

September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes Community of ChristChurch Council

Time: 6:30pm – 9pm

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

Excused: Anke Brandstater

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 lament and hope in the context of the COVID 19 crisis, protests and unrest and wildfires. We referred back to the video by Leonard Sweet and considered how we can both lament and hope during the same crisis. Pastor David reminded us that we are not alone in this, we have each other as a church and faith in God.

Approval of Minutes

August 26, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor' Report

Debriefed on the Zoom Ecumenical Gathering for the Labor Day weekend service. ChristChurch is the only one (in this group) that does live, interactive Zoom worship every Sunday. Other churches do a pre-recording or streaming. Some churches do a Zoom coffee hour afterwards. Council reflected on what they thought of the Labor Day weekend service. We look forward to future gatherings with these and other groups in the near term. Many enjoyed the quick breakout rooms giving them a chance to reach out in fellowship.

Volunteer Recognition

Tracy Litterer and Cindy Kinnie updated the Council on their plan to honor and recognize volunteers that helped with the building move out.

Council and congregation members donated \$1,000 total. It was split into gifts for Chris and Rich Radford, Larry Wade, Jane Jackson and Rachael Jans. Eileen Gross is preparing a slideshow video honoring all volunteers from the move out. We plan to play the slideshow and give special recognition on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

Quarterly Benevolence Giving Process & Plan

Each quarter we give funds to a nonprofit group out of a benevolence fund. There is no official Service & Mission committee. It was suggested that this fall a new subcommittee could be formed to identify needs and nonprofits. A council member could act as a liaison to the subcommittee leader. If you have a leader you would like to lift up please email Violet Thetford or Denise DeMarre. Council discussed parameters for distribution of funds and asked for clarification on how much each quarter is available for distribution. This will be an agenda item on the next council meeting.

2020-2021 Priorities discussion continued/ open forum

We took some time for further brainstorming of ideas on how and when to move forward into the future. As some options are contingent on others being completed first, it was decided that we need to categorize our ideas for immediate, 6-12 months, and later action

Next Steps:

Larry Wade and Rachael Jans will work together on creating a Google Form for Council members to pick their top priorities. At next council meeting the results will be discussed.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 23, 2020

Adjournment

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.