

**Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2017**

Approved

**Voting Members Present:** Pastor Opsahl, Tom Cooper, Doug Gaibler, Bill Hiatt, Tom Kalka, Mitch Kiffe, Allie Peters, Marie Petersen, Antonia Siebert, and Allen Wild.

**Voting Members Absent:** Brenda Rian and Steve Wilson

**Others Present:** Rudy Chatlos.

Pastor Opsahl opened the meeting with prayer.

**Call to Order:** President Kiffe called the meeting to order declaring a quorum present at 7:40 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion by Bill Hiatt to accept the corrected Church Council Meeting minutes of December 19, 2016 that was emailed to Church Council members on January 12, 2017 was seconded.

**Motion carried.**

The Ministry Activity Reports were emailed to Church Council Members on January 16, 2017.

**Reports:**

**Pastoral:** Pastor Opsahl submitted a written report. He highlighted his work with the evaluation of the church staff, his meetings with ministry teams, and the preparations for Lent. He recommended that the council reevaluate the role of the Mutual Ministry Committee. Perhaps after conferring with the Pastor Langknecht, he would like a team that works with him confidentially while another committee works with the hired staff. Pastor Opsahl will be working on the Annual Report to the ECLA. President Kiffe, on behalf of the Church Council, expressed thanks to Pastor Opsahl for his support during the church's transition time.

A motion by Bill Hiatt that Vice-President Doug Gaibler appoint a committee which includes Rudy Chatlos, to evaluate Christ the King's Constitution and By Laws as to what is required to separate the Mutual Ministry and Staff Relations Committee into two separate entities and to have a recommendation for Pastor Langknecht when he arrives was seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Nominating:** Marie Petersen confirmed that Bill Carbaugh will search for replacements for a Chair for the Worship and Music Committee as Katrina Krause is resigning on March 1, 2017 and for Rudy Chatlos who is leaving the Mutual Ministry Committee.

**Information Technology:** Doug Gaibler reported that the committee continues to solicit bids for the wiring of the church for a new phone system. Stephanie Catherine and Ellen Acconcia worked on the church's website and it went live on January 11, 2017. He urged council members to check out the new website and give feedback to the committee.

**Treasurer:** Bill Hiatt emailed the Balance Sheet and Treasurer's report fiscal year ending December, 2016 to church council members on January 15, 2017. With council's approval, 10% of the surplus balance ending December, 2016 or approximately \$4000 was sent to the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod. A total of 152 families gave some financial support to the church last year. Jane Cooper has contacted non-participating members to bring the membership list up to date. The signing of the staff

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time sheets will be done as follows: Mary Beth's will be signed by Bill Hiatt or Allen Wild while Ellen Acconcia's and Maria Cervantes' sheets will be signed by Pastor.

**Property:** Tom Cooper prepared a presentation on the "Christ the King Lutheran Church Facility Use Policy" that included possible tax ramifications if the building is rented for use by non-profit entities. He will recruit people for his committee which will meet regularly to take care of general repairs around the church and grounds.

**Youth:** Allie Peters reported that the flooring for the senior high room will be installed in a couple of days. Those attending the E.C.L.A.'s Youth Ministry Training will be Liz Spoto, Kari Lervick, Jill Nieves, and Kevin Magley.

**Learning:** Antonia Siebert has started contacting people to determine the teaching interest in Vacation Bible School. She urged the council to consider adopting a Communication's Policy so that information for the whole congregation be included in an email blast instead of emails from individuals.

**Important Dates:**

February 12, 2017 - Parsonage Open House after the late service.

February 19, 2017 – Pastor Opsahl's last Sunday.

February 26, 2017 – Pastor Langknecht and Shirla are welcomed.

**February 27, 2017 – Monday – Next Church Council Meeting at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Petersen,  
Secretary of the Church Council

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