

August 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Community of Christ Church Council

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Attendees: Steve Delamater, Suze Engbretson, Pastor David Eppelsheimer, Jane Jackson, Rachael Jans, Cindy Kinnie, Tracy Litterer, Mark Henderson, Violet Thetford, and Larry Wade

Call to Order

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

Opening prayer & biblical work

Due to Pastor David's accident, we did not have a typical devotional study. Cindy Kinnie led us in an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

July 21, 2021, meeting minutes were approved with changes.

Administrator Report

Rachael Jans updated the Council on her special tasks and project for the month of July. Rachael shared gratitude for all the volunteers that helped make worship take place while she was on vacation and Pastor David's accident. She is working on having better systems and an emergency plan for when both staff are unavailable unexpectedly.

Task Force Updates

- **Emergency Procedures/Process**

Pastor David shared the status of his accident injury and recovery. The Lutheran Church requests that ordained clergy give communion. The Synod requests we do not use a lay person if there is an ordained clergy available. Bishop Laurie gave Suzie Engbretson a list of ordained clergy that are comfortable on Zoom.

Cindy Kinnie will serve as a backup for prayer team email access. Rachael will share this with her.

Larry Wade pointed out that all our contingency plans rely on the internet. Jane Jackson suggested we form a sub-committee to work on general emergency preparedness plans. This was tabled to for a future discussion.

- **Mission and Vision update**

The Mission and Vision team is working on a mission statement. The process for creating a draft statement was outlined:

1. Larry and Suze meeting refining what the team has created
2. Council review and input
3. Congregation review and input

Discussed core values and welcome statement as being separate pieces/statements.

- **Worship Team Transition Update**

The team is meeting regularly. The first in person worship meeting will also be Pastor David's 10-year celebration on September 19th, 2021. The team is working on procedures and policies for the in-person worship.

- **Open Forum:**

a) Discussion on cadence and style of council meeting. Violet Thetford made a motion: "Move that council meetings for Community of ChristChurch revert back to once a month." Cindy Kinnie seconded. Discussion ensued.

Jane Jackson motioned that we table this discussion on moving to once a month. Larry Wade seconded. The motion to table was passed

- **Council Prioritizing Discussion:**

Suze Engbretson shared an updated road map for the council for the fall. This road map will be updated and added to.

b) **Strategic Marketing Communications:**

Larry Wade discussed his concerns for Faith News being asked to meet multiple communications needs and audiences. The context is HOW we communicate, TO WHOM, and WHAT do we communicate?

Upcoming Council Events:

- Share out on Sunday 8/8/21: Suze Engbretson
- Council meeting: Wednesday 8/18/2021 @ 6:30pm

Adjournment

Suze Engbretson, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Violet Thetford, Council Secretary:

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