

**Christ The King Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2016**

**Voting Members Present:** Pastor Opsahl, Tom Cooper, Doug Gaibler, Bill Hiatt, Tom Kalka, Mitch Kiffe, Marie Petersen, Brenda Rian, Antonia Siebert, Allen Wild, and Steve Wilson.

**Voting Members Absent:** Allie Peters.

**Others Present:** Andy Wild and Liz Spoto

Pastor Opsahl opened the meeting with prayer.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion by Bill Hiatt to accept the corrected Church Council Meeting minutes of November 21, 2016 that was emailed to Church Council members on November 15, 2016 was seconded.  
**Motion carried.**

**Reports:**

**Pastoral:** Pastor Opsahl has been in contact with Pastor Langknecht. Pastor presented the document sent to him by the synod on 12/1/2016, "Congregation constitutional/model constitution conformity urged" for the Church Council's consideration. President and Secretary of the council have copies. Pastor continues to work on staff building and on performance reviews with the Mutual Ministry Committee. His full report is in the Ministry Activity Reports from November 21, 2016 to December 25, 2016.

**Youth:** Liz Spoto highlighted the activities of the youth including the Bright View Assisted Living Caroling event where 35 people attended including junior and senior high school students on December 17, 2016. The E.L.C.A.'s Youth Ministry Training in Kentucky in January will be attended by Kari Lervick-West, Jill Nieves and Kevin Magley. Junior High, grades 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> consist of about 15 youth and Senior High School, grades 9-12 have about 15-20 students active in church activities. A motion by Bill Hiatt to approve \$3424 for the installation of flooring in the Senior High Youth room was seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Information Technology:** Andy Wild reported on the shortcomings of the church's Internet service and researched and compared vendors. A motion by Brenda Rian to enter into a service agreement with Cox for telephone and Internet services with thanks to Andy for all of his work on the project was seconded. **Motion carried.** President Kiffe will sign contract agreement with Cox.

**Treasurer:** Bill Hiatt emailed the treasurer's reports on December 3, 2016.

**Stewardship:** Tom Kalka reported that to date there were 60 pledges for a total of \$358,858. A letter went out today to those that didn't pledge and then attention will be on those who pledged previously but not recently.

**Budget:**

A motion by Bill Hiatt to accept the 2017 budget as presented by Allen Wild was seconded. **Motion carried.**

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A motion by Allen Wild to give a bonus of \$2000 to organist Andrew Dobbs out of the 2016 budget effective before the end of the year was seconded. **Motion carried.**

A motion by Bill Hiatt that at the end of the year, after income and expenses are paid that the synod be sent 10% of the surplus of the 2016 budget was seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Worship and Music:** Katrina Krause indicated that she is moving so she will no longer chair this committee as of March 1, 2017. Marie Petersen will let Bill Carbaugh of the Nominating Committee know so that he will find a replacement.

**President :** Mitch Kiffe reported that the installation service for Pastor Langknecht is being arranged. Brenda Rian suggested an invitation to attend be extended to all the churches in the community. Staff gifts will be distributed before the end of the year.

A motion by Bill Hiatt to designate \$15,000 of Pastor Henry Langknecht's annual approved salary toward a housing allowance was seconded. **Motion carried.** There is no additional cost to Christ the King associated with the housing allowance as it results in a slight reduction in the cost of the Pastor's benefits.

**Important Dates:**

January 10, 2017 - Reports of Church Council officers and Ministry Activity Committee Chairs are due to Maria Cervantes and a copy to Pastor Opsahl to be included in the "Annual Report of the Congregation."

January 16, 2017 – Church Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

January 20, 2017 - "Annual Report of the Congregation" sent out to members of the church.

February 5, 2017 - Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

Brenda Rian suggested that in case of bad weather, the church be listed on TV and radio for a closing announcement. Pastor and the President Kiffe would make the decision as to whether or not to close. Ellen should be contacted to post the information on the Christ the King's website.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Marie Petersen, Secretary of the Church Council.

Approved

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