

**Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2015**

Eric Moehring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heather Heckel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Schnellenberger	Jim Pickels
Cathleen Jacobson	Gerald Ransone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Glen Kellogg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Ingraham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Faith Hobson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Absent:	Shannon Fleming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judy Garnett	
Non-voting:	Paul Quel	Diane Kellogg	
New members:			

(indicates voted to approve minutes via email)

Devotions (Pastor)

Financial Report (Paul) Paul expects a significant surplus for 2015, ~\$37,000-\$40,000. Our mortgage balance is \$185,000, interest rate of 5.375%, mortgage matures in 5/2020.

Pastor's Report Council vote required to approve two new members of Christ Lutheran; motion made, 2nd, vote unanimous

President's Report

- **Nursery attendant**--LaToya had to resign, and on 11/22 we hired Martina Cathey (who grew up in CLC). She won't be needed for 12/24, but will be available on 12/27.
- **Lighting project** contract has not yet been signed, pending contacting Dominion Power about the \$12,000 refund, as well as obtaining a "cleaner" copy of the contract (the present one is in poor condition and difficult to read.).
- **Lakeside Networking** remaining funds have been **transferred** to Lamb's basket (or CARITAS).
- **Council membership resignation:** Patty Franz and Bill Dotson have decided to resign their council positions, for personal considerations. Pastor and Jim Ingraham will meet with other individuals who may be willing to serve in their stead. Motion to approve resignations of the two individuals: 2nd, vote: unanimous

Council Ministry Reports

- **Property**—Margie Werner’s house has been extensively repaired by the men of the church (mostly Jim Schnellenberger). The men’s group has also improved lighting, hung the blackboard, and several other tasks.
- **Stewardship**—No final number for the pledge, initial estimates are positive, the group is meeting tomorrow
- **Evangelism**—Saturday; a group will be attending a Christmas Play at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center. No guests the last couple of Sundays, other than relatives of members. Make sure you say hello to visitors on Christmas Eve. Report (annual) submitted to Tina and Jim Ingraham
- **Youth/Family Ministries**-per pastor’s report, had a meeting with Cathleen Jacobson and Susan Tripp, with a startup date on 2/7/16, with neighborhood kids also invited. Activities planned are homework, pizza, hanging out.
- **Christian Education/Faith Formation**—also in Pastor’s report. Christmas pageant only had 6 kids participating, in the past we’ve had nearly double that amount. Participation in most kid-related events has been dropping precipitously in the past few years. Discussions focused on issues with the 5th-6th graders. Which parents would be interested? This discussion needs to be moved outside council meeting for deeper discussions. Proposed a meeting in January 17th, 2016 to discuss issues of the “tweens”. Adult Sunday school, need consecutive Sundays to have their curriculum.
- **Collective**-Angel tree, chrismon tree, Thanksgiving baskets given out.
- **Liaisons** (YMCA, Apostolic Church, Moody MS)
- **Audit**- committee has a draft report, and should be presenting a final report
- **Finance**-meets and monitors financial results
- **IT & Communications**-Heather, request for additional expenditures. There is a potential solution to the wifi issues with limited range. Would cost \$88.50 plus installation.
- **Vision**- Jim Schnellenberger looked into camera-doorbells for the front door. He will continue to explore this then share information with council. Vision 2016 is looking at renewal, would also like, short term contributors to the vision committee (6 months or so).

Old Business

- **Annual Reports**
 - Pastor and Tina reminded ministry leaders to submit reports for any ministry they may be involved with.
- **Reschedule of Annual Meeting**
 - We had originally planned on 1/24/2016, due to the combined bell choir performance (both groups rehearse before 10:30 service), Jim Ingraham proposed that the meeting be rescheduled to 2/28, at 10:00. Motion made and seconded, vote: unanimous

New Business

- Facility request from Hispanic church—they would like to add to their current use of the facility. They would like to use the fellowship hall 8 am -3 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month, for a teaching certification from a school (leadership from a seminary school). Question came up about CLC having a funeral or wedding? They could use downstairs as an alternative. Motion made to modify our agreement, seconded. We would need to check with legal/insurance depending on the nature of this program. Vote unanimous
- **Organ repairs**
 - Numerous issues with the organ; pistons, pedal stops, loose tuning canisters, estimate \$2300
 - The organ is aging, all the components are aging, what is the long term prognosis? Currently not considering anything immediate.
- **Council Retreat**
 - Time, topic, last year was the first weekend in March, it can be any weekend.
- **Census**
 - Plan to do this right after the first of the year. Tina put the announcement in the monthly newsletter. The current plan is to have members submit a paper form which will then be transcribed into the Shepherd's Staff software. This will be slow and relatively inefficient and possibly prone to transcription errors. We would like to have an online form, but would need volunteers to help with the project. Someone would need to contact Tina to pursue this option further.
- **Additional Expenditure Requests**
 - Pastor has incurred expenses related to the seminar he attended in November, and is requesting \$254.00 that was not covered. Motion made 2nd, vote unanimous

- Wifi range extensions. The units are \$88.00, installation would be extra. Motion to spend up to \$250.00. Discussion: this may roll over into the 2016 budget if we don't act sooner. This probably isn't an issue. Vote unanimous
- Recognition of paid staff--vote unanimous.
- **Election of 2016 Officers**
 - Postponed due to lack of quorum of continuing council members.

Upcoming Events

- January doorkeepers (Open: Jim P; Close: Jim S)
- Council Installation January 10
- Devotions for January (Jim I)
- Next Council Meeting: January 11

Recognition of outgoing council members: Gerald Ransone, Glen Kellogg, Heather Heckel, Faith Hobson, Shannon Fleming, Patty Franz

Closing Comments for the Good of the Church