

**Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2018**

**Voting Members Present:** Pastor Hank Langknecht, Mitch Kiffe, Mark Spoto, Bill Hiatt, Leigh Chowdhary, Tom Kalka, Allie Peters, Marie Petersen, Tom Cooper, Dick Wardian, and Steve Wilson.

**Voting Members Absent:** Jeanne McKinley.

Pastor Langknecht opened 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 April 16, 2018 Congregation Council meeting was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** (The minutes were emailed prior to the meeting.)

**Reports:** (Ministry Activity Reports were emailed to council members prior to the meeting.)

**Pastor:** The request by the Pastor that the council grant him two weeks per year of continuing education which is ELCA's recommended minimum was tabled until President Kiffe confers with the Mutual Ministry Chair Bill Carbaugh.

Pastor and Jeanne McKinley are working to integrate the Stephen Ministry program into congregation life.

A course of study that leads to identity as a Lutheran or Christian in life, vocation and service is being finalized by Pastor per the requests of several congregation members. He is looking for ways to connect this to the New Connections program. He will also make it clear that this course of study is separate from Kerry Rines' Adult Sunday School program.

**President:** Mitch mentioned that Larry Zmuda continues to seek people to fill the Property and Stewardship Council Advocate positions as well as Fellowship, Witness, and Worship & Music Chair openings prior to the June congregation meeting. Jeanne McKinley submitted a Sunday Nursery Usage report that will be discussed when she is in attendance at a council meeting. Mitch had a meeting with the Audit Committee to review their analysis of expenses that could be shared with King's Kids Preschool. A small committee from CTK will be appointed to work with KKP leadership to revise and renew the current Memorandum of Understanding. That work will commence after the end of the school and camp year. Heidi Toloczko's request to divide the cost of playground repairs with the church will be considered as part of the MOU revision process.

**Treasurer:** Bill Hiatt reported that with approximately 33% of the year completed, 39% of projected income has been given. He presented the "Source of General Contributions" worksheet that categorized contributions from January 1 – April 30, 2018.

**Fellowship:** Dolly Whalen, Fellowship Co-Chair approached President Kiffe about the possibility of serving beer and wine at the Octoberfest party. The council decided that the issue be presented to the congregation at the June 10, 2018 meeting to get feedback on the idea.

**Witness and Outreach:** The committee has suggested that a “new 21<sup>st</sup> century sign, such as a plasma screen” be purchased for the front of the church that will more readily convey information. The council enthusiastically supports the idea and urges the committee to compile information on the specifics of the sign including size, cost and funding. Allie Peters suggested that those who are coming to or in church use Instagram to identify where they are.

**Property:** Tom Cooper still is working on setting up a video doorbell at the door from the parking lot entrance to the church. With the council’s approval Tom will start the plan to repave the church’s parking lot and the parsonage’s driveway this summer. He recommended that replacing the hot water heater be included in next year’s budget.

**Youth:** On behalf of the youth, Allie thanked the congregation’s generosity that enabled costs for the Mission Trip and Conference to remain reasonable. The Youth will also help out during July 4, 2018 when the church and King’s Kids sponsor a water bottle give away at the Great Falls Center that will take place from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The youth will also help out when the church opens to view fireworks that evening.

**Unfinished Business:** Marie Petersen presented the proxy form that will be used for the June 10, 2018, Congregational Meeting. She also gave out the Summer Fellowship Schedule that assigns church committees to provide refreshments between 9:30 – 10 a.m. on Sundays when there are two services.

**New Business:** Eden Hope Academy, a home school organization, has requested the use of 4 rooms on the second floor of the education wing on consecutive Tuesdays for 4 hours during two 12 week sessions beginning in September, 2018 and January, 2019. There will be 20 – 25 students plus teachers and parents from 9 am – 1 pm. Kim Glanowski , daughter of Larry and Patsy Fann will be in charge of the program. Heidi Toloczko and several church members have met with Kim. Heidi recommended that Kim be invited to do a presentation to the council. The council also suggested that references be obtained and checked.

**Announcements:     June 10, 2018 - Congregational Meeting at Noon**

**June 18, 2018 - Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**July 4, 2018 - Water Bottle Give Away at Great Falls Center at 10:30 am – 1 p.m.**

**Adjournment:** A motion by Bill Hiatt to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. was seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Petersen

Congregation Council Secretary