

**July 22, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Community of ChristChurch Council**

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

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

Guest: Chris Radford

### **Call to Order**

### **Biblical Centering Time**

Pastor David led the group in prayer. We discussed the organizing cycle, community organizing practices and features of adaptive leadership. We read and reflected on Luke 4.

### **Consent Agenda**

- July 8, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
- 2020 ChristChurch Financial Control Policy was approved

### **Pastor's Report**

Ron Boothby's Zoom memorial service is scheduled for 1pm on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark Henderson will assist with co-hosting on Zoom.

PEER Initiative has raised \$1,300 from donors inside and outside the congregation.

The OR Synod would like to publish 'A Story of Gratitude and Courage' by Rev. Sara Gross-Samuels.

### **Moving Update**

Transition Coordinator Chris Radford joined the meeting to review the final steps in the move out process. The final walkthrough is set for August 4, 2020. Chris reviewed what volunteer opportunities remain.

Jane Jackson and Chris Radford would like to donate funds from the Craigslist sale proceeds towards the PEER initiative (grocery gift cards to families).

## **Sacred Circles Discussion**

Discussion ensued regarding the formation of a Sacred Circle group within the Christ Church banner. Sacred Circle is not asking for endorsement or any financial assistance. No vote or motion is needed. The previous Council meeting discussion raised the level of awareness regarding what our community members are engaging in.

## **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Team / How it all fits**

There will be an updated RIC article in Faith News on July 23, 2020 clarifying the Welcoming Statement as an informal straw poll NOT a binding vote.

Additionally there will be polling after worship for households to participate in. Discussions on exploratory teams, committees, sanctioned teams and oversight as they related to the Council were discussed.

## **2020-2021 Priorities Discussion**

- Constitution update (to ensure we retain our 501c3 status and to address our new non-building identity); this is a two-year process (reviewed at an annual meeting twice).
- Mission statement (to use as a guide from which to measure ministry requests, actions or practices)
- Potential church name change
- Ongoing listening seasons (cadence and practice)
- Council meeting cadence (time to reflect and pause)
- Reflection and celebration as we transition to liminal space
- Building relationships with other non-profits and other faith-based community members
- Building on our current on-line community program to meet the needs of our current and new members
- What do we do in terms of 'in-reach', how are people doing? Especially people that are not attending Zoom worship? What is the Council's role in this? ChristChurch strives to be a vibrant community that is caring for itself. *Mark Henderson and Larry Wade will have further discussion.*

## **Upcoming Meeting**

Next meeting: August 26, 2020

Meeting twice a month from September onwards.

## **Other deadlines**

Vacate building soft deadline: July 31, 2020

Final walkthrough: August 4, 2020

Vacate building hard deadline: August 9, 2020

## **Adjournment**

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.