

**Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2017**

Approved

**Voting Members Present:** Pastor Langknecht, Leigh Chowdhary, Tom Cooper, Bill Hiatt, Mitch Kiffe, Jeanne McKinley, Allie Peters, Marie Petersen, Mark Spoto, and Allen Wild.

**Voting Members Absent:** Tom Kalka and Steve Wilson.

**Others Present:** Steve Siebert

Pastor Langknecht opened the meeting with prayer.

**Call to Order:** President Kiffe called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion by Bill Hiatt to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2017, Church Council meeting was seconded. **Motion carried.** The minutes were emailed prior to the meeting.

**Reports:**

A copy of the Ministry Activity Reports were emailed to Church Council members Committee Chairs and Staff before the meeting.

**President:** The new bookkeeper started with supervision by Bill Hiatt and Allen Wild on the use of Shepard's Staff software. Issues were resolved with the release of Maria Cervantes as Church Administrator. The Staff Relations (Mutual Ministry) Committee will post the job description. As resumes come in electronically, Pastor will forward them to the committee. Tom Cooper urged that the calendar for church room reservation requests by church members and outside groups be monitored.

**Pastor:** Pastor is arranging for administrative chores to be covered. During the Sundays that have a supply pastors on July 23, 30, Aug. 6, and Oct. 1, Tom Cooper will host and open the church. Bulletin inserts will be done by Ellen Acconcia. Office hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a volunteer answering the phones. Pastor continues to work on reorganizing the Staff Relations (Mutual Ministry) Committee. Mark Baker and Bill Carbaugh have consented to work on staff relations and Donna Kiffe and Bob Mikert on mutual ministry.

**Treasurer:** Bill Hiatt reported that we are \$11,000 below income as compared to this time last year while there is a \$20,000 increase in expenses for the same period. The increase in staff expenses was anticipated and budgeted. The Electronic Reimbursement Form will be sent out by Bill Hiatt to the new council to be used for reimbursement of expenditures by members of the congregation. Monthly Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were emailed to council members prior to this meeting. Bill Hiatt recommended that in early September a Fall Stewardship Campaign be held.

**Property:** Steve Siebert and Tom Cooper discussed the history and current issues concerning the Public Trail Easement that is a stone/dust trail in front of the church that was a requirement upon construction of the church building. The Great Falls Citizens Association has approached the home builder of the property next to the church to pave the path as a donation to the church, thus it would be a tax deduction for the company. Tom Cooper drafted a letter to the Association indicating that Christ the King Lutheran Church is not in a position to incur any expenses concerning pavement of the path. A motion by Allie Peters to proceed with Tom Cooper's letter concerning the Public Trail Easement, as amended with liability and property damage verbiage and stating that Christ the King will not incur any cost in paving the trail, to Shepard Hill of the Great Falls Citizens Association was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** The heat pump and compressor on the right side of the sanctuary failed and Tom is getting estimates for replacement. Bill Hiatt indicated that there is a Dedicated Account to help cover this expense.

**Youth:** The council approved the request by Allie Peters for the youth to sponsor fund raising events. A mentor program for confirmands is being considered by the youth leaders.

**Information Technology:** Allen Wild indicated the need for an IT Chairperson to coordinate the plan for the new phone lines in the building. President Kiffe will contact Doug Gaibler to determine if he is interested in the position.

**Worship and Music:** A motion from the Worship and Music Committee to accept the following calendar of services:

**October 8: Blessing of Animals; one service only at 11:00 a.m..**

**November 23 (Thanksgiving Day): 10:00 a.m. service.**

**Advent mid-week dinners with worship on 12/7, 14, and 21 (exact time TBA).**

**December 24 (Advent IV): one service at 10:00 a.m.**

**December 24 (Christmas Eve): services at 5:00, 7:00, and 11:00 p.m.**

**December 25 (Christmas Day): 10:00 a.m. service.**

**December 31 (Christmas 1/New Year's Eve): one service at 10:00 a.m.**

was seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**Learning:** Sunday School starts the Sunday after Labor Day, September 10. In the 2016 -2017, Sunday School year there were 150 in attendance and 30 in the preschool.

**August 21, 2017 will be the next Church Council meeting.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Petersen,  
Church Council Secretary

