

# Community of ChristChurch Council

## January 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

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

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

January 13, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

### **Listening Season/ Update**

The last week of January is the final week for the Listening Season. Council members submitted reflections and notes via email prior to the meeting. Broad themes were discussed. The February 10, 2021 meeting will allow for more discussion and action items.

### **Discussion with Beth Estock**

Background on ChristChurch's work with Beth Estock:

Beth is one of the co-authors of the book *Weird Church*. We hired her as a consultant in 2019 - 2020 as one of many partners along our Isaiah 43:19 journey. She helped us think differently about our purpose and what God was calling us to do and be. This ultimately led us to sell the building and brought us to where we are today.

Beth continues to work with many churches and congregations in this weird and changing time. The hope is that she will provide additional insight for us as we continue to deconstruct, reconstruct, remold, and grow into our new self (as a church).

Beth facilitated a discussion on how the pandemic has forced changes that are positive. Additionally, Beth and council discussed how we can continue our forward progress. She helped us see what we have already accomplished and gave us affirmation on that progress.

### **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING: Miscellaneous / Open forum**

- Listening season follow-up
- Road map review / additions?
- Reconciling in Christ special congregation meeting, RIC Council liaison & follow up.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- **Executive Team meeting:** Tuesday 2/2/2021 @ 6pm
- **Council meeting; Wednesday 2/10/2021 @ 6:30pm** – Results of listening season, how to synthesis it and report back to the congregation.
- **Church finance 101 with Treasurer Rich Radford: 2/24/21**  
Request that Rich Radford record the lecture & PowerPoint beforehand, Council members watch it prior. This will serve as a resource for future council members.

### **Adjournment**

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.