

Minutes of Council Meeting Christ the King Lutheran Church, Inc. September 16, 2011

A meeting of the council of the above-named corporation was held on Friday, September 16, 2011 at Signal Knob Farm in Strasburg, VA in conjunction with the council retreat being held on September 16-17. A copy of the meeting agenda is attached.

The chairperson, David Whelan, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Peter Saba acted as secretary for the meeting. Those in attendance at the start of the meeting were: Rev. John Bradford, Tom Cooper, Peter Saba, Charles Schwab, Victoria Wagner, Dave Whelan and Steve Wilson. Julie Benson, Deb Cantrell, Bill Hiatt, Donna Kiffe, and Liz Spoto were in attendance for part of the meeting.

Pastor Bradford opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the August 15, 2011 meeting were presented. A few corrections were noted and the minutes, as corrected, were approved.

Pastor's Report –

Pastor Bradford submitted a written Pastor's Report (copy attached). Pastor Bradford noted the following:

- He had been nominated and elected to the Board of the National Lutheran Social Services and that he would be attending three days of Lutheran Social Services Training in Chicago on October 11-13;
- Ruth Ritchie, a charter member of Christ the King, had passed away and a memorial service was being planned; and
- Attendance in August was dismal.

There was a discussion of the August attendance, including the impact of Hurricane Irene and other factors affecting summer attendance. There was a discussion of the level of programs offered during the summer, including what has been done in the past in both music and education (e.g., cross-generational Sunday School) and the success of this summer's music program. There was a discussion on the need to reevaluate the summer program offerings as a way to increase activity and participation over the summer months.

While it was agreed that we should not be solely focused on numbers, there also was a discussion about how best to report on attendance and the feasibility of providing attendance on a rolling 12-month basis.

Juli Benson, Deb Cantrell, Bill Hiatt, Donna Kiffe, and Liz Spoto joined the meeting and ratified the actions taken at the meeting prior to their arrival.

Director of Youth and Family Ministry Report –

Deb Cantrell presented the Director of Youth and Family Ministry Report. Ms. Cantrell:

- Noted that she had been primarily focused on education activities with the start of the Sunday School;
- Reported that over 100 kids had registered for Sunday School (including 17 senior high youth) and that the senior high youth would hold a lock-in in October; and

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- Reported on the planning for GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Nights and the objectives of fostering a common sense of community and providing a mechanism for synergy among the various programs.

Treasurer's Report –

Bill Hiatt presented the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet (copies attached). He reviewed income and expenses to date and expectations for end of the year. There was a reminder of the previous decision to move \$2500 out of the budget for the "Church" (now, Mortgage Interest) line item to Fellowship as noted in the minutes of the August 15, 2011 meeting. There was also a request to provide comparative numbers for prior year on a quarterly basis. It was noted that Wachovia is now Wells Fargo.

Ministry Updates –

Dave Whelan noted that Susan Boruff was moving and had resigned from the council effective September 1, 2011 and that council members should consider who might be a good replacement on the council and to assume the responsibilities for Congregational Life.

Donna Kiffe presented the Fellowship Report. Ms. Kiffe reported on the success of the Rally Day barbecue, noting that while only 47 people had signed up over 150 attended. She also reported that the "coffee and conversation" initiative with coffee in the Narthex every Sunday was working well.

Kary Froscheiser was not present, and there was no Finance & Insurance Report. Dave Whelan indicated that he would be following up with Kary Froscheiser, and Pastor Bradford discussed the need to review the council structure to ensure that the organization and size of the council was structured to function efficiently and effectively. Pastor Bradford also noted the need to review the Church's constitution and by-laws to ensure that they were up-to-date and consistent with the ELCA models.

Liz Spoto presented the Learning Report. Ms. Spoto noted the great start to Sunday School with Rally Day and the continued progress pursuant to a 3-year plan that included improvements to the education rooms, most recently with the transformation of the 7-8th Grade confirmation room into more of a youth room and the donation of flat screen televisions that would allow streaming of various media. She noted the addition of memory verses to the Sunday School curriculum which would be supported by the music program and the restructuring of confirmation with Deb Cantrell leading the teaching of the lessons, confirmation guides leading discussion and building in Faith Experiences involving off-site activities.

Tom Cooper presented the Property Report. Mr. Cooper noted that the Fall clean-up day was scheduled for October 1. He discussed the work that was planned for that day and the need for volunteers.

Victoria Wagner presented the Witness Report and indicated that ads were currently running in the Great Falls Connection.

Mitch Neaves was not present, and there was no Staff Relations Report.

Juli Benson presented the Service Report. Ms. Benson presented a list of upcoming service dates (copy attached) and discussed each of the items. She noted that this was a full schedule of activities and that she had a good team of about 15 people supporting the committee and that Steve, Liz and Deb were coordinating with the youth on service opportunities.

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Charles Schwab presented the Worship & Music Report. Mr. Schwab noted that Communion was currently utilizing the station method and that there was a need for acolyte and crucifer training. It was mentioned that Kathy Zimmerman had previously conducted the training and that she may be a good person to follow up with on conducting this training.

Steve Wilson presented the Youth Report. Mr. Wilson noted the good attendance and that the senior high youth were helping with clean-up of the playground this weekend.

Ernie Fergusson was not present, and Pastor Bradford and Dave Whelan discussed the upcoming Stewardship campaign and its theme of "Fearless Giving in Fearful Times". There was significant discussion of the role of giving and tithing, the make-up of the Stewardship team including the need for female and young adult participation, and the timing and conduct of the campaign especially in light of the decrease in the budget for 2011 and the need to move forward and grow to support our mission.

New Business -

The following new business was discussed:

- Pastor Bradford noted that the new website was up and running and that Mike Swineford would be the webmaster. It was discussed that before adding photos to the website, it was necessary to go through Mike to ensure that the individuals in the photos had authorized use of the photo as there were some families that had requested that photos of their family not be posted or publicly utilized.
- Pastor Bradford noted that the Synod Assembly would be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in McLean on September 24 and that he and Dorann, Deb Cantrell, Victoria Wagner and Allen Wild were planning to attend.
- Dave Whelan stated that he would carry forward action items on the agenda and reminded council members to email him with new business items in advance of the council meetings so that they could be listed on the agenda.

There being no further business, Dave Whelan offered a closing prayer, after which, the meeting was adjourned.