

March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes Community of Christ Church Council

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

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

Call to Order

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

Biblical Work

Pastor David led us through a reading and discussion on the power and constancy of love. The effect it can have on all our relationships: family, friends, community, strangers, our Lord, and even ourselves (Ecclesiastes) The gift of love is everything.

Approval of Minutes

February 24, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor David's written report was submitted to the council prior to the meeting. It outlined the Benevolence Team members, Good Friday information, and upcoming guests for the Brave Spaces Conversations continuing through Lent.

Additional news Pastor David shared:

- He is reaching out to youth in the congregation regarding youth engagement.
- Rev. Christine Core will be preaching and presiding on April 11, 2021.

Special Congregation Meeting Update

The purpose of this meeting has been revised:

1. Congregation members will vote to approve sending Mark and Inga Henderson as voting members to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Oregon Synod Assembly, which will be held online, April 30th and May 1st, 2021.
2. The Reconciling in Christ team will share with the congregation the decision to postpone the vote until the Annual Meeting in June 2021.

Administrator's Report

Received prior to the meeting, the report outlined special projects Rachael Jans has been working on: Faith News improvements, special mailing on the March 14, 2021 congregation meeting, revised financial statements and the online form for 2021 Council nominations.

Motions & Voting

Violet Thetford made the motion: "The Council agrees to send voting congregational members, Mark and Inga Henderson, to the 2021 Annual Oregon Synod Assembly." Suze Engbretson seconded the motion. Mark Henderson abstained. Unanimous decision accepting the motion.

Denise DeMarre made the motion, "The Council agrees to hold a Special Congregational meeting on 3/14/21, to formally vote on sending voting members to the 2021 Oregon Synod Annual Assembly and to further discuss the movement towards affirming Community of ChristChurch as an RIC member." Mark Henderson seconded the motion. Unanimous decision accepting the motion.

Annual Meeting Date Selection

Cindy Kinnie made the motion, "Declare the annual meeting is June 6, 2021." Suze Engbretson seconded. Unanimous decision accepting the motion.

Road Map/ next steps discussion

- Council Nominations team needs to form in the next few weeks. Nominations are due by April 18, 2021.
- Annual meeting: delegate and divide the agenda.
- Constitution review: taking place offline with Mark Henderson and Denise DeMarre
- Pastor's review
- Planting seeds discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- Executive Team meeting: Tuesday 4/6/2021@ 6pm
- Council meeting; Wednesday 3/24/2021 @ 6:30pm
- Council meeting: Wednesday 4/14/2021@ 6:30pm

Adjournment

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Violet Thetford, Secretary
Community of ChristChurch