

August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Community of Christ Church Council

Time: 6:30pm – 9pm

Attendees: Anke Brandstater, Denise DeMarre, Cindy Kinnie, Suze Engbretson, Pastor David Eppelsheimer, Mark Henderson, Rachael Jans, Tracy Litterer, Violet Thetford and Larry Wade

Guests: Sallie Bullock, Rhonda Eppelsheimer and Michael Gross representing the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team.

Call to Order

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer & Biblical Work

Pastor David led the group in prayer. We discussed how we, as a church can, express our love to the greater community. We ground ourselves in breath, especially while Zooming and using technology so extensively. We also discussed Fruits of the Spirit as written in Gallations 5.

Approval of Minutes

July 22, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor' Report

We need to appoint two voting members for the Synod Assembly November 6 & 7, 2020.

- Violet Thetford expressed interest in attending.
- Council members were asked to please let Pastor David know if they are interested in attending.
- We need to identify the two members and register by October.

An update on the PEER initiative was provided. We have raised over \$4,000 total for Evergreen Middle School.

The Synod Day of Learning is set for September 19, 2020. This is an on-line educational opportunity for all congregation members. Council and congregation members are encouraged to register for part or all of the day sessions.

Administrators Report

A full report was received prior to the meeting from Rachael Jans. No questions or discussion.

Treasurer Report

A full report was received prior to the meeting from Treasurer, Rich Radford. No questions or discussion.

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Team Discussion

Members from the RIC team joined our meeting and provided an update on their process and progress.

- An online straw poll was distributed via a link in Faith News by our RIC committee to take the temperature regarding a draft Welcome Statement.
- 28 responses were received.
- 89% of the responses were positive.
- All responses were shared and discussed with the Council.

The RIC team was reminded that the Welcome Statement requires formal approval by the congregation and were encouraged to develop a timeline to allow for adequate preparation for such a vote.

In-reach Update: Connection and Engagement

Larry Wade and Mark Henderson are working on a way to check in with our members and friends during the pandemic. They are working with Rachael and Pastor David to ensure everyone in our membership database and any other regular attendees are considered.

Final Transition Items

Chris Radford, Transition Coordinator, made a request to donate the church items sale proceeds to the Pandemic Emergency Economic Relief (PEER) Initiative.

Proposed Motion

Community of Christ Church council agrees to donate the proceeds (\$2,000) from the sale items to the PEER initiative.

Mark Henderson made a motion. Cindy Kinnie seconded. Discussion ensued. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

2020-2021 Priorities discussion / open forum

The Council discussed upcoming priorities for our congregation. This was largely a brainstorming discussion. Each member contributed to the discussion.

There was recognition that we are in our "liminal" time period. As such, the Council was in agreement not to make any immediate decisions or plans, but allow each member to share what was on their hearts and minds. We agreed to pray and meditate on what we learned and to let the Holy Spirit guide further discussions and actions.

Upcoming Meetings

Council - September 9 & 23, 2020 Executive Team – September 2 & 16

Adjournment

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.