Salt truck was needed for last 2 Sundays.

Secretary's Report: Maia Hendrickson

No report.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

Sign-up Genius was created for Council treats, devotions, and offering auditors. Please remember to sign up.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

Annual meeting agenda was presented.

Motion made to approve with noted changes, and this was approved.

We will have a brief meeting following the Annual Meeting to vote for officers. Ken and Dan have agreed to a second term. The nominating committee is recommending Wendy Fitzsimmons. Jodi Bendt is completing her second term, and she has been an amazing contributor!

Other new business: none

January Work Assignments: See Sign-Up Genius sent by Jodi Bendt

Offering Auditors: 9 a.m. Jeff Hovis: 10:30 a.m.: Maia and Mike M

Devotions and refreshments for February: Maia

Pastor Angie closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at p.m. 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maia Hendrickson