

**Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2015**

Attendance:

Eric Moehring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heather Heckel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patty Franz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Schnellenberger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shannon Fleming	Gerald Ransone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Glen Kellogg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Ingraham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Absent-unexcused:	Judy Garnet		
Absent-excused:	Allie Dry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith Hobson	Jim Pickels
Non-voting:	Paul Quel	Diane Kellogg	

(11 voting members, indicates voted to approve minutes via email)

1. Devotions (Shannon)
2. Approval of Minutes Approved electronically after the meeting; agreed that the modified process; first sending minutes, to Pastor Moehring, Jim Ingraham, and Paul Quel, then to the rest of the council for comment and approval.
3. Financial Report (Paul)
 - a. Expense reports—Notes
 - i. worship/music looks over to date, and getting close to the total annual budget; over \$300 was due to organ tuning bill from fall 2014 that wasn't put into Paul's box, so the total represents 2 organ tunings, and we will pay for 3 this year.
 - ii. Education/instruction is also over budget. This is due to confirmation spending what they usually spend (~\$750), but in 2014, the spending was very low (~\$250), and this total was carried over to the 2015 budget. They spent the same amount that is usually spent. Expense items include food, gifts, (hymnal, bible, cross, banquet, reception, and confirmation certificates and text books). For 2016, there are no confirmation students. VBS will probably go over the budgeted amount for the same reason; many receipts were never turned in.
 - iii. Utilities are also over the to-date budget, mainly due to cold weather gas usage. For the first 5 months, we spent \$4800+, but we won't see significant gas bills until December, so the budget amount will be met.
 - iv. Last payment on synod loan (loan was for \$7,500) was made in May. This should be mentioned in the bulletin.
 - v. Per the vote per council last month regarding partial restoration of 2014 salary levels; checks to restore 1/3 of that amount have been written, pension payment will be made in the next couple of days.

- vi. Gerald had a question about the sports/rec amount of \$437, wondered what was left to be paid against that.
 - b. Property/basement renovation. Door frames have been painted, flooring should be installed next.
- 4. Pastor's Report
 - a. Approve new members last month, David Ingraham from First Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA, Brockton, MA, Jonathan and Garrett Jones from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, LCMS, Midlothian, VA, Allen Young by Affirmation of Faith, Adam Michael Zimmerli from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, ELCA, Williamsburg, VA, Nadine Irmischer Zimmerli, from St. James' Lutheran Church, Shepherdstown, WV. Additional prospective individuals to approve for membership, all to be received on June 28: William Dale Meece from Dover Baptist Church, Manakin Sabot, VA, Cleotilde Cayamanda Meece by Affirmation of Faith, Matthew and Sylvia Lewis from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, ME; voted unanimously to approve.
 - b. Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring young families for CARITAS; and has thanked us for the use of our building, since they had a scheduling conflict with their building.
 - c. Pastor Moehring told a mission story, from a confirmand from the past.
 - d. Coordinator for the 6/28 reception for new members and graduates is Jennifer John.
- 5. Synod Conference (Shannon, Jim I)
 - a. Brief overview presented, a more complete written document will be distributed later. Shannon Fleming: her first synod assembly, a great experience to meet with people from other churches, The Saturday night service, music was amazing in an amazing building (St. Andrew's Catholic church); what Shannon found most impressive and inspiring was the video for the malaria campaign, and the impact the campaign is having. For Jim and Edith, first time they'd traveled to a synod convention back at their alma mater; the central theme of the convention was ambassadors for Christ and knowing our congregational neighborhood. Ideas for outreach were presented, including activities ranging from those at a neighborhood level, up to broad outreach like the malaria campaign. Several speakers presented on issues including cultural sensitivity, and inviting folks from other cultures into our congregation.

6. Council Ministry Reports

a. Stewardship

- i. Faith Hobson sent a stewardship report, with initial thoughts for activities/events.
- ii. Improved “book of glad” to distribute to all who would like one
- iii. Timeline of dates for specific activities,
- iv. Updated “Did you know” information, (noted, that corrections still need to be made to the updated form)

b. Evangelism

- i. Gerald, first time visitor sheets are being laminated and will be distributed to the pews for next Sunday. It’s one 8.5x11” sheet.

c. Youth

- i. Gerald, Jane Dry reports: Ben Hendrickson is going to Kairos this weekend, and Ben is going to the national youth gathering in Detroit in July (16-19). Jane will be stepping away from youth leadership, as her youngest has graduated high school.

d. Christian Education

- i. Heather, VBS starts in a month, 3 kids registered. Registration forms are available in paper or online form.
- ii. Last year was similar, very slow pre-registration, but ~20 kids attended VBS

e. Collective

- i. Downstairs renovation, completion date? tba,

f. Liaisons

- i. The work day went well. YMCA need to have the hallways waxed after VBS.

g. Audit

- i. Had initial meeting, establishing where the last attempt at auditing left off.

h. Finance

- i. Had an initial organizational meeting, another meeting is planned soon.

i. IT & Communications

- i. Meeting Wednesday night.

j. Vision

- i. Jim Schnellenberger. Ministry Leader gathering on June 28th, one form per ministry. Purpose is to document and get information for the bulletin board, and to put together budget information. Also keep in mind that often people just don’t turn in receipts for

expenses, and what is spent on things like VBS might actually be greater than the budget item. Notes about what was done in the past would be useful.

- ii. Update from the vision presentation yesterday. 22 people attended. Jim will respond and send the responses to council.

7. New Business

- a. 2016 Council Nominees more names reviewed, Jim Schnellenberger will update the list and send to Jim Ingraham, then send out to council.
- b. Signups and form is on the welcome table

8. Upcoming Events

- a. Doorkeeper for July (Judy Garnett)
- b. Devotions for July (Gerald)
- c. Ministry Leaders meeting, June 28, after the reception, the meeting should not be very long.
- d. Counsel-the-Council, Sunday July 19 and Sunday August 23, have at least 4 council members present at each Sunday. Example agendas: budget, budget expectations for 2016, property, outreach, 45-60 minutes.
- e. Next Meeting: July 6 or July 20 (July 13 is VBS). We could not meet, and just share the financial reports, and the minutes will be distributed. Patty Franz moved that we not have a scheduled meeting in July, next meeting would be 8/10/2015. Seconded, vote unanimous to cancel the July meeting.

9. Closing Comments for the Good of the Church