

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2018**

Approved

Voting Members Present: Pastor Langknecht, Doug Gaibler, Bill Hiatt, Mitch Kiffe, Jeanne McKinley, Allie Peters, Marie Petersen, Mark Spoto, Dick Wardian, Dave Whelan, and Steve Wilson.

Tom Wolfe was absent.

Pastor Langknecht opened with prayer.

Call to Order: President Kiffe called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes: A motion by Bill Hiatt to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2018, Congregation Council meeting was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** (The minutes were emailed to council members prior to the meeting.)

Reports: (Ministry Activity Reports were emailed to council members prior to the meeting.)

Pastor: A list of families that have had no church activity since before 2016 was presented to the council. A motion by Bill Hiatt to inactivate any individual unless at least one person requests that they remain on the active membership list was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Give your requests to pastor by January 21, 2019. A motion by Bill Hiatt to accept the amended Wedding Policy presented by Pastor which will be attached to the Building Use Policy was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer: (Reports emailed to council members prior to the meeting.) Bill Hiatt indicated that income in November was down relative to November last year, but year-to-date income was still higher this year. Total number of givers this year, who have envelope numbers, is 115 compared to last year's 142. Even accounting for a few members who only give in December, it appears fewer households are giving this year. A motion by David Whelan to give Bill Hiatt, Treasurer, approval to open a savings account with 2% interest was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** A motion by Bill Hiatt to give the Congregational Council's Executive Committee authorization to determine how to allocate any year end positive cash flow was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

President: The "Memorandum of Understanding" with King's Kids Preschool has not been finalized due to waiting for an addendum of the cost analysis from the Audit Committee.

Stewardship: Dave Whelan reported that 48 families pledged \$360,000 for 2019 whereas, 80 families pledged \$449,754 in the 2018 campaign. It was suggested that more financial transparency be given to the congregation either monthly or quarterly.

Finance: A motion by Bill Hiatt to approve the 2019 Budget that Dick Wardian will present for final approval at the Congregational Meeting on February 10, 2019 was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Dick Wardian led a discussion on ELCA's New Connections program and the council decided not to participate in the program at this time.

Youth: The council approved the plan presented by Allie Peters to create a gathering place in the lobby of the Educational Wing, for parents to meet for coffee while their children are in Sunday School. The area will be shared with King's Kids parents. The Youth Committee will coordinate the project. Allie also suggested that a part-time person, maybe 5 hours a week, be hired to organize ideas and programs for parents who usually drop off their children for Sunday School, then leave. The purpose of having a regular leader will be personal contact to encourage parents to remain in the building for the hour instead of leaving. There was no action by the council on this matter.

Important Dates: January 21, 2019 - Council Meeting

February 10, 2019 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Adjournment: A motion by Bill Hiatt to adjourn was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Petersen
Congregational Secretary