

**COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Church Council Minutes**

June 20, 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, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way

Excused:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Devotions and treats by Maia.

Minutes for May approved.

**Pastor Darrin's Report:**

Received positive feedback on the Holy Spirit series. Pastor Angie and Darrin went on a sermon series retreat planning for next year. Church council will do a book study together: *Canoeing the Mountains*. This book is about adaptive leadership. This is the type of leadership needed during times of transition. As described in Ecclesiastes 11:1-6, we want to be a learning community and not afraid to take calculated risks.

Wednesday night, August 21, plan to have a strategic prayer time with the church leadership, staff, prayer ministry team, and interested congregation members. We will listen to the Lord and learn where he is leading us. We are dependent on him, and he is eager to share his plans with us.

The recommended search team for our next Director of Children's Ministries: Sandy Anderson, Victoria Mathisen, and Mark Schuneman.

**Core Team Reports**

**Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman**

VBS: starts Monday. Expecting close to 300 kids. Those available are welcome to assist with decorating on Friday, June 21. Supper is coming from Donatelli's. This is also Rachel Thoren's last week.

Ice Cream Social: Thursday, June 27, hosted by the Parenting 226. Donatelli's is donating the ice cream.

FCA camp occurs the last week of July.

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

Waterfall Adventure day: 20 students attended.

Refuge Summer Take Over: 34 students signed up, and three high school students are helping as junior leaders. In addition, many teenagers are volunteering with VBS even though they are not participating in the Refuge Summer Take Over.

Mission Trip to Estes Park starts second week of July. This includes 26 students and 5 leaders. Fundraising has been a tremendous blessing, and the students are grateful to the congregation for all the financial support!

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

Next Ask Away event is scheduled for July 17 at Anchor Coffee downtown WB 7 p.m.. This month's question: Can the Bible be trusted? Please pray that many will come and receive encouragement to study the Bible.

### **Seniors: Ken Colberg**

Romeo and Old Guy's Bible Study continue meeting. Juliet met at Olive Garden on June 3 with 15 in attendance.

The Bandage Rollers, Knitters, Quilters and Card Makers continue to serve.

Quilters received a donation of a sewing machine, yarn, and fabric from member Elsie Forcier.

June 20: Mill City Museum Trip; 17 in attendance.

August 26-28: Mt. Carmel Adult Camp; theme is Psalms as Hymns of faith and prayer.

October 10: Pine Tree Apple Orchard Wagon Ride scheduled.

Scheduling time to hear from Ashley Collins about her experience with The World Race.

July 25: Gene Eastlund will present, *Travel with Gene*" He has traveled to all seven continents. He also writes poems after each trip.

### **Worship: Tim Orf**

Many expressed appreciation for the Holy Spirit sermon series. This theme continues with our summer series in the book of Acts.

Dan Lugo is teaching the volunteer worship leaders to be worshipers themselves. They are learning to be responsive to where the Holy Spirit leads.

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

Welcome team is supporting one another with flexible schedules so everyone may enjoy the summer months. "Say Yes": focused time to hear about and consider volunteer opportunities in Worship, Groups, Welcome team, and Student ministries.

## **Missions: Michelle Sherman**

HAITI: Update came from Brad Johnson requesting prayer and financial support for the recent food crisis. Economic issues caused a 40% rise in fuel costs and skyrocketing inflation. Sadly, there is a lack of international awareness. Join in prayer for the nation of Haiti, for the President and all leaders, for the staff at MOH, and the people of Haiti as they seek to transform the nation for Jesus.

HOOD: Garage Sale was a big success. Over 90 vendors. School Tools Drive July 21-August 11.

HOM: VBS is collecting for Project Home. Donna Franklin last round of chemo.

General: Ashley is in Panama serving through The World Race, and Michaela Koll is serving with YWAM in San Francisco.

## **Infrastructure Reports**

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

May ended in the red, and we have ground to make up. Plan to make announcements to the congregation on July 7. Funding for missions is doing well.

### **Stewardship: Mike Mathisen**

Corporate resolution: "Be it resolved that President Sandy Anderson, Vice President Jodi Bendt, Secretary Maia Hendrickson, or any two of them acting together are hereby authorized to sell, assign, and endorse for transfer certificates representing stocks, bonds, or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of the corporation."

Motion approved to accept the resolution.

### **Facilities: Jeff Montgomery**

Window replacements continue and all is going well.

Roof project: reached resolution with the insurance company. The insurance payout will handle expenses except for upgraded shingles. Close color match. Starting soon with a special roofing crew. When dates known, Jeanne will send out communication. During roof replacement, we plan to close the single door by the sanctuary. Middle doors will remain open with signage. The drive Port Cochere will be done before fall kick-off.

Designated gifts have been received for the organ upgrade. We also received a gift to replace the concrete across the island outside the doors, and we are planning to create a safer sidewalk for Magnuson and LADC.

**Secretary's Report: Maia Hendrickson**

No report.

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

Jodi will send out an e-mail with the Magnuson Christian School year-end recap given by LuAnne Lindbeck.

**President's Report: Sandy Anderson**

Looking for an opportunity to have a meeting off campus and for ways to get to know one another better.

**Other new business:**

**June Work Assignments**

July Offering Auditors: 9:00 am: Mark 10:30 am: Sandy and Ken

Devotions and refreshments for July 18, 2019: Mark

Pastor Darrin closed in prayer with all concluding with The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maia Hendrickson

ADDENDUM: Due to summer schedules, the July Church Council meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2019.