

**Christ Lutheran Church
 Congregational Council
 Minutes
 November 13, 2017**

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

✓ **Present**

Call to Order (Jim I) at 7:01 (Pastor Kniseley was in attendance via telephone)

Devotions (Darren)

Congregation Comments – None at this time – Kaylee and Trenton are welcomed as new Council members as well as Darren who will continue on Council.

Review of Minutes – Approved electronically

President’s Report – Jim I. thanked everyone who attended and participated in the congregational meeting yesterday. Sandra, Mat and Carol were thanked for introducing the various agenda items introduced at the meeting.

Jim I. moved to accept the minutes of the Special Congregation Meeting on November 12. The motion was seconded and passed. Y-8, N-0. The full Nov. 12 meeting minutes are recorded at the end of the Nov. 13 Council minutes.

Ministry Updates

- Faith Formation (Lucas) - no report at this time. Confirmation – the four fall confirmation classes have taken place. The next eleven classes will be held after the first of the year. There are currently 8 students in the class. On Dec. 10th the photographs taken by Bruce Mattson of the Holy Land will be presented to the adult faith formation class. Worship planning will take place at 3:00 on Sunday Nov. 19.
- Stewardship (Cathleen) - There will be a meeting on Nov. 29th at 6:00 p.m.
- Evangelism (Sandra)-No meeting took place this month. A mailing to the Lakeside zip code is being considered.

- IT/ Communications (Carol) - No new information. The fellowship hall and the educational wing are still in need of internet connections.
- Property (Jim S) - The circuit breaker had been tripped which caused the heat to shut down in the sanctuary on Sunday Nov. 12. The problem has been corrected. Spring is the time for landscaping the area in the front of the sanctuary.
- Vision (Jim S)-If you have suggestions as to who would be a good fit for the transition team please contact Jim S or Pastor. Seven is the ideal number, it can be increased. The transition team will produce the Ministry Site Profile. Vision proposed we begin the Healthy Congregations program workshops in January. The program is open to all council members, transition team and the congregation at large.
- Cathleen moved that Pastor be authorized to recruit up to nine members, from the list of names given him by Council, to serve as our transition team beginning in January of 2018. It was seconded and approved. Y- 8 N - 0

New Business

- Financial Report (Paul)- October saw an improvement in offerings. November has also been more positive. We are still under funded for our budget. Jim I. reported that the Kroger revenue stream has dropped due to changes made to their program for contributions. Jim I. mentioned that there is a possibility to do “script” programming. It is based on gift card purchases on-line. The church would get a rebate for purchases. Jim S. can have the program set up tomorrow and have information available to the congregation by Sunday.

Mat moved that council make the script program available to the Christ Lutheran Congregation and friends as an additional income stream. The motion was seconded and passed. Y-8, N-0

Carol suggested that Thrivent be contacted to help members apply for grants for church expenses and projects.

- Pastor’s Report – Brook Meisel will be added as a new member to our congregation on Sunday, Nov. 19
- Results of Special Council Meeting- The Healthy Congregation program was presented by Mindy Reynolds. The cost of the program raised some concern. The cost would be \$550.00 per session. Three sessions were proposed for 2018 and 3 sessions for 2019. The cost of the each textbook is \$10.00 each. Members would be expected to pay for their books. Lunch would have to be provided for each of the session. Donations could be made to cover that cost as well.

Jim S made a motion to adopt and pursue the Healthy Congregations program for Christ Lutheran Church. The motion was seconded and passed. Yes-7, N-0, Abstained-1

- 2018 Officers will be chosen at the December 11th Council meeting.
- Over the next week, Pastor will invite congregation members to be part of the Transition Team.
- Forwarding faith campaign meeting will be held at Saturday December 2nd at Christ Lutheran Church. Jim S. volunteers to set up a coffee station.
- New Council members will be installed on Sunday Jan. 7th during both services.

Upcoming Events

- Doorkeepers for December (Open and Close) Darren
- Devotions for December: Jim I.
- Next Council Meeting: December 11

Closing Comments for the Good of the Church

The chili cook-off was a success. The money raised went to the youth program.

Several commended Pastor Ruggles for an outstanding job teaching the lesson on Martin Luther.

Kaylee appreciates the welcome by council.

ESL instructors, Diane Ransome, Wendy Chu, Darren' D'Ateno, and David Ingraham are to be commended. Having this number of volunteers has enabled the classes to be small.

Pastor Carbaugh was excellent at the service on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The Council did a great job at the Congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Jim S. is to be commended for uplifting the veterans on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Pastor noted that church transition periods can be approached optimistically or pessimistically. Please approach it as an opportunity and embrace the challenge, excitement and possibilities.

Pastor K. is uplifting his wife and her twin sister on their 60th birthday.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES
November 12, 2017
11:30 AM**

1) The meeting was called to order by James Ingraham, President of Council

As provided by the CLC Constitution §C10.02 the Congregation Council calls this special Congregational meeting to consider the following specific business: Election of 2018 Congregation Council; Approval of 2018 Budget and Approval of the Strategic Transition Plan. No other business shall be transacted at this meeting.

39 voting members of the congregation shall constitute a quorum for this meeting.

*(Ref Constitution §C8.02(C) & §10.04 and Active Confirmed Membership of 196
Per the 2016 Annual Report)*

The tellers reported that 67 members were present.

2) Election of Congregation Council Members was chaired by Sandra Bocclair, Member of Council.

As provided by the CLC Constitution §C5.03(i) and §C12.02, the Congregation is authorized to elect its Congregation Council. The members of the Council shall be elected by written ballot to serve for two years. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than two full terms consecutively. No nominations from the floor were received. A motion to elect the ballot by acclimation was made and seconded. Ballot approved by acclimation.

- Darren D'Ateno for a term commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019;
- Kayley Greenday for a term commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019;
- Trent Hizer for a term commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019

3) Presentation of 2018-2019 Strategic Transitional Plan was chaired by Carol Jones, Member of Council.

- WHEREAS, based on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges identified through the survey of our membership and;
- WHEREAS, the result of the analysis of these factors by Vision Team's Strategic Transition Plan require establishment of Congregation-approved objectives designed to guide us through the transition to a new called pastor; be it

- RESOLVED that the Congregation, in accordance with §C5.03 of our constitution, delegates to the Council the authority to proceed to implement the 2018-2019 Strategic Transition Plan.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Strategic Transition Plan. There was no discussion. Congregation voted unanimously to approve the plan.

4) Presentation of 2018 Expense Budget chaired by Mat Lewis, Member of Council.

As provided by the CLC Constitution §C5.03(e) and §C12.05 (c) the Congregation is authorized to approve the annual budget prepared by the Council. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed 2018 Operating Budget. No questions or discussion received. Congregation voted unanimously to approve the 2018 Operating Budget.

5) Announcements

- ESL success.
- Girl Scout Group growth
- New garden club at CLC
- We still have a need for a newsletter editor and someone with website skills and experience.
- Always opportunities to serve with Property, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Finance ministries.

6) Adjourn