

October 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Community of ChristChurch Council

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

Attendees: Steve Delamater, Suze Engbretson, Pastor David Eppelsheimer, Mark Henderson, Jane Jackson, Violet Thetford, and Larry Wade

Excused: Rachael Jans, Cindy Kinnie & Tracy Litterer

Call to Order

Suze Engbretson, Council President, formally called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer & biblical work

Pastor David Eppelsheimer led us in an opening prayer and biblical work.

Approval of Minutes

September 15, 2021, meeting minutes were approved with changes.

Pastor's Report

Pastor David submitted his report prior to the meeting.

Advent Season of Giving & Generosity

A small group stayed after worship to discuss Advent and Christmas Zoom ideas

One option proposed was to donate to the Molly Thompson Memorial Fund to assist families with hospitalized children.

Larry Wade made a motion:

ChristChurch will be matched with a family via the Molly Thompson Memorial Fund by November 10, 2021.

Violet Thetford seconded, unanimous decision. Motion carries.

Other advent events are in the planning stage.

In person visitation

Pastor requested input on creating COVID 19 best practices for in-person visitation requests. Reviewed asking person what they would prefer (Zoom, phone call, in-person) and create safety protocols unique to each visit.

Hunger Sunday: October 24, 2021

ECLA OR Synod congregations are requested to take up a special offering to support creating relationship across organizations and elected officials to address the root problems of world hunger.

Violet Thetford made a motion:

*ChristChurch will accept donations towards the
ECLA World Hunger Sunday, October 24, 2021.*

Mark Henderson seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carries.

Treasurer Report

Rich Radford, our Treasurer submitted updated financials via email. All accounts have been reconciled for September. The church is tracking ahead of plan for the 1st quarter. We are waiting for Laura Taylor to finish up her review of the books. Portico elections were sent to Pastor David.

Review protection coverage

Council discussed signing up for a year's worth of coverage with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, insuring \$1 million dollars.

Violet Thetford made the motion:

ChristChurch purchases the protection against fraud and embezzlement.

Steve Delamater seconded the motion. Council decided to have more discussion with Rich Radford at the November 3, 2021 Council meeting.

Committees:

1. Benevolence Team:

The Benevolence Team has designated that the 2021 Q2 benevolence disbursement will go towards Project Homeless Connect Washington County. Council thanks the Benevolence Team for taking on this challenge.

2. Baby Care Kits:

- The kits will be assembled on Saturday, October 23rd.
- A team of volunteers is working together to get the kits packaged and delivered to the InGathering (weekend of October 29 & 30 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church). Volunteer opportunities are available and will be advertised to the congregation.

3. RIC:

Book club introduction will be on Sunday, October 17th. The congregation is invited to join the RIC team in reading: David P. Gushee's book, Changing Our Mind (Definitive 3rd Edition).

4. Mission and Vision

- Prior to the meeting Larry Wade shared survey results.
- Survey results requesting feedback from Council and project volunteers was reviewed.
- The current draft and survey will be circulated to the congregation for their feedback via Faith News.

Open Forum:

Outreach amongst congregation members:

If you have people from the COVID listening season you could not get in touch with please let Rachael know so she may update contact information.

Membership List:

Rachael is updating our membership list. There are folks we are unsure about their membership status and need to discuss how to move forward. This will be reviewed at the November 3, 2021 Council meeting.

Job description project for Council, Pastor and Secretary

Review is ongoing and tabled for upcoming meetings. Violet is updating the Secretary job description. Suze will ask Tracy if she would like to review the council job description.

Upcoming Council Events:

- Council meeting: Wednesday 11/3/2021 @ 6:30pm (only meeting for the month)

Adjournment

Suze Engbretson, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Violet Thetford, Council Secretary:

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