

October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes Community of ChristChurch Council

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

Attendees: Anke Brandstater, Denise DeMarre, Cindy Kinnie, Suze Engbretson, Pastor David Eppelsheimer, Mark Henderson, Tracy Litterer, Violet Thetford and Larry Wade. Special Guest: Richard Radford

Call to Order

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

Opening prayer & Biblical Work

Pastor David led us in Biblical work, looking at Isaiah 65:17-25 through the lens of Community Organizing. A robust discussion on Community Organizing and keeping hope alive in these times ensued. Hope can be categorized into three buckets. Messianic hope, (narrowly political), Apocalyptic hope (End times), and Isaiah's prophecy that grounds hope in the current reality and invites us to participate in the ways God is restoring the world from as it is to the world as it ought to be.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rich Radford reported that there continues to be a fairly substantial shortfall in contributions for the year. Various reasons were discussed. Information will be gathered to aid us in making a plan. Further discussion will be had at our next meeting.

ELCA quarterly payment is due with discussion of donating to local causes (BLM, homeless, WQRC, IMlrJ, Fire Relief). Pastor will check with Synod to determine if this is still their suggestion. More discussion next meeting

Discussion regarding employee healthcare insurance plan renewal for annual enrollment purposes. The motion "Community of ChristChurch council moves to renew the offering of employee healthcare benefits via Portico Benefits Services at the Silver C+ coverage level for the 2021 calendar year."

Suze Engbretson made the motion. Cindy Kinnie seconded. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

The final tax bill related to the final sale of the building is coming due and will be paid. No further taxes related to the sale of the building will occur. Interest income on the proceeds of the sale are not taxable. Richard will get that in

writing so that we have it on file.

Consent Agenda Votes

The 9/23/20 meeting minutes were delayed in getting to the council for review. The minutes will be distributed and reviewed via email prior to the next Council meeting.

Pastor's Report

Pastor David attended the Bishop's Convocation with colleagues from across the state, where discussion was held on how congregations are dealing with COVID, wildfire relief, poverty and homelessness, racial inequities, and other crises we are experiencing currently.

He also shared about his participation in Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Reckoning with Racism Cohort. The focus is relationship building, reconciliation and the acknowledgement of how the church has participated in the oppression of our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) neighbors.

New business/ Open forum

2020-2021 Priorities list & survey Discussion

Larry Wade led us in a discussion on our priorities list now that we have the completed council surveys on ranking. Some terms were not clear which were then explained. It was agreed that we should pray on and ponder the list to determine the best way forward. Will continue discussion at the next meeting.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Executive Team meeting: Tuesday 11/03/20 @ 6pm

Council meeting: Wednesday 10/28/20 @ 6:30pm

Adjournment

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.