

Community of Grace Church Council December 18, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Andy Hennig, Tim Meier, Darrin Vick, Angie Way, Carol Carlson, Dennis Engman, Carl Albing, Craig Pearson, Joe Ehrman, Sam Hunter, and Mike Mathisen

Not present: Wendy Fitzsimmons

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Craig shared a devotion on Christmas.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the November Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Formation of M.A.D.D Team (Mike, Angie, Dan, and Darrin)
 - Will meet monthly for high level discussions regarding staff, congregational vitals (attendance/finances), congregational vision, and Grace Together Partnerships
- Grace Together Project
 - Continued meetings with the School Missional Discernment Team. We are making progress in our alignment. I will be presenting at a teacher in-service day in January on the topic of our Missional Narrative and Missional Values.
 - Our partnership toy drive donated over 500 toys to Project Home. This more than doubled the total number of toys in the Project Home Dignity Shop! Members of the Student Council and CGLC staff helped load the toys for delivery.
 - I had the privilege of giving a short message at COG Christian School's Grandparents Day and giving a welcome and prayer for LADC's Christmas Program.
 - Met with the Facilities Discover Team to provide and update on our project and hear the results of the engineering study.
- Request for Help from Council
 - We will be short-staffed on Sunday, December 29th, for our two services of Prayers for the New Year. Any Council members who are available to help provide a presence in the Commons would be greatly appreciated.
- Personal Update

Pastor Angie's Report

- Very proud of the staff, and how the Christmas program came together with last minutes replacements.

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- No report

Students – Tim Meier

- Senior high lock-in over Christmas Break

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Project Home not only got 500 toys, we also provided diapers to Project Home
- Project Home got a \$6 million grant from the State of MN to renovate a hotel by Bandana Square, with 110 rooms, so they will be moving into that space when it's ready.
- Mission of Hope delivered water filters back into Haiti from the Dominican Republic.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- Quilters donated quilts to go with Slumberland mattress donations
- Christmas Tea was lovely

Worship – Sam Hunter

- The Christmas program was a lot of fun.
- Looking forward to Jammie Jam

Groups – Carl Albing

- Groups Survey has been sent out to get feedback on connection and vitality of groups. About 75-80 respondents.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- Officially, the instructional video for 'Communion at CGLC' in the fellowship hall has been completed.
- More greeters are needed for the Christmas Eve Services
- 1500 cookies get made for Christmas Eve and Christmas

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

- Reviewed November General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed November Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed November Reserve fund balances.
- Prayer for the Lord's provision for the rest of December
- The endowment committee recommended that we continue our relationship with Paradigm to manage our endowment. The council approved the recommendation to retain Paradigm.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- We are purchasing 5 A/C air conditioning units that will not be available after January 1, 2025. Aherns will be storing the A/Cs until we get them installed.

Ministry Funding Plan for 2025 - Mike Mathisen

- Mike shared year-end projections and various proposals for the 2025 ministry funding plan
- Final budget will be approved at Annual Meeting January 26, 2025

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- No report, except to appreciate what a privilege it is to tell the Christmas Story, and share the Good News

President – Mike Hamernick

- December Offering: Stephanie 9:00 am will cover Contemporary, Carol will cover 9:00 am Traditional, Tim and Sam will cover 10:30 Contemporary
- Christmas Offering: Traditional 2PM: Craig and Andy; Contemporary: Mike and Stephanie; 4pm traditional: Carl and Carol; 4pm contemporary: Tim Traditional evening: Carol and Joe Christmas Day: Joe
- January offering: Mike Contemporary 9am; Andy 9am traditional; Tim 10:30am contemporary
- Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 pm to prep for the annual meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista