

## **Christus Church Council Minutes**

Thursday, November 2, 2017

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

Guests: Christine Lopnow.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jen

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

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

October 8 Congregational Meeting – Pastor Jen

**Check-in Procedure:** Everyone thought the sign-in procedure went smoothly. Having “problem solvers” available kept the lines moving. Listing last names in bold and using alphabet tabs would also help. We determined that people need to be present during the comment section of the process in order to vote. People could leave after they voted.

**Meeting Details:** The council was disappointed that no one opposing the motion spoke during the “comment” section.

**Repercussions:** A small number of Christus members have chosen to leave the congregation as a result of the vote.

BMT Update – Jeff:

- Melissa’s position will change from salaried to hourly.
- There is a 6% rise in staff benefit costs for 2018.
- We have moved to ChurchWindows for accounting purposes, but will still run QuickBooks for awhile too.
- Highway 15 – no news.
- The roof will be re-calked around the spire periodically to prevent leaking.
- The BMT is looking into fixing at least some of the parking lot lights.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Vacancies – Pastor Jen

Two 3-year and one 2-year council positions will be open for next year. The nomination committee will recruit candidates within the next two weeks.

Outreach Committee – Jeff

This committee has suspended activities for the time being. It was determined to concentrate future efforts using social media platforms.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

Christine left the meeting and the council moved into closed session discussions.

**CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION:**

--It was suggested that the overhead lights be turned down when videos are shown during the service.

--Some had questions about using the SimplyGiving option for making pledges.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Lois announced that she is resigning her position on council effective after December.

Larry made a motion at 8:49 pm to adjourn the meeting and Lois seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Closing Prayer

The next council meeting will be on Thursday, December 7.

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

Respectfully submitted by De Dalum