

Christus Church Council Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2017

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

Guests: Christine Loppnow, and Melissa Prochnow.

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

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jen

Approval of August Minutes – Jeff made a motion to approve the August 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Final preparations for the Congregational Meeting in October – Pastor Jen

- Parliamentarian: A parliamentarian is not available from the Synod Office. Pastor Jen will check to see if we might get an intentional interim pastor to fill this spot. As a backup we will check with FFA members or a current CLC member.
- A post card announcing the congregation meeting/vote will be sent to all CLC members. The card will refer people to information that was previously posted in monthly newsletters.
- A handout will be distributed Sunday, September 17, with general information on same gender weddings and information on the congregational meeting check-in procedure. This information will also be sent out to members via e-mail.
- Ballots: The text of the ballot will be printed in the October newsletter and copies will be available at the two informational meetings. Ballot:

*Special Congregational Meeting
October 8, 2017*

Motion: *Same-gender weddings of Christus members and relatives of Christus members will be allowed at Christus Lutheran Church.*

Please check ONE answer. *Ballots with more than one answer checked will be invalid and not counted.*

Yes, same-gender weddings should be allowed at Christus Lutheran Church.

No, same-gender weddings should not be allowed at Christus Lutheran Church.

- Pastor Jen will put together a list of FAQ's and responses for council members to use at the two informational meetings concerning same-gender weddings.

■ Misc:

- The vote is the only topic that can be discussed at this meeting.
- The length of the discussion period will be limited to no more than 16 minutes total.
- Ask Tina Hanson to sell Scrip after the vote.
- We should create a to-do checklist and agenda.

■ Meeting day duties:

- 1 person to help set up mics, etc.
- 2 people at each table checking people in and handing out ballots (A-K and L-Z)
- 1-2 floaters to handle problem check-ins
- 4 people collecting ballots
- 1 person to run PowerPoint slide show during counting
- 2 counters, 2 to verify the count

Anniversary Celebration Highlights – Melissa

■ 217 people attended the anniversary service. Kudos to Melissa and her committee for a job well done!

BMT Update – Larry

- The new audio system in the gathering area is up and running.
- Kim's work schedule will be 28 hours per week, Monday thru Thursday.
- \$125 has been approved to bring a Martin Luther impersonator to Christus this coming spring. The program will be on a Wednesday night.
- An anonymous donor has purchased a new sanctuary piano for Christus.
- Jan Mallmann has been tasked with getting three companies to submit bids for preparing conceptual plans for a possible new sanctuary, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Vacancy – Pastor Jen

■ The council agreed to leave this position open and elect a new member at the December congregational meeting. The nominating committee should start recruiting two new council members for two year terms. The committee consists of De Dalum, Sandi Luedke and Amy Wierschke.

Annual Meeting Dates – Pastor Jen

■ A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Lois to approve these dates. The motion carried.

- December 3, 2017 – Annual Meeting Part I
- January 28, 2018 – Annual Meeting Part II (Budget meeting)

Peterson Family Reinstatement – Pastor Jen

■ A motion was made by De and seconded by Larry to approve reinstating the Petersons. The motion carried.

CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm with the closing prayer.

Submitted by De Dalum