

## **December 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes Community of Christ Church Council**

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

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

Excused: Larry Wade

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Opening prayer & Biblical Work**

As part of our grounding, we discussed the meaning of the word 'Gospel' - good news and glad tidings.

### **Approval of Minutes**

November 11, 2020 meeting minutes were approved, with Pastor David abstaining.

### **Pastor's Report**

We held a follow up discussion on dispersal of funds (\$6,000) in Amanda's Fund. This fund was created many years ago in honor of Stuart and Ilena Schultz's daughter of Amanda.

Stuart and Ilena Schultz would like to have monies from Amanda's Fund donated to the following organizations:

\$1,000.00 to Special Olympics Oregon/Washington County

\$1,500.00 to Home Plate

\$1,000.00 to IMIrJ

\$2,000.00 to the ELCA Good Gifts program

These donations total \$5,500, leaving \$500 in the fund which could be used as 'seed' money for future gifts. The Council fully supported Stuart and Ilena's wishes for the funds dispersal.

We discussed revisiting our coaching relationship with Beth Estock in mid/late January, 2021. All Council members in attendance voiced interest in attending a coaching session. Pastor David will reach out to Beth to coordinate a date and time.

## **Listening Season/ Update**

The Council discussed in general how the Listening Season is going.

We were encouraged by the responses received so far and ideas shared by members to help us stay connected and further develop our Sunday Worship experiences.

Ideas included more participation by members in the Sunday readings, ensuring a mix-up of members in the Sunday-service break-out rooms, and consideration of a "meditation" break-out room. We also talked about how we welcome new attendees and help them feel comfortable in the space using the Zoom platform.

We talked about how we are reaching out to members. Most Council members sent initial emails asking for further connection with their contacts. Council agreed to a slow and steady approach, allowing time for reflection between calls.

## **New business/ Open forum**

### *Storage Keys, Card and Access Code*

Tracy Litterer volunteered to be the "Council member" for the third set of storage keys.

Q: What is the responsibility of the Council member volunteer?

A: Helping congregation members access items, facilitate retrieving items, in emergency be a point of contact, etc.

### *Classified Ads tab on Website*

We discussed the classified section of the website. The idea of including "community connections" or a "service projects" section as part of our website was discussed. The logistics need further consideration and review. The Council will revisit this issue in early 2021.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Wednesday, December 16th @ 6:30pm

## **Adjournment**

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.