

Feb. 11, 2014

Christus Lutheran Church Council Meeting

In attendance: Wendy Bekx, John Brattlund, Craig Burow, Pastor Jen Christenson, De Dalum, Dick Griesser, Linda Grundman, Chad Lorenz, Dawn O'Dell, Luke Zuleger.

Absent: None

Guests: Christine Loppnow, Dara Stull

Meeting was called to order by President Wendy Bekx.

Pastor Jen opened with prayer.

Minutes from the Dec. 13, 2013 were approved.

Old Business

Discussion on the revisions to our constitution will be tabled to the next meeting.

Giving to the "Greater Church" was discussed. It was suggested that rather than giving to the synod we should be more specific as to where our money goes. It was brought up that a previous council made a commitment for Christus to work toward tithing to the greater church. The decision was made to leave our giving as is at this time, but it was not ruled out that sometime in the future we could make changes.

Regular Business - Regular Business consists of reports from the liaisons to the BMT and the ministry teams. For more detailed information on the ministry teams please refer to the individual team minutes from the previous month.

BMT

- The 2014 budget was reviewed for the upcoming annual meeting.
- Website updates and changes were discussed.
- Church employee reviews will be completed in the July/August timeframe by the president, the president-elect and the BMT.
- The church secretary's pay was discussed and the decision was made to make an adjustment to remain competitive to other churches of our size in the area.
- An agreement has been made between Christus and Fox Valley Lutheran Homes to exchange auditing services for each other.

Faith Development

- The round table discussion on marriage that was held between services went very well.
- Future discussions and presentations were discussed.

Outreach

- The coordinator position was turned over to Adam Clifford.
- There was low attendance at the last meeting.

Service

- Sinful Cinnamon Sunday went very well.
- Upcoming events were discussed and will be posted on the Kiosk.

Worship and Music

- There was discussion on how to handle large services, Christmas, Easter etc. This discussion will be ongoing.
- Ash Wednesday ashes were discussed. Rather than purchasing ashes we will be making our own, probably in the form of a Sunday school or confirmation class project.
- New banners are being planned.
- “Sanctuary” may be played/sang prior to the reading of the gospel.
- Other special upcoming services were outlined.

Youth

- The coordinator position will be turned over to Jill Beyer.
- Children’s bulletins for worship services are going so-so. More time will be given to see if they will be continued.
- Christus will be highlighting the week of July 6, 2014 for summer camp.
 - Scholarships are available and the hope is to increase the dollar amount given.
 - Sponsorship was also discussed.
- The Sunday school youth raised over \$500.00 for God’s Global Barnyard.
- The behavioral issues in Sunday school have become much less with a parent in attendance.
- Upcoming events were discussed.

New Business

We discussed increasing the number of council members in order to get us in compliance with our existing constitution. A motion was made and seconded to add Luke Zuleger. Motion passed.

A memorial policy was discussed and Dick, Dawn and Pastor Jen will look into this further.

There was additional discussion on our website changes (in addition to the BMT) Dara will follow this up.

The possibility of a council retreat was discussed and one is tentatively planned for March, 8, 2014 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Place to be determined.

Emergency plans were briefly discussed and will continue with Pastor Jen and Dara looking into this further.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pastor Jen led us in closing with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Craig Burow