

**Christ Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
July 8, 2013**

Present: Pastor Eric Moehring, Pastor Kristin Hunsinger, Council President Heather Heckel, Vice President Tinky Keen, Treasurer Paul Quel, Secretary Stephanie Feaser, Council Members: Dennis Burns, Chad Foltz, Ernie Foltz, John Jung, Diane Kellogg, Bruce Matson, Ferrell Newman, George Springer, Sarah Vaughan; Guest – Amy Morrison.

Absent: Dennis Burns

George Springer opened the meeting with devotions.

Minutes from June were approved as corrected.

Pastor Eric's Report (Written Report):

- August 18 is the Prayer Garden Rededication. Pastor provided a list of improvements that have been made and thanked Diane Bentz for her oversight of the project. In total, Christ Lutheran has five gardens and Pastor included an update on other gardens as well. Pastor suggested a clean-up day be organized before Aug 18. Pastor Kristin will contact the property ministry to organize the clean-up and create a list of tasks. It was suggested that Joe Barnes be contacted to assist.
- August 25 is the congregational meeting and recognition of ministries.
- July 28 is the recognition of "retired" baptismal fonts.
- Pastor also provided a planning check list for the sabbatical including confirmation class coverage, new members, pastoral care, etc.

Pastor Kristin's Report (Written Report):

- Pastor introduced Amy who is visiting the church council meeting as a guest.
- Pastor provided an evening worship service update – The new evening worship service is scheduled to take place weekly beginning September 8 at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. The vision is an intimate service in the format of the Lutheran service with communion and contemporary/acoustic music. Council asked about the marketing plan which will include signage, invitations to the community, Facebook ads, farmer's market notices, and a demonstration of the music and outline of the service previewed by the congregation during the last two Sundays in August during the 9 am worship services. The next planning meeting will be at the end of July to discuss publicity. Members of the evangelism committee are invited to assist.
- Pastor is working with a committee to have photos of the previous baptismal fonts matted and framed for the decommissioning on July 28.
- Pastor presented a draft of the Rally Day Ministry Fair Letter and welcomed comments.
- VBS Update – 16 children are registered with maybe three more in the nursery, plus an adult class (team taught by Pastor Eric and Paul Quel) begins on Sunday evening.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Sarah reported that the pictorial directory has been sent off for printing and that about 80 families were photographed and five families sent in photos.
- Diane announced that Linda Keener is seeking another bell ringer and rehearsals are Sunday evenings.

Paul's Treasurer's Report (Expense Report distributed):

- At mid-year we are about \$3,000 in red.

New Business:

Copier Replacement Needed (Written Report):

Pastor Eric distributed a summary of our copier needs and a Motion by Council to approve a 5-year lease agreement for new Lanier copier at a savings of \$5 per month less than the current lease was approved.

Fall Council Objectives:

Heather suggested Council be thinking about the following objectives: stewardship, a communications/social media ministry, strengthening ministries beyond the Ministry Fair in September, and planning for next year and beyond including events, fundraising, budgets, and long-range planning.

Old Business:

Budget Oversight/Formation – Paul will start notifying ministries to report budget changes by Sept 1.

Stewardship Update- Jennifer John will chair the committee and work is progressing.

United Lutheran Appeal – John will coordinate this project with signage and put announcements and ULA envelopes in the Nov 17 and 24 bulletins.

Council Election Update – Tinky showed the letter which will go out to nominees when the list is decided. Calls will be made later. Some names have already been offered, but additional names are being accepted. John recommended that careful consideration be made to the mix of new and veteran members selected and that we look for nominees that are passionate and can bring new thoughts and ideas to the table.

Trustees – All three of the current trustees accepted nomination for another term. A vote will be held at the next congregational meeting at the end of August.

Constitution Update – Sarah and Diane have been comparing notes and updates and merging recommendations. They plan to have compiled the information into a plan of action for Council to review by the August meeting.

Shepherding – To inform the congregation of shepherding, council will do so when contacting their assigned members and will forgo putting an announcement in the bulletin. Some council members have already sent out letters. Diane will forward a copy of her introductory letter to council members as an example. John suggests we pick an upcoming event and invite the family to attend to get members of the congregation involved in the life of the church. Contacts can be informal and one-on-one, in writing or by phone, however the council member feels comfortable reaching out to the members on their list. It was suggested that we revisit the shepherding process again in November to discuss what has worked, what didn't work, and what we can do to tweak the process. Pastor Kristin requested that we notify the pastors of any major life events we find out about in talking with the congregation to keep everyone informed. There was concern about what happens to the list of names that the outgoing half of council has when they go off council at the end of the year. We may need to redistribute the list of names. Pastor Kristin suggested the website www.oldlutheran.com as a site for fun postcards to send to members.

Fundraising – We are near our goal of \$4,000 for the congregation sabbatical, not counting yesterday's collection. There was an additional \$500 donated specifically for the hand bells.

List of Upcoming Events – Heather provided a list of upcoming events on the back of the agenda.

Meeting closed with remarks for the good of the church.

Next Meeting: - **August 12, 2013** (Diane will be taking minutes)

Motions Approved:

- 1) Motion to approve new 5-year lease agreement for a new copier was approved.

Submitted by Stephanie Feaser, Council Secretary