

**COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **Council Minutes**

February 21, 2019

### **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

Excused: Michelle Sherman, Angie Way

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. Devotions by Sandy and treats by Jodi.

Minutes: December 20, 2018, January 10, 2019, January 20, 2019, and January 26, 2019, approved with some corrections.

**Pastor Report:** No report.

### **Core Team Reports**

#### **Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman**

*Like Arrows* event occurred on February 1, 2019. Sunday groups for parents have had 8-12 participants.

#### **Student Ministries: Dan McMahon**

Confirmation retreat occurred at end of January with several students committing their lives to Jesus and others grew in their faith.

New series starting called "What's the catch?" This will focus on sin and temptation.

Confirmands are going through Teen Alpha.

In March, High School students will meet separately from Confirmation students.

Confirmands will study the "I Am" statements. High School student theme: "Not a fan." The Student Ministry Core Team is resuming.

#### **Adult Ministries: Jeff Hovis**

Connection event: 16 people attended and 15 became plugged into groups.

A short-term discussion group starts May 5. Theme: "Is Christianity Relevant?" This is a one-hour commitment.

#### **Seniors: Ken Colberg**

Valentine's Day party a success with good food for about 50 people. Staff served and all had fun!

## **Worship: Tim Orf**

Overall theme of our worship services has been transformation. Presently: *More Than Just Stories: Parables of Jesus* and how they transform lives."

Lenten season series coming. Will include some special services: March 10 Mission of Hope: Haiti and Brad Johnson will bring the message. March 31 Teen Challenge. March 6 is Ash Wednesday.

Theme for Wednesdays during Lent is spiritual practices. A variety of speakers will share experiences with practices that enrich spiritual growth. Maundy Thursday: first communion.

Dan Lugo is looking at an onboarding program for musicians and vocalists.

## **Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman**

Welcome team participated in the Heart Altaring event- allowing God to alter our hearts for His purpose. This event was designed to encourage and provide a continued understanding of the powerful purpose each of us has in being and making Disciples of Christ.

Working on bolstering our Hospitality and Contemporary Usher teams. Long-term goal: partner with other ministry areas to build a pathway for on-boarding new volunteers.

Easter hospitality planning is underway, and it includes an Easter Visitor Experience Planning Team.

## **Missions: Sandy Anderson for Michelle Sherman**

No report, but Council was reminded that Mission of Hope Sunday is coming on March 10, 2019. A food-packing event with Feed My Starving Children will accompany this weekend. Announcement postcards were passed out in church last Sunday. Support this event with participation, prayer, and financial gifts.

## **Infrastructure Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report: Mike Mathisen**

The General Operating Fund report was reviewed.

### **Facilities: Mike Mathisen**

Window project and the recording/video studio are underway.

### **Transition Team: Mike Mathisen**

The Transition Team is developing a communication plan through mid-April. They worked with Jeanne Filkins to create a "Meet the Candidate" brochure that will be

distributed to the congregation on February 24. The plan for events leading up to the vote at March 24's Special Congregational Meeting was reviewed. The Council will have several opportunities to help the Congregation get to know the candidate.

#### **Vice President's Report: Jodi**

Magnuson School Gala will be held on April 6 at North Oaks Golf Club. The Council will again be sponsoring a table to support Magnuson Christian School. The school is still searching for a director.

#### **President's Report: Sandy Anderson**

Please talk about Pastor Darrin with everyone and get people excited. Staff received the news on Tuesday AM. Sandy Anderson, Mike Mathisen, and Jeff Montgomery met with the staff on Tuesday morning to provide them with information on the candidate for senior pastor. Council members are asked to wear nametags on Sundays now through March 24 and be available to answer questions and provide information about the pastoral candidate to the congregation.

#### **February's Work Assignments**

Offering Auditors: 9:00 am: Mike, 10:30 am: Ken

In Jeff's absence on March 3 and 10: Jeff Hovis at 9:00 am and Sandy at 10:30 am

Devotions and refreshments for Mar. 21, 2019: Michelle Sherman

Reminder: April Council meeting is officially on April 25!

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maia Hendrickson