

COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

April 25, 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, Mark Schuneman, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way

Excused: Tim Orf

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. Devotions and treats by Jodi Bendt.

Minutes for March meeting and Special Meeting: Approved

Pastor Darrin's Report:

The leader is Jesus, and Darrin desires to be the first follower. Darrin shared why he decided to come to CGLC.

Pastor Angie:

No report.

Core Team Reports

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

- Easter Egg Hunt had over 800 people—wonderful turnout. Invited participants in through a ticket system, and the movie was impactful.
- Vacation Bible School runs June 24-28, 2019.
- FCA Camp is coming in July 29-August 1, 2019.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

Twelve teenagers helped with the Good Friday contemporary worship service. Three nights of Refuge remain, and the last one is the "School's Almost Out" party. Refuge Summer Take Over signups are ahead of schedule. This year's mission trip signup is nearly full, and the students are holding a bake sale fundraiser on Sunday, April 28.

Adult Ministries: Jeff Hovis

The first "Ask Away" event is scheduled for May 5. Discussion topic: Is Christ relevant today? Chris Brekke, Wade Holmberg, and Melinda Kern will participate in a small panel. The plan is to make adult discussions a reoccurring event.

Seniors: Ken Colberg

Groups: Romeo and Old Guy's Bible Study meet faithfully. JULIET met at Great Moon Buffet. For the Women's Circles, Pastor Doreen led the April meeting for Bible study leaders.

Service: Quilters, Bandage rollers, Knitters and Card makers continue to serve.

Coming up:

- Thursday, May 2, 2019 is The National Day of Prayer. At 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Women of Grace and the Community of Grace Prayer Team are sponsoring the National Day of Prayer event.
- On May 6, 2019 at 11:30 am, JULIET is meeting at The Lowell Inn.
- SAMPLE meets Thursday, May 9, 2019 for a meal followed by a free concert by The Silver Harmony Singers in the Sanctuary at 12:30 pm.
- On May 19, 2019, seniors are invited to the Lunch and Lakeshore Event. Lunch will be served at church followed by Lakeshore Player's Sunday Matinee showing of *Mary Poppins*. Cost for both the lunch and show is \$22 per person.

Worship: Tim Orf

No report, but lots to celebrate! (Congratulations on your engagement!)

Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman

- Beginning with Palm Sunday through Holy Week, the Welcome Team served over 80 gallons of coffee, over 1200 donuts and pastries, and engaged over 100 welcome team volunteers.
- Twenty-seven people are participating in Catalyst along with eight volunteers. This Sunday, we are preparing for six baptisms.
- On Easter, over 150 "After Party" invitations were distributed. (The "After Party" is an upgraded version of the Next Step Lunch.)

Missions: Michelle Sherman

HAITI:

- The next service trip has been scheduled for January 25-February 1, 2020. Perry has been checking on the safety in the region. Inflation is an issue for Haitians. MOH plans to have groups return to Haiti in May. Meanwhile, MOH is redirecting teams to Turks and Caicos and the Dominican Republic.

HOM

- The Family Service Center brought kids to the Egg Hunt. Perry spoke to the bus driver, a Muslim woman.

HOOD

- The Stamp out Hunger campaign is May 11, 2019. This will be the highlight of our partnership with the White Bear Food Shelf, and we are seeking to educate and engage the whole church. Sign-up online.
- The "Save the Date" reminders went out for the Community Garage Sale scheduled June 15, 2019. The United Methodist church plans to hold a bread fundraiser this year, and they will allow visitors to park in their parking lot.
- School Tools is scheduled for July 21-August 11, 2019.

GENERAL

- Ashley Collins, serving through The World Race, is currently in Nicaragua, and parents are with her.
- Michaela Koll left for YWAM in San Francisco, California on April 16. She needs more support to be fully funded.
- Garden clean-up day is tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 1 pm.

Infrastructure Reports

Treasurer's Report: Mike Mathisen

Financial Highlights reviewed. We have made up some ground, but we need to encourage support.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

We will post the monthly results in the bulletin, and the next posting will be May 12. Our attendance numbers have been much better over the last several weeks. Easter giving was similar to last year.

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

- Studio room for video and audio: Expenses are being paid through unused funds from snow removal. Space is framed out.
- Drive-through: Bids for cleaning, painting, and covering the exposed galvanized plate with paint or a metal wrap were received, and they are under review.
- Windows: Starting in late May, the old windows will be replaced. Final measuring completed and the windows were ordered.

Transition Team: Mike Mathisen

This team is serving in an advisory role for Pastor Darrin and meeting about once a month. They will continue as long as Pastor Darrin desires this support. The date for Pastor's installation has not been determined, but it will likely happen in June. The Welcome Committee, led by Dennis Engman, has been executing their plan.

Secretary's Report: Maia

No report.

Vice President's Report: Jodi

- Magnuson School Gala was highly successful. Their search for a new Director continues. They have two remaining candidates. Interviews occur next Tuesday.
- The Family Fun Run occurs May 18.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

We have a student who is losing her hearing. Her mother asked about closed caption. We are requesting signing support for this student and possibly others in the area. This region has a large deaf community, and we have opportunities to minister to these individuals. Kathy Stauff and Dee Ramnarine may know of some resources.

Other new business:

Dan McMahon shared an update regarding Security/Emergency Protocols. A rough draft of security protocols from a consultant is under review. As a priority, we need to have emergency plans for fires and severe weather on Sunday mornings. We also need to pray about the level of security presence on Sunday mornings. This will be a Council decision. During a recent power outage, students were safely secured in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone with a passion around emergency procedures, please talk to Jeff. Pastor Darrin's brother has experience with this.

February's Work Assignments

April Offering Auditors: 9:00 am- Jodi 10:30 am- Sandy

Mike will cover for Jeff this weekend.

Devotions and refreshments for May 16, 2019: Jeff Hovis

Pastor Angie closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted by Maia Hendrickson