

Christ Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes July 11, 2016

The president Jim Ingraham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Those present: Pastor Eric Moehring, Jim Ingraham, Jim Schnellenberger, Cathleen Jacobson, Sandra Boclair, Darren D'Anteno, Carol Jones, Judy Garnett (8 voting members present).

Not present: Jim Pickles, Diane Kellogg.

Judy Garnett volunteered to take meeting minutes in Diane Kellogg's absence.

Devotions: Carol Jones

Pastors Report:

Pastor presented a list of names to be taken off the Parish Register and Shepherd's Staff church rolls, because of death, transferring, an inability to contact. A motion was made by Judy Garnett to accept the request, there was a second by Carol Jones. **Motion APPROVED Y=8; N=0.**

Sunday School Support Group: Wednesday July 13 there will be a meeting to discuss Sunday School options for the fall. Trenton Hizer and Harry Heckel will conduct the adult class. There is a concern regarding the viability of a program for younger children at this time. A questionnaire has been sent to families through Survey Monkey that will be reviewed at this meeting. This was sent to parents by email as well as being posted on our website and Facebook.

Youth Group gathering: Youth groups will gather at the church Sundays between 4-7 pm and will participate in the Ministry Fair in September.

Village Nights: Confirmation Class will not be held on this night; Sundays at 4:00 pm will be the new day and time.

At the first Village night, September 14 we will have a conversation to determine the viability of this program.

Mutual Ministry: This committee led by Jennifer John will support the pastor and congregation in keeping communications open and constructive. The team consists of Don and Diane Bentz, Greg Faust, Trenton Hizer. There next meeting is August 22.

President's report:

Requested any further edits to the draft of the revised continuing resolutions. None offered. **Motion made, seconded and APPROVED to recommend the revised resolutions to the congregation for their approval at the September Special Congregational Meeting. Y=8; N=0.**

Attendance numbers have had a slight upward trend during the first half of 2016.

Currently working on drafts for new contracts and agreements with the YMCA After School Program, lawn and custodial care services as well as other services provided to the church.

Emergency contact list will be located near each telephone in the church.

Christ Lutheran Church 2016 Midyear review was handed out and will be available to the congregation.

Finance:

First half of 2016 ended slightly ahead of budget. While this is good news, council is cautioned that we still have to get through the summer months when contributions are historically a little lower than normal. We also have experienced some unexpected repair charges for our heating and air conditioning system. A more detailed financial summary is included in the aforementioned Mid-Year Council Report.

Finance is preparing an initial draft of the 2017 budget that we hope to have to council by the August meeting. Any budget requests or comments need to be provided to Finance NOW in order to be considered in the initial draft.

Working on reconciling the Flower Fund to determine if everyone who has signed up for flowers has in fact made the contribution to cover the cost. In 2015 there was close to a \$700 short fall between sign ups and contributions. Need to determine if contributions were just mislabeled when processed by tellers, or if they were never made. Follow up contact will be made with missing contributors once reconciliation is complete.

Memorial Funds: Jim I. is working with Judy Garnett to research what memorials make up the \$13,000 total balance in that fund.

IT & Communications: Carol Jones reported the shepherd's staff is being updated and work is ongoing with Cindy Adams.

Carol and Darren along with technicians from the YMCA are studying ways to equip the fellowship hall and Sunday school area with WIFI. This will be a service to guest and members of the congregation and completely separate from the church IT system.

Evangelism: Sandra Boclair and Jim S., meetings will be held the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00pm.

Stewardship: Cathleen discussed the 2016 Stewardship Campaign dates:

October 16: As We Love the Other

October 23: When We Share What We Have

October 30: Through Reform and Renewal

November 6: In Worship with All the Saints

Vision/Property: Jim S. handed out his list regarding recruiting new council members. Jim S. hand out and discussed his report on the new conference room as well as details on renovations of the library.

Other improvements are needed in other areas of the church. Council had approved the library improvements project for up to \$6,000 at the March meeting. A request was made that \$2,400.00 of the needed funds come from the Memorial Fund. Judy Garnett will make that request to the Memorial Fund

Committee. Jim S. will invite the congregation to join him in a meeting after Sunday service to bring ideas to the table on how we can accomplish our goals in the completion of the library.

The four front doors to the church are in need of repair. Jim S. will complete the painting work (after VBS is completed) and Richard Tripp will purchase and install the hardware. The cost for refurbishing all four doors will be around \$4,500. Finance will look at what funds are available to complete this project.

The paperwork has been completed in order to receive the credit from Dominion Power for the installation of the new LED lights.

The Men's Group has painted three walls in our education wing classrooms. They are looking for a plumber to assist with installing a water heater as well as the downstairs water fountain.

A new rug is also needed for the nursery. Cathleen will research with nursery attendant Martina Cathey and advise. Council is allowing \$300.00 from a budget revision. Motion to replace the rug was made by Jim I. a second to the motion was made by Judy Garnett. **A motion was APPROVED to spend up to \$300 to replace the nursery rug. Y=8; N=0.**

New Business.

Jim I. introduced a letter from the group Equality Virginia. They are interested in speaking to the church concerning the transgender community. Council decided a good time for the group to speak to the congregation would be either at a Tuesday or Thursday night Bible study. Jim I. made a motion to advise the group we would be interested in their talk. Daren seconded the motion. **A motion to have Jim Ingraham contact Equality Virginia to explore this further was APPROVED. Y=8; N=0.**

Upcoming: Tuesday August 2, 2016 National Night Out...right here at our church.

Council voted to hold the next monthly meeting on Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 AM since almost half of the council will be away on the Appalachia Mission Trip. If there is no quorum, the meeting can still discuss topics, but no votes or actions could be taken.

Doorkeeper for August will be Carol Jones.

Jim I reminded council that there would be a "Conversation with Council" after church on July 24. All council members were encouraged to attend this meeting with the congregation.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Moehring.