

## **July 8, 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, Richard Radford, Violet Thetford and Larry Wade

### **Call to Order**

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally called the meeting to order. Orientation, Respect guidelines and communication protocols for our new Council were reviewed.

### **Opening prayer & Pastor's report**

Pastor David Eppelsheimer led the group in prayer. We discussed that we ground ourselves in the Word before diving into the 'business' of the church. Reviewed Luke 10 and discussed transitioning out of the familiar and into the unknown, liminal space.

The word liminal comes from the Latin word 'limen', meaning threshold – any point or place of entering or beginning. A liminal space is the time between the 'what was' and the 'next.' It is a place of transition, a season of waiting, and not knowing.

### **Approval of Minutes**

June 7, 2020 (annual meeting) and June 10, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

### **Administrator's Report**

A full report was received prior to the meeting from Administrator, Rachael Jans. Rachael is working on cleaning out the offices, moving us to a fully remote setup and supporting Transition Coordinator Chris Radford.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Rich Radford reviewed expenses related to the sale of the building and the move out.

A new mailing address PO BOX was established:

Community of ChristChurch  
3300 NW 185th Ave #224  
Portland, OR 97229

There are three keys for the PO Box. Discussion ensued on who should have a key and it was decided the Treasurer, Pastor and Administrator will have a key.

A subcommittee of Violet Thetford, Rich Radford, Cindy Kinnie and Rachael Jans was established to review and make recommendations for checking account access for check writing and deposits. They will also discuss separation of duties to ensure internal control and oversight.

### **Pastor's Report**

There was discussion on how we might advertise local business, resources and services, including those offered by members of our congregation, in Faith News or on the website (as a community bulletin board). This will be discussed more after the move out is complete.

### **Moving update and discussion**

Mark Henderson led the Council in reviewing the move out plan and the timeline Transition Coordinator, Chris Radford, has created. Update articles with full details have been running in Faith News and will continue to do so.

### **2020-2021 Priorities discussion**

A discussion was led by Violet Thetford concerning the concept of Sacred Circles as part of the IMIrJ and ELCA partnership. These circles would consist of members of ChristChurch as well as other faith organizations and partners in western Washington County. Violet was asked to prepare more information on the circles and the matter was tabled for the next meeting.

As we further considered our future priorities, we briefly reviewed how to frame the priorities discussion. How do we build on/up the online worship community? How do we sustain this engaging, faithful, vital community and meets the needs of our current and new members? How do we continue to build relationships and new partnerships with other non-profits and faith-based organizations in the current social setting? We need to re-listen and re-evaluate the effort. Council members were asked to brainstorm priorities and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting on July 22, 2020.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

July 22, 2020 & August 12, 2020

### **Other deadlines**

Vacate building soft deadline: July 31, 2020

Vacate building hard deadline: August 9, 2020

### **Adjournment**

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.