

**Christ Lutheran Church  
 Congregational Council Meeting  
 Minutes  
 February 11, 2017  
 1:00 PM**

Eric Moehring	Jim Ingraham	Carol Jones	Darren D'Ateno
Cathleen Jacobson	Bill Mottet	Jim Schnellenberger	Matt Lewis
<b>Absent:</b>	Sandra Bocclair	Lucas Cochran	Nancy LaVier
<b>Non-voting:</b>	Paul Quel		
<b>Guests:</b>			

Call to Order (Jim I) 1:06 pm

There were 8 voting members present.

Cathleen Jacobson took the meeting minutes in Nancy LaVier's absence.

Financial Report (Paul) Paul explained the layout of the financial report. There are 3 parts; a month/year-to-date total, a balance sheet, and a yearly comparison.

There are a couple of issues on the table. One is for Worship & Music: \$300 for organ tuning and \$200 for music. The other is license is coming due.

Explanations: January offerings were higher than the year-to-date. Reason, some give their entire year's offering at the beginning of the year. Paul prorates the amount across the year so it does not appear that we have a large surplus in January only to have a significant deficit in December.

Pastor's Report - none

President's Report - none

**Ministry Updates**

- **Evangelism:** less people are participating with the coffee/snacks in between services when it is set up in the front room. Therefore, it will be moved back to the table in the Commons to see if participation improves. In the 1/30 Evangelism meeting, objectives were set up for the year: decided signs are not a good use of money, will keep ushers as the greeters, put together recommendations for the website.
- **Youth:** They are making Lenten gifts for the congregation. Don Bentz and Jim Schellenberger will invite the youth to their own workshops and guide them in building the gifts.

- **Worship:** putting together Lent, Ash Wednesday at CLC, midweek services at Our Lady of Lourdes, Maundy Thursday agape meal and service at CLC, Good Friday service at CLC at 7; the Men's group will host the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner; looking into who will coordinate the Easter breakfast.
- Youth Sunday School wants to make plans to display what the kids are doing in Faith Formation. Will probably be done in the education wing hallway during Holy Week.
- Pastor Dave suggested adding Casa de Dios kid's to CLC's Youth Group
- 02/19 there will be a meet & greet in the library @ 9:30. This is for the benefit of prospective members and those who want to know more about CLC. Theme will be what does it mean to be a disciple at CLC?
- **Stewardship** (Cathleen) - Faith Hobson will be stepping down as Chair, and Cathleen Jacobson will be the defacto Chair. Will set up the 1st meeting of the year in March
- **Finance:** The Finance committee has 5 recommendations for Council actions:
- 1) Direct the treasurer to reclassify \$6,400 in "undesignated reserves" to Regular Reserve Fund. This was supposed to have been done last fall to help fund the Library Renovation Project, but a formal action was never taken by Council.
- 2) Treasurer will be contacting Thrivent representative to invest current Thrivent money market funds (\$16,000) into interest-bearing accounts. Also look to take up to \$5,000 if necessary in the event Thrivent requires a minimum investment that exceeds the current money market balance.
- 3) Also will invest \$25,000 of current regular reserve fund into ELCA Mission Fund.
- It is our hope that both of these investments will generate up to \$3,000 annually to help fund our operating budgets for 2018 and beyond. These actions had already been approved by the Council in 2016, but motion was made and approved to reconfirm these actions.
- 4) Special offerings: historically special offering envelopes go into the general fund, but the approved 2017 budget designates each special offering to a specific ministry; The initial offering will go to the Men's Group: that ministry will received \$215. - just need the council to formally authorize the treasurer to transfer those funds from the budgeted offering line to the Men's Group Fund on the Balance Sheet.
- 5) 2016 budget, we had a slight surplus (\$2,100). Per the approved 2017 budget, 10% is be sent to synod for additional benevolence. Jlm I made the motion, Matt 2nd unanimous vote; motion passes.
- **Property:** a plumber came to look at the basement, but the men's group has not seen any progress. will follow up. Asking around for replacement costs of the HVAC system. The education wing hallway painting is almost complete

## **New Business**

- The Annual Report: This gives a comprehensive picture of CLC. Jim I forwarded a motion to the council that we recommend the congregation to adopt; It was seconded, discussion: get Minuteman Xpress to print 100 hard copies to be available (about \$200) - all in favor - motion carries
- Conflict Resolution Process - document recommended by synod and updated annually by new Council. Some “housekeeping” changes were made to the previous process. Revised version approved by unanimous vote.
- motion to recommend congregation adopt new Continuing Resolution (CR 4.07 A) passed on unanimous vote.
- Bundle Of Joy meeting request: this daycare has approached CLC with a request to use our space for their graduation on 06/1 or 06/08; 20 children will be graduating but with family it could be up to 150 people. Casa de Dios is in the Fellowship hall on Thursday, Jim I acting as a representative suggested using the commons/library/sanctuary, Bundle of Joy liked the idea. Motion to continue talks and reserve the space approved by unanimous vote.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Feb 19 - Meet & Greet
- Feb 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- Next Council Meeting - March 13
- March Devotions: Darren
- March Doorkeeper: Lucas

Communion

Closing Comments for the Good of the Church