

Christus Church Council Minutes

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Members Present: Jeff Arps, Amy Wierschke, Denice Laehn, Larry Bentle, Bob Hicks, Jim Walter, Sue DeSautel & Pastor Jen

Guest: Christine Loppnow

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Amy Wierschke, Council President.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jen

Approval of December Minutes – Bob made a motion to approve the December minutes, and Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Current Agenda – Jeff made a motion to approve the agenda, and Sue seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- BMT Updates – Larry briefed the council on the December BMT meeting. The plowing of the parking lot was discussed regarding issues of timing for best results. They also talked about the budget, how to present it, and looked at what the future deficit might be. He also spoke about the January BMT meeting, where the highway project was discussed, along with possible contractors. Church Windows is now up and running, replacing QuickBooks. The BMT is looking into having an audit done.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Went over duties & responsibilities of congregation council document
- Introductions of members
- Goals & Visioning – Pastor Jen: There is a congregational vitality survey provided by the synod, which we hope to administer as soon as possible. This would be given during the service on two consecutive Sundays. Looking at Feb 25 & March 4 tentatively. The cost will be approximately \$175. Sue made a motion that we go ahead with the survey, Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Choosing Ministry Teams – Pastor Jen & Amy
 - BMT Team – Larry

- Faith Development Team – Pastor Jen
 - Fellowship Team – Jim
 - Outreach & Membership Growth Team – Jeff
 - Service Team – Denice
 - Worship Team – Sue
 - Youth Team – Bob
- Outreach Team – Jeff spoke about the outreach team, which is now back as a ministry team at Christus, with four members. The team is looking at contacting members who have left in 2017 to get an idea of why they left and what drew them to Christus initially.
 - Summer Worship – Pastor Jen: The council considered the possibility of two services next summer versus one. Last year we had a dip in overall attendance with the one service compared to other summers where two services were held. However, much positive feedback was given from members who enjoyed the mix of people from both services. It was decided we would continue with one service at 9 am, with consideration of a plan to try to augment giving to avoid the summer deficit.

CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

- Church Safety – Denice suggested we consider security measures to protect our staff, members and guests. Pastor Jen will spearhead the formation of a safety team. Also suggested was a class between services for those interested in learning proper use of the defibrillator, fire extinguishers etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Larry seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Pastor Jen led the group in a closing prayer.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6:30.
The next all ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by Sue DeSautel