

Christus Church Council Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2017

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

Guests: Christine Loppnow, Melissa Prochnow

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jen

Approval of April Minutes – Luke made a motion to approve the April minutes and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Same Gender Weddings Handout** – Pastor Jen & Amy: Council members reviewed the Same Gender Weddings document Amy composed and recommended changes. We will also ask several non-council people to read the document for clarity as well.
- **Anniversary Celebration** – Melissa: Melissa reported on items the committee is considering as hand-outs for the celebration. The Council discussed the best way to advertise the celebration.
- **BMT Update** – Jeff: Jeff gave the council a Hwy 15 update; talked about updating our Quickbooks program to Church Windows Software; and talked about adding video and audio to the gathering area for Sunday services. Christus will also be a Greenville movie night sponsor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Updating Membership Rolls: Adult Children of Current Members** – Pastor Jen: People who have not responded to the numerous contact attempts will be removed from the church roster.
- **“To Do List” for the Congregational Meeting in October** – Pastor Jen: The Council discussed voting issues for the eventual Hwy 15 and same gender wedding votes. Voting is limited to confirmed church members who have made a contribution of record to the congregation. Regular church protocol will be followed to announce these congregational meetings.
- **Pastor Don’s Retirement** (Faith United Methodist Church in Greenville) – Pastor Jen: The Council agreed to make a \$100 donation honoring Pastor Don’s retirement.

Pastor Jen will check to see if the Methodists have something similar to our Lutheran World Relief.

CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION: We still need one volunteer to represent Christus at this spring's synod convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: De is taking a "personal" sabbatical year in 2018 and will be leaving the council after December. It was agreed that the person taking her place would serve a three year term.

Bob made a motion at 8:53pm to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Closing Prayer

The next council meeting will be on Thursday, June 1.

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

Respectfully submitted by De Dalum