

**Christ Lutheran Church
 Congregational Council Meeting
 Minutes
 November 14, 2016
 7:00 PM**

Eric Moehring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Ingraham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Jones <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cathleen Jacobson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darren D'Ateno <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Schnellenberger
Absent:	Sandra Boclair	Judy Garnett
	Jim Pickels	
Non-voting:	Paul Quel	Diane Kellogg
Guests:		

Indicates vote to approve minutes via email indicates abstain

Call to Order (Jim I) 7:05 Quorum reached (4 elected members, + Pastor Moehring)

Devotions (Darren) Grateful in everything, not necessarily for anything.

Congregation Comments none

Financial Report (Paul)

- October finished ~\$1000 in the red, which is not significant. We expect activity in November and December to put us \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the black.
- Finance committee met and discussed the financial report, As of the end of October, offerings rebounded from the levels in the summer and September. It appears that the rebound continues, and that based on previous years, November and December should see good levels of offering.
- Outstanding expenses are finish payment of furnishing in the library and for the waterproofing project.
- We expect a surplus by the end of December, to replenish the reserve fund. Originally, when making the budget, the committee anticipated as much \$13,000 to replenish the reserve fund, it may not be quite so much, in the vicinity of \$5,000-\$7,000, barring any unforeseen expenses.

Pastor's Report

- Worship report, summer schedule 2017, recommendation will come in February. Christmas 2016 and 2017 schedules. 2016 Christmas Day, one service at 10:30, and 10:30 for New year's day. 2017 12/24 one service at 9:30, New year's eve morning 2017 9:30 am. Council needs to vote to approve. Motion made to accept the times, motion seconded, discussion: none, vote unanimous approval.
- Lakeside Hymn sing on 1/22. Epiphany service on January 4. There are 7 kids in confirmation (2 2nd year, 5 1st year). There will be 4-5 first year students next year. 6 students will be going to Lost and Found. Pastor will be at LARCUM conference December 2nd and 3rd, at RMC and St. James the Less; topics will be the Reformation, and cost is ~\$35.00. Pastor will be taking Thanksgiving week as vacation, as well as Christmas Day, so a substitute pastor or lay leader will need to be identified.
- President's Report 2017 Council retreat (2/11 or 2/18), council chose 2/11 as the official date. Dates will be finalized in January. Topics include assigning each member an update for one of the 11 major ministries, discussion of anniversary plans, vision planning for 2017, plan for annual congregational meeting. Jim is thinking the evening of 2/25 and a dinner for the meeting.
- Synod is preparing for the election of a new bishop this summer and also doing a fund drive (purpose is forwarding faith to raise funds for an endowment for youth ministry, doing this will free funds up for operating expenses, will expand the funding for a youth coordinator to full time. Focus on faith formation from infancy through college graduation, VA synod is very focused on youth ministry and faith formation, they are finishing up the large gift campaign and rostered leaders campaign, raised ~\$1.6Mm, the congregational phase will begin in September 2017 and may continue for multiple years), thinking of having someone from synod update council.
- Daisy troop #346 was scheduled to meet yesterday, they are a new troop, will meet in the central classroom 1-2pm alternating Sundays.
- Jim received a thank you from Linda Keener for budget approval and salary increase.
- No details on Stewardship Sunday, Jim hasn't had a chance to discuss it with Cindy Williamson. 40-45 cards were received on Sunday, several came in the mail and several more were in Sunday's offering plate.
- CARITAS has two evenings open for dinner (Tuesday) 12/27 and Friday, 12/30, Jim would like council to provide dinner, but doesn't want to lead the effort. Jim will start by emailing council.

Ministry Updates

- Faith Formation (Pastor) had two Sunday morning classes for young children. Classes will resume in January. The program will be evaluated early next year.
- Finance (Jim I)
- IT & Communications (Carol) Carol has some questions of the Verizon billing. We upgraded our router, but not our phone system, and we are being charged for features that our current hardware cannot support. Carol will get with Paul, then call Verizon to discuss our billing. Diane plans to post the council meeting minutes on Google docs, rather than mailing the file. Jim Schnellenberger is still trying to trace the data cables from the first floor down to the basement, but after 20 feet of following with a snake, was not able to follow them.
- Evangelism (Sandra) No meetings in November or December, next meeting in January. Jim I. Reconfiguring the welcome packets, to include a pen with the CLC logo, and soft tip for using on your tablet.
- Stewardship (Cathleen) Calendar will be distributed in December
- Property (Paul) Still painting. Property looked into Judy's inquiry as to storage of mops and chemicals in the room where the linens are kept. Chemicals have been moved onto a shelf away from the dishes. The room has been cleaned up considerably. There doesn't seem to be any other place to put these items. The closet next to that room is in serious need of organizing and cleaning.
- Vision (Jim Schnellenberger) Council is responsible for preparing a long range plan, maintaining an up to date mission and vision statement. Jim wants to get a long term planning committee together in place of the vision committee. Jim would like the retreat to be a working planning meeting, where each ministry sets 5-year goals and objectives for each of their major ministries. Jim feels that there are parts missing from our mission statement, and has suggested some revisions. Jim would suggest that council is a stakeholder in the vision, but there are other members (3-4) who are stakeholders and should provide insight at the retreat, and should be involved, even though they are not council members.

New Business

- **CARITAS Update**
 - This request for "gifts" is new, and Pastor is supposed to be asking the Lakeside Clergy churches to help with that.
 - For CARITAS Christmas week, to help provide something for the homeless men to open up at Christmas, we are asking for donations of the following gifts:
 - \$5 or \$10 gift cards to fast food restaurants, such as Wendy's, Burger King, McDonalds, or coffee shops such as Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks
 - Boxer or brief underwear, or undershirts
 - Socks, any kind
 - Our collection will continue through December 17th with all donations to be dropped off at Christ Lutheran Church, 7809 Woodman Road, or e-mail Jane Dry (festegirl@comcast.net) for pick up.
 - On Christmas, the men will be there all day so we are having the "big" meal midday with Tinky at the helm, with soup and chili at night
 - We received a \$500 check for CARITAS from a source who wanted to help the church who took on CARITAS at Christmas (read in the newspaper)
 - Carolyn Bost made up 10 health kits herself for the men
 - Jane Dry is working on securing the bus, the drivers, and the showers for that week
 - George Springer is dropping off a "new" TV (big old TV that works) for CARITAS use

Upcoming Events

- Doorkeepers Dec (Open:Jim P Close: Jim I)
- Devotions Dec (Sandra)
- Christmas Pageant December 11
- Next Council Meeting: December 12

Closing Comments for the Good of the Church

Action Items: