

September 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes Community of Christ Church Council

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

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

Excused: Tracy Litterer & Mark Henderson

Guest: Rich Radford

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 on Luke 6:20–22.

Blessed are you who are poor, for the reign of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Human One.

Council prayed on Richard Rohr's devotions – [Jesus' Upside-Down World](#).

Approval of Minutes

September 1, 2021, meeting minutes were approved with changes.

Ron Boothby Estate

ChristChurch member Ron Boothby gifted ChristChurch \$10,000 in his will. There were no directions on how Ron would like the funds to be used. Once the Boothby estate gift is received it will be put into a special fund and further discussion will ensue. Council will honor Ron through the use of funds. Suze Engbretson will sign the waiver for the estate in front of a notary.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Radford provided financial documents for August 2021. An application for fraud protection of our financial assets was submitted. Rich Radford will give a set of keys to Suze Engbretson for the ChristChurch storage unit. Rich Radford will keep one key to access financial records (receipts, reconciliation statements, etc.).

Laura Taylor (CPA, former Treasurer) is conducting a review of our books. Rich participated in a Treasurer's online forum with the OR Synod. They discussed having other congregation

Treasurer's review our books. Another option would be to have a tax professional review the financials.

Finance Team updates

The Finance Team is creating an investment committee framework with a goal timeline end of 2021. Council will review the framework, afterwards an outside source(s) will review. The goal of the process is to ensure good oversight on investments as stewards of the church funds. The committee will have a council liaison and keep the congregation in the loop as well.

Committees:

1. Committee/Team updates and call for volunteers:
 - o Suze Engbretson and Rachael Jans have written a committee/team article and request for volunteers for Faith News on September 16, 2021.
 - o During worship on September 26, 2021, Violet will remind the congregation about how to get involved in the different committees.

2. Mission and Vision
 - Prior to the meeting Suze shared an updated draft with the Council.
 - A survey will run in Faith News to invite further participation and feedback from the congregation.
 - After the results from the survey are reviewed, an updated draft will be circulated to the congregation prior to an official vote.

Open Forum

Job description project for Council and Pastor was discussed with further work at the October 13, 2021 council meeting.

Discussed how to prepare and brainstorm for Christmas and Advent 2021 on Zoom. In October a call for volunteers will go out (led by Pastor) to begin planning creative Zoom Advent and Christmas ideas.

Upcoming Council Events:

- Share out on Sunday 9/26/21: Violet Thetford
- Council meeting: Wednesday 10/13/2021 @ 6:30pm (**note change, only 1 meeting in October**).

Adjournment

Suze Engbretson, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Violet Thetford, Council Secretary:
Community of ChristChurch