

Christus Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Members: Amy Wierschke (2018), De Dalum (2018), Jeff Arps (2019), Larry Bentle (2019), Bob Hicks (2018), Lois Posselt (2019) & Pastor Jen

Guests: Adam Hanson, Christine Loppnow

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jen

Approval of November Minutes – Jeff made a motion to approve the November minutes and Larry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Current Agenda - De made a motion to approve the agenda and Lois seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2018 Budget Presentation** – Adam Hanson:
 - Adam explained the proposed budget for 2018. It will be a transitional year, as Christus makes plans to deal with a significant budget shortfall. Counting on Highway 15 money is not a “fix” for this problem as some of the money will be needed to repay money borrowed from savings and to deal with changes in church property when the highway work actually begins. Staff salaries remain at 2017 levels. Two staff members will see a slight increase to offset and increase in their insurance premiums.
 - The council discussed various ways that the budget could be reduced, and decided to lower the amount paid in benevolence (to Synod) to decrease the budget shortfall.
 - Jeff moved to cut benevolence to 5% to cover the cost of staff insurance increases and decrease the budget shortfall. Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **January Meeting Date Change** – Pastor Jen:
 - The January meeting will move to January 11 @ 6:30pm. Amy will contact the new members regarding the change.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **BMT Update** – Amy:
 - Melissa, at her request, will move from 22 hours weekly to 18 hours.

CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

- The Council discussed an email message from a member (Dated November 15, 2017).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Lois made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Pastor Jen led the group in a closing prayer

The next council meeting will be on Thursday, January 11 @ 6:30pm

The next all ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by De Dalum