

**Christ Lutheran Church
 Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
 August 7, 2016
 10:30 AM**

Eric Moehring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Ingraham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Jones <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judy Garnett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cathleen Jacobson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sandra Boclair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Absent:	Jim Pickels	Jim Schnellenberger	Darren D'Ateno
Non-voting:	Paul Quel	Diane Kellogg	
Guests:	none		

Indicates vote to approve minutes via email indicates abstain

Call to Order (Jim I):

Devotions (Pastor)

Congregation Comments: Judy talked with Tinky and Jim Ingraham, regarding Tinky's email regarding changes to the mission or vision statement (gist was that the vision statement doesn't convey action). The **mission** statement (which is a more specific statement), that we are not thinking of changing the mission statement that we agreed on in 1997 (Graced for seeking, sharing...), but that the **vision** (broad statement) statement "we reveal God's love" was voted and approved. The continuing resolutions are designed to enhance our ability to fulfill our mission statement.

Approval of July minutes; Vote for approval after electronic revisions; Correction: Judy Garnett is door keeper for August. Vote to approve minutes as amended (doorkeeper) Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously.

Financial Report (Paul Quel); We finished July significantly the black, and we have made a strong start to the end of the summer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Moehring passed a handout with the youth gathering schedule, which builds on what we accomplished last year. There are at least 6 service projects. Nancy Hendrickson, Carol Jones and Pastor Moehring put the schedule together. It includes field trips and other activities. Confirmation has been moved to 4 pm Sunday evenings, and the kids can stay for supper and other activities. Will help strengthen confirmation program and the youth gathering program as well. This will impact Village Nights, and a meeting will be held the first Village Night to discuss the viability of the program. Currently there are 3 faith formation programs for adults, we

expect to have 1 or 2, based on what we decide to do. Monday night, there will be a faith formation meeting to discuss the Sunday School program. 2 years ago, we had a number of kids 5th grade and younger, last year, we saw much lower attendance. A recent survey was sent to families, and the results will be reported this Monday.

President's Report: Jim Ingraham. The YMCA has advised us that they will no longer use CLC as an afterschool program site. Based on our continuing discussions, they concluded that we lack some of the facilities they need (lack of playground). Also the YMCA has very low student registrations at present. This will impact the installation of WIFI, since the YMCA IT person was assisting us with determining what would be required to get working WIFI into the education wing. AC system repairs: we have incurred another \$1700 cost for HVAC repair. Fortunately, we are able to afford the repairs. The 2017 budget is in the process of being prepared, initial budget estimate is ~\$325,000, anyone is welcome to come to the next finance committee meeting on 8/23 at 7:00 pm. Property meeting will meet this Tuesday 4:30 pm. Sandra asked what this year's budget is: \$308,900. We have spoken with Thrivent, and the ELCA mission investment representative to see if there are any avenues to invest funds and see a reasonable return. Paul, Cindy and Judy are attempting to reconcile the flower funds, as well as the memorial funds (Judy and Jim I). There is no workable process in place to track who has paid for flowers and who has not, and how to remind those who have not, that they should pay for them. Church picnic next week, council is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. This Tuesday at 6:30, there will be a picnic planning meeting. August 28, after service, plan to have a preliminary budget to present to the congregation. Sandra asked if we had ever received any monetary contributions from the YMCA, the answer was no, and that CLC has absorbed the extra cost associated with normal wear and tear. The departure of the Y should help us reduce our supply and maintenance expenses. The YMCA program was an outreach ministry, and we would hope that we can offer our site as another ministry. There was Wednesday chapel and other activities for the kids attending.

Ministry Updates

- **Finance (Jim I)**
- **IT & Communications (Carol):** Continuing to work with Cindy Adams on Shepherd's staff, learning how to create reports to yield desired information. For example: asking for a report of "active members" would not necessarily yield the ideal report, since it includes homebound, out of town, and other essentially unavailable members. Carol met with the tech staff from the YMCA concerning the wifi situation. They gave Carol a layout of what was needed, but didn't provide exact specification, due to the decision of the YMCA to leave. Judy suggested that we call Verizon (who provides internet services to the church) for technical advice. Diane asked about Google docs, Carol hasn't had time to address this issue.
- **Evangelism (Sandra).** Next meeting 8/22

- **Stewardship (Cathleen).** Next meeting on Tuesday
- **Property (Paul):** Richard Tripp hasn't approved the second repair to the HVAC (~\$1,700.00), this will be discussed at the Tuesday property meeting. We had to pay \$1,400 for the basement HVAC. The basic issue is that our HVAC units are industrial heat pumps, and are therefore expensive to repair. Paul wonders if these are really appropriate for our climate, as heat pumps are not efficient in either very hot or very cold weather. Some of the units are extremely old, others are merely very old. Paul is almost finished painting the walls in the kitchen, and will start on the rooms in the Christian Ed wing. Judy says all of the new paint looks excellent, and would like to be able to get the sacristy painted, and finally that the floor in the sacristy is really dirty, and would like it to be cleaned more thoroughly. It probably needs to be cleaned by stripping and re-waxing. Pastor suggested that we have a "paint day" and recruit volunteers.

New Business

Cathleen: There are only a couple of Lutheran churches in the Richmond area. The Boy Scouts have a program for religious studies, called **Faith in Order**. Some of Quad's scout mates have completed this program for other faiths. Would like to know if Pastor would be interested in running this for the Lutheran faith, for all the scouts in the area. Pastor would be happy to do that; Harold Jacobson would do the coordination of the program. It is possible that we could combine both boy and girl scout programs. Would involve meeting several times over the course of the month. The troop would incur the cost of any materials.

Carol Jones: The **quilting ministry** had a meeting yesterday. Pastor Ruth walked the group through the process from start to finish. Approx 6 members attended. Sylvia Lewis and Nicky Proffitt are interested in coordinating. Carol suggested 2 mornings a month for meeting at the church. One meeting would be on Saturday, the other during the week. People could pick up kits to start quilts. Funding sources were discussed by Pastor Ruth. Developed a list of needs that could be donated by the congregation, including a full sized ironing board, bulk amounts of batting. Thrivent may provide some funding. The quilts will be sent to Lutheran World relief for use wherever they are needed. Quilt fabrics could be donated as well.

With the YMCA moving out, we will have more storage space available, and we should develop a policy about **storage space use, and cleaning**. Since so many of our classrooms are not used (especially downstairs), we may agree to reconfigure some of these spaces properly for storage.

Approve Thrivent form, Business Entity Authorization form. We will add Jim Ingraham, and Jim Schnellenberger to the form, in addition to Paul Quel (currently only Paul is authorized to sign for information). Motion made to amend signatures,

suggestion made to implement a schedule to update signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor: \$1,000 in the **seminarian fund**. We have 2 seminarians; Danielle Bosdel, who will be entering seminary in the fall and Lucas Cochran who desires to enter the seminary at some point. Typically, we give \$300-\$500 to each seminarian once a year for 3 of their 4 years in seminary (due to limited funds). Pastor is requesting \$500 for Danielle Bosdell's first year in seminary. To replenish the fund, we are going to ask for specific contributions, and to consider making all Easter donations envelopes for this fund as well. Motion made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Upcoming Events

- Church Picnic/"Ketchup" Sunday, August 14
- September doorkeepers (Sept 4: Jim S; Sept 11-25: Early: Ushers; Late: Carol)
- Devotions for September (Pastor)
- Next Council Meeting: September 12

Closing Comments for the Good of the Church

Adjourned 12:05