

**Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2019**

**Approved**

**Voting Members Present:** Pastor Langknecht, Doug Gaibler, Bill Hiatt, Mitch Kiffe, Jeanne McKinley, Allie Post, Marie Petersen, Mark Spoto, and Tom Wolfe. Steve Wilson and Dick Wardian were absent.

Pastor Langknecht opened with prayer.

**Call to Order:** President Kiffe called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion by Bill Hiatt to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2019, Congregation Council meeting was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** (The minutes were emailed to council members prior to the meeting.)

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

**Pastor:** Lutheran Social Services has invited our church to host a table at their fund raising breakfast on May 14, 2019. This entails bringing 8 or 9 congregants, friends, and family to learn more about LSS programs. Pastor will be recruiting volunteers to attend the Synod Assembly on June 14 -15, 2019 in College Park. At this event a new Bishop will be elected. The Synod Bishop's convocation is on April 23 -25, 2019, in Puerto Rico and Pastor Hank will attend and preach in St. Croix, USVI. In order to get members more involved in church activities, Pastor will use the "direct ask" approach in conjunction with sign-up sheets. Newly designed note cards, letter stationary, business cards, and memorial cards were shown by pastor to be used in correspondence.

**Treasurer:** (Reports emailed to council members prior to the meeting.) Giving in January was quite low resulting in a negative cash flow of \$11,854. We have started seeing the benefit of opening a savings account. In one month, we earned more interest than we did in six months last year.

**President:** The "Memorandum of Understanding" with King's Kids Preschool is finalized and the preschool should have sent the church their new donation amount starting on January 1, 2019.

**Stewardship:** Doug Gaibler reported that Council members were given 11 names of members who have donated this or last year. They were instructed to call each name on the list to ask how these members thought Christ the King was doing and if they had any concerns or ideas to suggest. Council is to report back to Doug and Dave Whelan with results of the calls.

**Property:** Tom Wolfe suggested that a color palette be adopted so that when parts of the interior of the church need painting, the results will be consistent. Spring Clean Up will probably be on March 16, with a rain date of March 30.

**Youth:** The Coffee Café is furnished and open for use in the hallway of the Educational Wing. A few cosmetic improvements have created a welcoming area for Sunday School and Preschool parents to

gather. Allie Post indicated that Kevin Magley is working on events for parents and their younger children that may include game nights, meeting at playgrounds and other ideas for play dates. He has accepted the leadership role in coordinating this program.

**Bylaws Committee:** Marie Petersen reported that a Bylaws Committee has formed to review the church's constitution and bylaws. The members will bring the constitution up to date with mandatory recommendations from the Synod. The Bylaws dated 2006 will also be revised. The Council will first receive and approve these amended documents, then they will be presented at Congregational Meetings for motions of acceptance.

**Worship:** Lent and Holy Week Worship is as follows:

"Ashes to Go" – Ash Wednesday morning, March 6, at Katie's Coffee House, 7 a.m. to Noon.

Ash Wednesday – March 6,

Maundy Thursday, April 18,

Palm Sunday, April 14,

Good Friday, April 19,

Easter Vigil, April 20 (with St. Frances Episcopal, tentative)

Easter Sunday, April 21

Mid-week Lenten programs on Thursdays – 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, and April 4

Theme will be "Sustainability."

Summer will have two services at 8:30 am and 11:00 a.m., except for one service on June 2 at 10 a.m. with picnic, Aug 4 at 10 a.m. and on Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. –Blessing of the animals.

**New Business:** A motion by Allie Post to accept the 2019 salary increase recommendations for staff by the Mutual Ministry/Staff Relations Committee, effective immediately, was seconded by Bill Hiatt.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Important Dates: March 18, 2019 - Next Council Meeting**

**Adjournment:** A motion by Bill Hiatt to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Marie Petersen

Congregational Secretary

