

**Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council
Minutes
October 9, 2017**

✓ Pastor Jim Kniseley	✓ Jim Ingraham	✓ Jim Schnellenberger
✓ Bill Mottett	✓ Darren D'Ateno	✓ Sandra Bocclair
✓ Cathleen Jacobson		✓ Mat Lewis
Non-voting:	Paul Quel	Nancy Lavier
Absent:	Carol Jones	Lucas Cochran

✓ **Present**

Call to Order (Jim I)- Meeting was called to order at 7:01 (eight voting members present)

Devotions (Sandra)

Congregation Comments – Cathleen spoke on behalf of her son. He tried to watch the service in the quiet room but found the sound too low. He also became confused as he tried to follow the first and second lessons but it was listed in the bulletin as first and second readings. Jim S. will check on the sound.

Review of Minutes (September) – approved electronically

President's Report – Jim I. made a motion to recognize Casa de Dios for cleaning the carpets. It was seconded and passed. Y – 8, N – 0,

Facility request – Hilliard garden club – will meet at the church in the central classroom on the second Wednesday each month, from 6:30-9:30.

Girl Scout Daisy troop will continue to meet every other Sunday 1- 2 p.m. They would like to do some community service for the church.

There will be one service on Oct. 29th at 10:00 am., followed by the Chili Cook-off.

November 12 – The congregational meeting will follow the service to adopt the budget, elect nominees for council and to adopt the strategic transition plan.

Ministry Updates

- Faith Formation (Lucas) – Jim S. will work with Lucas to follow the strategic plan. Village night was not overly well attended due to the change of nights and the first one since the break. Sunday school has some positive feedback. We still need more children.

- Stewardship (Cathleen) next meeting is on the 26th 6-7 – wait until Lent in the spring to focus on outreach and the pledge cards. This change will be mentioned in the budget narrative
- Evangelism (Sandra) – Cost will be investigated, but an invitation to the area zip code to invite the residents to Christmas service is anticipated.
- IT/ Communications (Carol) – no report at this time. Work on the website is continuing. Pastor observed that you cannot click to get on Facebook or the donation button.
- Property (Jim S) – Jim S. reported that the drainage work has been buried under ground. Casa de Dios has volunteered to help with leveling the area and putting in rocks. Materials are here to wax the floors. The Fellowship Hall should be first.
- Vision (Jim S)/ Strategic Plan Proposal – Jim S. thanked the team for their review and summary of the Strategic Plan. The document will be reproduced and be available to the Congregation. The 10 bullet points are the goals of the strategic plan. The Congregation will vote for approval and the plan and authorize the Council to implement it. .

Jim I. made a motion for the council to recommend the strategic transition plan to the Congregation on November 12 with a change from “teaching Bible stories” to “teaching the Bible” on bullet point 7 and also under the section listing weaknesses, bullet point 9.

Y- 8, N-0,

New Business

- Synod Healthy Congregation Program (Nov 5) – Mindy Reynolds will speak to us and it will occur immediately after the late service. Box lunch choice for this meeting need to made, let Jim S. know your menu choice. The meeting is designed to help the leadership group manage the transition.
- Financial Report (Paul)- September saw a continued slide of cash flow. In response to a question, Paul said that cash flow shortfalls are covered by borrowing from the Reserve Fund with the hope that by the end of December all borrowed funds will be restored. If not restored, the Reserve Fund opens the new year with a decreased balance.

- Finance Ministry - The memorial fund needs to be investigated to see how it is being used and how it should be used. A suggestion was made to give contributing families a list of choices of church needs in order to prioritize their contribution priorities. 2018 Budget Proposal – expense budget was distributed to the council members. Bare bones budget v. a joyful giving budget. Jim I. reminded the Council that the salary considerations will be made that would change the budget when a new pastor is called. He highlighted the various changes in line item amounts.
Jim I. made the motion for council to recommend to the congregation the 2018 “Joyful Giving” budget estimate. The motion was seconded and was passed. Y-8, N-0,
- Pastor’s Report (Pastor) Pastor Kniseley commended the council for the good job they are doing and the careful consideration for each budget item. Brooke Meisel would like to join out church. She is transferring from First English. Pastor made a motion to accept Brooke Meisel to the church, it was seconded and passed. Y-8, N-0,.
- Pastor Donna Ruggles will be leading the service on Sept. 22, and on November 12. Pastor Richard Carbaugh will be leading the service
- New Business – BB & T wants 4 authorized signers. They also want a formal resolution Jim I. made a motion that the following 4 people be authorized signers on the bank account; Jim S., Sandra, Jim I, Paul. The motion was seconded and passed. Y- 8, N- 0,
- The blood drive was successful and we had donations of platelets.

Upcoming Events

- November Doorkeepers (Open and Close. Cathleen) * Thanksgiving weekend Sandra will cover.
- November Devotions (Darren)
- Special Council Meeting: November 5, 11:30 meeting with Synod
- Nov. 12 special congregational meeting
- November 13 next Council meeting

Closing Comments for the Good of the Church

Several council members noticed that the energy has increased in Sunday services and in Sunday school. Paul was recognized for his labor in digging for the drainage issues. Jim I recognized those that gave blood. Matt is encouraged by the turnout of the faith formation team. Cathleen is encouraged by the music program. Darren wanted to uplift Pastor Ruggles who has been a blessing to the church. Jim I. has been pleased and encouraged by the growth of the Girl Scout Troop and the positive feedback about

faith formation classes. Pastor encouraged the congregation to follow through and continue the plan for change moving forward.