

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018**

Voting Members Present: Pastor Langknecht, Bill Hiatt, Leigh Chowdhary, Tom Cooper, Tom Kalka, Marie Petersen, Mark Spoto, and Steve Wilson.

Voting Members Absent: Mitch Kiffe, Jeanne McKinley, Allie Peters and Allen Wild.

Other Present: Kevin Magley, Liz Spoto, Dick Wardian, and David Whelan.

Pastor Langknecht opened with prayer.

Call to Order: Vice President Mark Spoto called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with a quorum present.

A motion by Bill Hiatt to appoint Dick Wardian as Finance Advocate serving on the Congregational Council as a voting member and as Financial Chair to lead the Finance Committee completing Allen Wild's term until June, 2018 was seconded. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: A motion by Tom Cooper to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2017, Congregation Council meeting was seconded. **Motion carried.** The minutes were emailed prior to the meeting.

Pastor: Pastor Hank and Dick Wardian attended a Synod meeting on Saturday, January 6, 2018 on the "New Connections" campaign. Pastors and leaders already have pledged toward the financial component. Once a congregation contributes to the financial campaign, those monies can come back to the congregation when they request support for projects. The pledge expectation for congregations is based on worship attendance with a three year commitment. Coaches are available for meetings, questions and resources. Dick Wardian indicated that he already has campaign literature stored in the church. Pastor will meet with Tom Kalka, Stewardship Chair, to determine when to start the campaign which probably will be in the fall. Tom Kalka also expressed an interest in working on the campaign.

Plans for the Holy Land trip are moving forward and 15 people from Christ the King have expressed interest. Pastor Hank will conduct leadership training for Stephen Ministry in August. On Friday, January 19, the switch over to the new phone system will take place with training on that day. (Pastor's report was emailed before the meeting)

President: President Kiffe has contacted, via email, the Internal Audit Committee that consists of David Whelan, Shane McKinley, Tom Whitlow, and Phil Magley apprising them of an audit to determine the allocation of expenses fairly attributed to the King's Kids program that includes utilities, insurance, cleaning, copier use, etc. The timeline is that the Audit Committee will have an initial report by the April Council meeting, engage with King's Kids Staff at the end of the school year in June for their input, then give a finalized product with recommendations within a range of fair share allocations for the King's Kids program by the end of July. Based on the report, the Council will have the responsibility of reaching an agreement with King's Kids staff on shared expenses between them and Christ the King to replace the Memorandum of Understanding that expires in September 2018.

Vice President: Bill Hiatt and Tom Cooper suggested to the Long-Term Planning Committee Chair, Vice President Mark Spoto, that his committee research and recommend a list of future large capital improvements for the building and property such as paving parking lot, replacing the church roof, etc. including costs so that the council can decide on a course of action to fund these projects.

Treasurer: Reports were emailed before the meeting. Bill Hiatt reported that the income has dropped from year to year and is \$15,000 less than last year. However, December giving was quite strong resulting in a positive cash flow for the year.

A motion by Bill Hiatt to provide Pastor Langknecht with a furnishing allowance of \$12,000 was seconded. This allowance reduces the Pastor's taxable salary. **Motion carried.**

A motion by Bill Hiatt to approve David Whelan as Co-Treasurer replacing Bill Unger's term until June 2018 was seconded. **Motion carried.**

Property: Tom Cooper urged council members and committee chairs to send an email to Karen Utter when they need to reserve a room in the building with time and date as she will enter it into the master calendar. It is important to only send the request as the only subject so that it is easy for Karen to extract the information. It is advisable to check the calendar to make sure your request was entered in case it was not received by Karen.

Worship: Pastor Hank indicated that he will be meeting with Andrew Dobos and David Whelan to evaluate the mission of the Worship and Music Committee. Once that is done, there will be a call for a volunteer to chair the committee.

Service: Steve Wilson extended a thank you to Annette Brady for her organizing the Valentines for Heroes project which included church members. In February the Senior High youth will organize a drive for donations to SHARE, Inc. Junior High youth will be doing a food pantry drive service project.

New Business: Kevin Magley and Liz Spoto discussed the need for additional funding for youth in the 2018 Budget. Leigh Chowdhary made a motion to reduce the Service and Council Initiatives budgets by \$1000 and \$500, respectively, and to increase the Youth general fund budget by \$1500 and to also reduce the allocation to New Connections by \$1000 and add \$1000 to the Youth Mission Trip dedicated account. The motion was seconded by Tom Cooper. **Motion carried.**

Important Dates:

February 4, 2018 - Congregational Meeting

February 19, 2018 next Congregation Council Meeting

Adjournment: A motion by Bill Hiatt to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Petersen
Congregation Council Secretary

Approved