

COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

September 19, 2019

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Sandy Anderson, Jodi Bendt, Ken Colberg, Dennis Engman, Jeff Hovis, Jeff Montgomery, Tim Orf, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way

Excused: Maia Hendrickson, Mike Mathisen, Mark Schuneman

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

Treats: provided by Tim

Devotions: As a way to live into our mission statement to be and make disciples of Jesus, Pastor Darrin recently introduced a new model to the staff and council that we can use when we meet together. 1 – Share our highs and lows; 2 – Listen to God's Word; 3 – Quiet time and/or pray for one another.

Minutes for August meeting were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

He was very encouraged by the Vision & Prayer night. There were about 90 in attendance. They are in the process of reviewing all of the comments. He is looking forward to the Love Pours In event on October 13 – another opportunity to worship, listen, and commune together.

Encouraged Council to attend the upcoming Discipleship Class starting this Sunday. It is encouraging to others to see the leaders there.

The Lord is unpacking how to model "being disciples". The goal is relationship with Jesus, not "check boxes" of things to do. It is less systematic and more organic. Together we will innovate and find ways to do this.

Core Team Reports

Children's Ministries: Sandy Anderson provided the report for Mark Schuneman

Sunday school kick-off (September 15) was well attended and went smooth. Victoria, Pastor Angie, and the Core Team helped make it happen.

We have an interview of the Children's Ministry Director next Monday.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

Refuge Kick-off on September 11 included an opportunity for parents to connect with leaders.

Midnighter: September 20, and volunteers are welcome. Let Dan or Melinda know if interested. (Volunteer shifts 6:30-9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.-12:15 a.m..)

Confirmation Interviews are October 14 and 15. Council members are encouraged to participate in the interviews. Melinda will be sending out an invite to signup via Signup Genius.

High School students will be having a Whirly ball event

Melinda will be involving students in the planning of the next mission trip.

Adult Ministries: Jeff Hovis

The three-part Discipleship Course with Dr. David Clark from Bethel Seminary was a success.

The third "Ask Away" event is planned for November. The subject will be: "Is the Church relevant?"

The Groups catalog for church members to contact leaders about becoming part of a group was just printed.

Catalyst classes will start on Wednesdays from October 16-November 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. Pastor Angie and Pastor Darrin will teach these classes.

Seniors: Ken Colberg

The Juliet group met at Chili's on Labor Day with 15 women attending.

10 people attended the Bible Camp for Adults (focused on the Psalms) at Mt. Carmel in Alexandria from August 26-29.

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

Women's Circles started meeting in September. The Women's ministry Prayer Breakfast was a very powerful and encouraging event – connecting to God in Prayer together. About 60 women gathered for breakfast and prayer.

The Senior Wednesday Night Bible Study resumed on September 11. Two new members joined the study.

Ashley Collins shared pictures and stories from her eleven-month mission trip with The World Race on September 12.

Upcoming: October 10 – Pine Tree Apple Orchard Wagon tour.

Volunteers are needed to drive the New Trax Bus on Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone who would like to be trained as a driver to pick up homebound members and bring them to church, contact Pastor Angie.

Parish Nurse Carol Watnemo is improving our tracking procedures to better manage how often our homebound have a personal visit from the church. She will also be asking the nurses in the congregation to let the front desk know when they are in the building to assist with medical emergencies on Sundays.

Worship: Tim Orf

Love Pours In is Sunday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Ministers will be available the third Sunday of each month in all worship services.

The Prayer Ministry Team is offering a class – Prayer for adult children. Materials are \$20.

Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman

The temporary transition to Hannah is going well. The Core Team is helping out and filling in during this time too.

Missions: Michelle Sherman

HAITI: this trip is scheduled for January 25-February 1, 2020. Need prayers for finding someone to lead the trip.

MOH Weekend is scheduled for February 23, 2020

HOM: preparing for December.

Fall Service Day – planning to make it more “organic”. Andy Hennig’s small group is going to help Helen and the Wahlstrom’s.

Infrastructure Reports

Treasurer’s Report: Mike Mathisen absent: update from Jeff Montgomery

Finances continue to trend down compared to last summer. Jeff provided financial update last Sunday. We are mailing statements with Pastor Darrin’s letter this week. Updates to the congregation will be ongoing in the bulletin and in worship through the rest of the year.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen absent

No additional report.

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

Concrete work is finished. Studio is mostly wrapped up. Drive through work is also done. The metal roof still remains to be completed.

Jeff is covering for Paul while he is on vacation – setup/tear down Fellowship Hall.

Secretary's Report: Maia Hendrickson

No report.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

Magnuson School is off to a great start.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

Review the myCG Council page for discussion regarding Canoeing the Mountains and Vision.

Other new business: None

October Work Assignments

Offering Auditors: 9 a.m.: Dan; 10:30 a.m: Tim

Devotions and refreshments for October 17, 2019: Sandy

Sandy closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Bendt