

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2018

Approved

**Voting Members Present:** Pastor Langknecht, Leigh Chowdhary, Bill Hiatt, Mitch Kiffe, Marie Petersen, Mark Spoto, Dick Wardian, and Steve Wilson.

**Voting Members Absent:** Jeanne McKinley, Allie Peters, and Tom Wolfe

**Non-voting Members Present:** Tom Cooper.

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 June 18, 2018, Congregation Council meeting was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** (The minutes were emailed prior to the meeting.)

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

**Property:** Tom Cooper reported on the estimates from A & H, Mears, and Falls Church to repave the church property and parsonage driveway at \$60,000 or just patch and seal the area for \$20,000 that will last or 2 or 3 years. A motion by Mark Spoto to form a committee to include Mark Spoto, Tom Wolfe, Dave Whelan, Doug Gaibler, and Tom Cooper who would create a list of large capital improvement needs (including paving of church's properties and roof replacement which was done in 2001) in the next 5-10 years with the cost of each project and suggestions on how to raise the funds to be approved by the Congregation Council at the December meeting and then presented at the Congregational Meeting in January/February, 2019, was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Tom suggested that a person be the contact volunteer for the medical needs of the congregation and be in charge of the emergency medical and heart start kits. The council recommended that first aid guidelines be established to be used by Sunday School, ushers and child care providers during services. King's Kids Preschool should be consulted to see if they have a medical emergency policy.

**Pastor:** The committee concluded that electric signage is too expensive and other banners and signs (sandwich board and hanging banners) be used instead.

Pastor will go to Israel with 8 church members in the group. It was mentioned that Ellen could suggest publicity opportunities for the trip.

Pastor and Karen Utter have been working on the "Shepherd's Staff" member database to create accurate categories of the status of past and current church membership. The ultimate goal will be to have the Shepherd's Staff contain the entire membership history, be a reliable data source for searches, and use it to produce lists to be used by committees. See Pastor's report "Shepherd's Staff Implications for Membership Care; Witness & Outreach; and Stewardship" in the Ministry Activity Reports dated June 18, 2018 – August 21, 2018.

The council approved the change of membership status for Walter and Gloria Rossbach to Associate Members.

Pastor has been trained as a Stephen Ministry Leader and will work with Congregational Life Chair Jeanne McKinley to determine what part the ministry will play in the congregation.

It was suggested that Kristine Heine, Heidi Toloczko, and Bob give a report to the congregation on their experiences while attending the Synod Convention in June.

**President:** President Kiffe will contact Larry Zmuda, Nominating Chair, to continue the search for a volunteer for the Fellowship Chair.

The Audit Committee completed their finding for the share of expenses for King's Kids Preschool. The new amount is \$733 while the previous agreement was \$588. Leigh Chowdhary reported that the issue of the cost of playground maintenance per month and repairs and equipment replacement at \$1500 needs to be shared with the church. President Kiffe will instruct the Audit Committee to meet with Heidi Toloczko, Director of King's Kids Preschool to discuss their findings and she will present what is fair for school's budget. Once the Executive Committee receives the input from King's Kids and the Audit Committee, they will decide on a course of action to recommend to the council.

A suggestion to advertise the King's Kids program was made with Heidi Toloczko using Ellen Acconcia as a resource.

**Treasurer:** With five Sundays in July and lower than usual spending, we had a small positive cash flow for the month. Church finances are in good shape for this time of year. (Reports were emailed before the meeting).

**Service:** Steve Wilson noted that more houses are needed to host children from the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda in November.

**Unfinished Business:** A meeting with Kim of Eden Hope Academy was held with Mark Spoto, Heidi Toloczko, Lindsey Whelan, Mitch Kiffe, and Pastor Langknecht attending. The Academy is considering requesting the use of the church for a writing and publishing group. Discussions are still ongoing. The decision on the Continuing Education portion of Pastor Hank's compensation is still being discussed.

**Adjournment:** A motion by Bill Hiatt to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. was seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**Important Dates:**

**September 16, 2018 – Church Council Meeting at 2 p.m. at Leigh Chowdhary's home**

**September 16, 2018 - Social at 3-5 p.m. at Leigh Chowdhary's home**

**September 23, 2018 - Bishop Graham is guest preacher**

**October 7, 2018 - Blessings of Animals**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marie Petersen,  
Congregation Council Secretary