

COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

December 19, 2019

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Excused: Maia Hendrickson, Tim Orf, Michelle Sherman

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Treats and Devotions provided by Dennis

Minutes for November meeting were approved with one noted update.

Pastor Darrin's Report:

He encouraged the Council to sign up for additional Project Home nights.

He shared a very touching "God moment" between two men that exemplifies how we are "community" for one another at CGLC.

Core Team Reports

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

Next HISKids is January 12

Planning another Parenting 226 in late February or early March.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

The Service Night on December 11 included playing Bingo at Cerenity Care Center, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, packing kits for the WBL food shelf, and making cards for the military and shut-ins.

"Slumberjacks" was the theme of the Refuge Christmas party on December 18.

The 2020 Mission Trip will be to Duluth, MN.

Adult Ministries: Jeff Hovis

The Groups Core Team is planning to hold a Re-Ignite session for group leaders in early 2020. This will be timed with the spiritual gifts sermon series.

A group connection event will be held sometime after the Re-Ignite session for people to have the opportunity to get connected to a group.

Planning to hold a debrief of the Ask Away sessions to determine next steps in January.

Seniors: Ken Colberg

The J.U.L.I.E.T. group met at Roma in Mahtomedi with 8 women attending.

Advent Meditation Services were held the first three Wednesdays in December at 11:30 a.m.

The Christmas Tea was held on December 7, with Ben Hertle providing the musical program.

Upcoming:

January 6 – J.U.L.I.E.T. at Panino's in Shoreview

January 9 at 11:30 a.m. – S.A.M.P.L.E. – Gene Eastlund shares about his trip to Costa Rica

Worship: Tim Orf – No Report

Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman

Hospitality during the Advent Season is going well. Still working to fill in volunteer opportunities for the Christmas services.

Missions: Michelle Sherman – No Report

Infrastructure Reports

Treasurer's Report: Mike Mathisen

Total giving through November remains below budgeted expectations as well as 2018 actuals. Expenses are projected to be below budgeted amounts for 2019. Updates to the congregation will be ongoing in the bulletin and in worship through the rest of the year.

A draft 2020 Budget was presented and discussed. Further discussion will occur at the January Council meeting after final year-end numbers are totaled.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

No additional report.

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

Prepping for Christmas.

Secretary's Report: Maia Hendrickson – No Report

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

Personnel Update – The two Admin Assistant positions have been filled. The Executive Admin, Christi, just started and the second Admin, Linda, will start on January 13.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

Reminder that the Annual Meeting is January 19.

Determined that the January Council meeting will be on January 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Other new business: None

January Work Assignments

Offering Auditors: 9:00 a.m.: TBD; 10:30 a.m.: TBD

Devotions and refreshments for January 7, 2020: TBD

Sandy closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Bendt