

September 23, 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, Rachael Jans, Tracy Litterer, Violet Thetford and Larry Wade.

Call to Order

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

Opening prayer & Biblical Work

Reviewed and reflected Romans 5:1-5. Discussed "Dancing with the Word: Suffering. Together" by Rev. Janet Hunt. In depth discussions were held regarding hope and lament especially as it relates to this time we are in. Also reminding us to look for the joys during times of upheaval. Acknowledge your sorrows AND your hopes.

Romans 5:1-5

Suffering begets Endurance

Endurance begets Character

Character begets Hope

Hope does not disappoint

Consent Agenda Votes

Lovegood Performing Arts Sponsorship Contract

The motion is "Community of ChristChurch moves to establish a sponsorship relationship with the Lovegood Performing Arts Company."

Vote: YES unanimous

Once the motion is approved, we will obtain signatures from both parties and execute the agreement. Target completion date: 10/30/2020. Mark Henderson will oversee the agreement.

Council Meeting Minutes – Access

The motion is "Community of ChristChurch moves to allow access to Council Meeting Minutes via the Community of ChristChurch website."

Vote: YES unanimous

The plan is to make the Council Meeting Minutes available via our website, allowing review by any and all interested parties. The documents will be saved to the website by our Administrator, following approval of the Minutes by the Council.

Storage Keys, Card and Access Code

The motion is "Community of ChristChurch moves to assign access of our Premier Storage units as follows:

Keys x 3: Pastor, Administrator, Council member

Keycard for gate and elevator: Pastor, Administrator, Council

member Access code in lieu of keycard: Administrator & Council member

Vote: YES unanimous

Once the motion is approved, we will need to determine who the "Council member" will be for the third set of keys. Circle back at a future council meeting to determine the council member.

Pastor's Report

Benevolence Team Update:

Cindy Kinnie has put her name forward as the council liaison for a Benevolence Team. Pastor David is working with her to create a team. The group will choose a chairperson/convener. At the end of September (quarter 3) we will designate funds to the Red Cross for wildfire emergencies.

Upcoming book group conversations:

Cindy Kinnie and Pastor David have selected *The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister. Meeting every other week.

Other gatherings discussed:

- A monthly discussion on the upcoming texts for worship will be rolled out in Faith News on September 24, 2020.
- Violet Thetford is exploring creative seasonal gatherings and activities to foster a renewed sense of community. Neighbors, friends, and relatives will all be welcomed at any and all of these activities.

Resource Page Update

Suze Engbretson reported on the draft policy of a Community of ChristChurch Resource page - virtual bulletin board (flyers events, postings, etc.). The policy reflects two different offerings 'Sales/event postings' and 'Service postings'. Rachael Jans will make the suggested changes and have the website underway soon. It will then be shared with friends of CC for a soft roll out during that time feedback will be welcomed.

2020-2021 Priorities list & survey

Larry Wade led a discussion on how to move forward with the priorities list. The list went from 30 items to 19. It was decided a survey would be sent to council members so everyone could voice their opinions and reasonably sort through the data. Some topics the council considered:

- Urgency: Is there a deadline, such as end of 2020, before end of fiscal year, end of 2021, etc.?
- Difficulty: Are any easy or easier and are any hard or really hard, either for us as a council or as a congregation?
- Impact: Will doing this have a substantial positive impact on the congregation's vitality or growth?
 - Passion: Which of these are your (our) personal passions
 - Consequences: If we simply don't do it, what are the negative consequences?

New business/ Open forum

- Should we list the council email addresses list on our website? No. Instead link to the directory if folks want to contact individual council members. Rachael Jans updated the Council website.
 - Synod Assembly: a two-day Zoom event!
 - Friday, November 6: 3:00 pm-8:30 pm
 - Saturday, November 7: 8:30 am-4:00 pm
 - Congregation voting member: Violet Thetford
 - We need one other congregation voting member. Rachael Jans will run an ad in Faith News (October 1, 2020).

Upcoming meeting dates:

Executive Team meeting: Tuesday 10/6/20 @ 6pm

Council meeting: Wednesday 10/14/20 @ 6:30pm

Adjournment

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.