

Community of Grace Church Council May 21, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Andy Hennig, Mike Hamernick, Darrin Vick, Dennis Engman, Sam Hunter, Tim Meier, Sharon Clinch, Diane Bryant, and Joe Ehrman

Excused: Carl Albing, Stephanie Battista, Craig Pearson, Mike Mathisen

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Devotion: Tim Meier shared a devotional.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the April Council meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Pastor Darrin's Report (report)

- Shared some thoughts on leaving for his upcoming Sabbatical.

Children's Ministry – Diane Bryant

- Sunday School year ended with average attendance slightly below the previous year
- (32.07 current; 34.66 previous); will be doing some statistical analysis for trends & whether any program adjustments are needed
- Early in process of forming curriculum review team to ensure material for teaching aligns w/ spiritual development goals at each child age/stage
- Angie Siedschlag, summer intern for Kids and Student ministries May 18 to mid August; taking lead role at VBS, Summer Blast and Art Camp; also planning first ever Refuge Summer Art Retreat August 4; as a team excited to share in developing Angie's leadership
- VBS: only 7-8 more adults needed; 4 high schoolers promoted to adult level leadership:
- 2 middle schoolers doing drama roles; high schooler acting as "tech director"; Angie S. is worship leader; VBS student involvement evidences "Who's Next" concept in action!
- Registered 109 with space for 150
- Refuge Summer Blast: 42 students registered and 4 on wait list; teen youth eager to see, love, serve and teach like Jesus

Students – Tim Meier

- No Report

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Stamp out hunger gathered 32,000lbs of food!
- Garage sale has 17 seller spots left, need more volunteers!

Seniors – Craig Pearson

- No report

Worship – Sam Hunter

- No report

Groups – Sharon Clinch

- Leader appreciation occurred on May 9th. About 30 leaders attended, and a packet was given to share participant appreciation to the leaders who attended.
- Summer Connect opportunities- low key opportunities for gatherings to connect outside Sunday mornings over the summer

Adults/Welcome – Carl Albing

- No report

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

- Reviewed General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed Reserve fund balances.
- Short term loan to Community of Grace Christian School to be paid within the terms of the agreement.

Facilities – Dennis Engman on behalf of Mike Mathisen

- Motion to approve up to \$25,000 for the project with AVE (Audio Video Electronics) to retrofit the existing Sanctuary wash lighting fixtures to LED engines/bulbs, and from a wireless to a hard-wired DMX connection. Funding to come from our General Operating Reserve.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Mike Hamernick

- In accordance with chapter 11.03 of the CGLC Constitution, the Audit Committee and applicable Staff met on April 19th for the annual audit meeting to ensure the Congregation's financial policies and practices are being followed. There were no findings of non-conformance to the policies. Several recommendations were provided on the format and consistency relating to the Records Retention and Management policy.

President – Andy Hennig

- Offering Assignments
 - June
 - 9:00am Traditional -Sam, Contemporary -Diane
 - 10:30am- Joe
 - Next meeting June 18th and will be Tim Meier's home.
- Ended with prayer over Pastor Darrin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by Mike Hamernick.