

## Community of Grace Church Council April 16, 2026

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Darrin Vick, Dennis Engman, Carl Albing, Craig Pearson, Sam Hunter, Tim Meier, Sharon Clinch, Mike Mathisen, and Diane Bryant

Excused: Joe Ehrman

Meeting called to order at 7:00

**Devotion:** Craig brought a devotion from Chris Brekke.

### Approval of Minutes:

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

### Special Agenda Item: Andy

- A motion was made and seconded to approve a short-term loan to Community of Grace Christian School to be paid back by the end of May. The motion was approved.

### Pastor Darrin's Report (report)

#### Worship

- Over 1000 people at our Easter Services
- Average Sunday attendance has bumped up to 450.
- MN Adult and Teen Challenge will be here on May 26.
- Sunday, May 3, there will be one, combined worship service at 9am in the Sanctuary, followed by an All-church potluck.

#### Staff

- We will be ending our contract with Brian Jones. We are in discussion with The Brand House, local in White Bear Lake, and they work with Corporate and Church organizations.
- Pastor Angie's funeral load continues to be high.

#### CGCS

- Navigating some staff challenges
- CGCS kids raised \$1000 for Raising Hope
- Most successful Gala in school history in April. (Over \$128,000 raised + Match)

#### Other

- MI graduation will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, Andrew Kelly will be graduating, and Pastor Darrin will be the keynote speaker. You are all invited to attend.
- Pastor Darrin was asked to take the role of Board President for the Master's Institute. He is currently the treasurer.

### Children's Ministry – Diane Bryant

- VBS has room for 150 kids, and 78 are registered June 29-Jul 2
- Easter Experience had 505 guests, 261 kids, 918 eggs to Project Home.
  - Some thought of connecting the ending gospel story to a drama – such as post-resurrection character.
- Parents of Grace hosted a four week study for families on 4 lenten Wednesdays.

### **Students – Tim Meier**

- No report

### **Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman**

- We are less than \$2000 from our Raising Hope Goal
- The 2027 mission trip to the DR application will go live next week. We have added a series of questions to clarify that anyone can apply but we can't always accept every application. This will help us ensure those in attendance are safe mentally, physically, and emotionally to go on an international mission trip. Will will also contain a scholarship application form.
- The WBL food shelf purchased 28 cases of diapers this week to replenish their supply using the donations we send them during the 2025 diaper drive.

### **Seniors – Craig Pearson**

- Romeo (8-10) and Juliet (20) have lunches once per month
- 150 Easter bags distributed to the homebound members, and local care facilities

### **Worship – Sam Hunter**

- Palm Sunday was a big Sunday for Attendance. We had 198 in Contemporary and 253 in traditional, for a total of 451 people.
- Maundy Thursday – 84 in the morning, 120 in the evening, total 204 people.
- Good Friday – 148 in the morning, 234 in the evening, total 382 people.
- Easter Sunday: Sunrise: 121 Contemporary combined: 406 Traditional combined: 475 for a total of 1002 people.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Contemporary worship was designed and delivered by the youth worship leaders. Andrew Kelly worked with them through 3 sessions beforehand: Theology of worship, Musical selection and execution, and finally service design and planning. Our students did a fantastic job of growing as leaders and in the execution of the service.

### **Groups – Sharon Clinch**

- Sharon is having coffee with Women of Grace's organizer on Saturday.
- Leadership Appreciation breakfast on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on Summer Connect group options for summer.

### **Adults/Welcome – Carl Albing**

- 19 people became members through Catalyst
- Catalyst was recorded this session to help those that miss a session, as well as for reviewing the curriculum.
- Our Welcome team was incredible on Easter Sunday. Over 500 croissants, and 200 cookies were consumed, as well as 5 gallons of cold brew and many batches of coffee.
  - We are in deep need of long term hospitality volunteers.

### **Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman**

- Reviewed General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed Reserve fund balances.
- A motion and second were made to approve Corporate Banking resolution. It was approved. A copy is included with the minutes of this meeting.

**Facilities – Mike Mathisen**

- We are waiting on door fobbing.
- We will be planting a new tree as part of a memorial gift that was given last year.
- The canopy over the 61 side after school entrance will be installed.

**Secretary – Stephanie Battista**

- Needs a replacement for May.

**Vice President – Mike Hamernick**

- In accordance with chapter 11.03 of the CGLC Constitution, I've called the Audit Committee and applicable Staff together for our annual audit meeting to ensure the Congregation's financial policies and practices are being followed. We will meet this Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**President – Andy Hennig**

- Offering Assignments
  - May
    - 9:00am Traditional - Sharon Contemporary -Stephanie
    - 10:30am Dennis

**Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista