

COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

October 21, 2021

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Sandy Anderson, Ken Colberg, Dennis Engman, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Mike Hamernick, Jeff Hovis, Mike Mathisen, Dan McMahon, Jeff Montgomery, Tim Orf, Mark Schuneman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way.

Excused: Maia Hendricksen, Michelle Sherman

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

The minutes from the September 2021 Council meeting were approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report:

Pastor Darrin reported on the recent 3-day Strat Ops intensive with Tim Young. CGLC's Mission, Vision and Values were strongly affirmed and were woven into our discussion and planning. They will continue to keep driving CGLC forward in the future.

The White Bear Emergency Food Shelf is having its annual Give-A-Gobble campaign, raising funds to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need.

Mike Mathisen made a motion to donate \$2,500 to the White Bear Emergency Food Shelf Give-A-Gobble campaign. The motion was seconded by Sandy Anderson. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Concerns over escalating violence in Haiti were shared. Prayers offered for discernment, good stewardship regarding a potential vision trip, and God's healing hand in Haiti.

Pastor Angie's Report:

The Pickup Choir will be performing at the Reformation Sunday (10/31/21) Traditional service. November 7 is All Saints Day. CGLC has lost 56 members since 2020. November's sermon series is on stewardship. Advent starts on November 28. The Christmas program, The One Who Was and Is and Is To Come, will take place during services on December 19. Comfort & Joy will be the focus of messages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Service on Sunday, December 26 will be Lessons and Carols. January 2 services will include prayers for the new year, involving Ignatian prayer. The January sermon series is about discipleship in different life stages. The Veterans Day event will be held on November 11 at 2 p.m. and will include a program and refreshments. Due to COVID, a lunch will not be served by the students. Instead, they will do crafts and record a message of thanks to our beloved veterans. The visitation ministry has completed visits with the entire list of homebound members. Pastor Mary

Ellen is working to equip the Care and Wellness team and has been leading Bible studies at local care centers.

The LCMC Annual Gathering was a terrific event. Pastors in attendance were really blessed and encouraged.

Core Team Reports

Children's Ministries: Wendy Fitzsimmons

HISKids is underway. There has been a slight decline in weekly attendance. Parents of Grace launched following the 9 a.m. service, offering help and resources for parents to answer their kid's questions about faith. The Trailblazer Bash for 4-6 grade students will be held on November 19, 6-10 p.m.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

Confirmation interviews took place on October 18-19. Thanks to the council members that helped conduct the interviews. Confirmation banquet is on November 5. Students will be confirmed on November 7. The next Big Night event involves a service project packing Operation Christmas Child boxes with fun and games to follow.

Adult Ministries: Mike Hamernick

Connection Groups and Growth Groups are up and running. Information on the Growth Groups is posted on the church website. Jeanne is keeping groups information updated.

Seniors: Ken Colberg

R.O.M.E.O. continues to meet at Denny's on the first Thursday of the month. J.U.L.I.E.T. meets on the first Monday of the month at a variety of restaurants. The Quilters have completed 503 quilts so far in 2021. The Bandage Rollers, Senior Bible Study, and Ladies Circles are all going strong. Praise was shared for our Funeral Ministry and how their service in the kitchen blesses the families who are in mourning.

Worship: Tim Orf

No report. Celebrated the worship interns and their contributions to the worship team.

Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman

The team is keeping steady while Hannah is out on her maternity leave.

Missions:

The Diaper Drive is launching soon. Areas are set up to drop-off diapers in the Commons.

Infrastructure Reports

Treasurer and Stewardship Report: Jeff and Mike

Jeff shared the financial report. Total giving as well as Missions giving remain below budgeted expectations and total expenses continue below budgeted amounts. If year-end giving follows recent trends, CGLC should be able to meet budgeted expenses.

Facilities: Jeff and Mike

Since our last meeting, the Council took the following actions:

A motion to approve up to \$17,500 to cover the expense for the Asphalt Mill and Overlay of heavily cracked and broken areas of the parking lot was made by Mike Mathisen and seconded by Mark Schuneman. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion to authorize up to \$45,000 to cover the removal and replacement of the sidewalks on the east and south sides of the building was made by Mike Mathisen and seconded by Mark Schuneman. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The flat roof needs to be replaced. The membrane is leaking and has pulled away from the sides. Bids have been obtained and were reviewed.

A motion to approve up to \$650,000 for the replacement of the flat roof was made and seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Congregational Meeting set for December 5, 2021, for the congregation to vote on the matter.

Secretary's Report: Maia Hendrickson

No report.

Vice President's Report: Sandy Anderson

No report.

President's Report: Mark Schuneman

Mark expressed appreciation for our terrific Pastors! November's Council meeting will be moved up one week to November 11. Maia, Michelle, and Sandy are the offering auditors for November.

Other new business:

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Anderson.