

Minutes of Council Meeting Christ the King Lutheran Church, Inc. September 17, 2007

A regular meeting of the council of the above-named corporation was held at the Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066, on Monday, September 17, 2007. The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council members present are indicated by an X in the chart below.

Member	Assignment	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Paul Gysan	Pastor	e	x	x									
Scott McAnally	Associate Pastor	x	x	x									
Allen Wild	President, Chairperson	x	x	x									
Steve Siebert	V.P./Staff Relations	x	x	e									
Steve O'Connor	Secretary	x	x	x									
Amy Swineford	Congregational Life	x	x	x									
	Fellowship												
Dave Rudorfer	Treasurer	x	x	x									
Louise Babirak	Learning	x	x	x									
Bob Hummel	Property	x	x	x									
Tracey Shenk	Service	e	x	e									
Shane McKinley	Financial Secretary	e	e	e									
	Stewardship												
Gil Miller	Long Range Planning	e	e	x									
Chris Lopez	Witness	x	x	x									
Lynne Roots	Worship & Music	e	x	x									
	Youth												
David Zimmerman	Finance	x	x	x									

The meeting commenced with a prayer led by Pastor Gysan.

Announcements/Approval of Minutes:

The draft minutes of the August 20, 2007, meeting were presented and discussed. A motion to amend the draft minutes was proposed, seconded, and approved. With that amendment, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Gysan's Report is attached as item 1.

Pastor Scott's Report is attached as item 2.

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Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee:

The Treasurer provided two reports, which is attached as items 3 and 4. Contributions lagged behind expenses in August. Contributions to date for September amount to approximately \$39,000. Expenses should stay relatively even through the rest of the year.

Discussion of the Treasurer's Report followed. It was noted that with good contributions in November and December, we can make up \$50-60K on the shortfall. The council discussed what size cash buffer, for example, \$75-100K, would be desirable to deal with the month-to-month fluctuations in giving. A suggestion was made to for the Treasurer/Finance Committee to look at the individual ministry team budgets to determine amounts that might be cut.

It was noted that gifts in memory of Joe Rymal amounted to approximately \$11,000. Pastor Gysan asked that those gifts be transmitted to Thrivent.

Council discussed the process for developing the 2008 budget. A budget development schedule was distributed and discussed. Input from the ministry teams was requested by October 1. A first draft of the budget will be prepared for discussion at the next council meeting.

Charts breaking down the congregation's giving patterns for use in the upcoming stewardship campaign were distributed and discussed. Compared to the chart used in the campaign last year, the draft charts are expanded to include more incremental steps. Council discussed the whether the chart should or should not indicate the number of members giving for the respective steps.

Ministry Team Reports and Discussion:

Learning Committee:

Rally Sunday was a success. The new drop off/pick up policy was implemented. Feedback was received from some parents. Although the policy can produce some inconvenience for parents, the benefits in safety for the children resulting from the policy outweigh any inconvenience.

One or two adults will remain after the Sunday School group snack session in fellowship hall until all of the children have been picked up by a parent.

Congregational Life/Fellowship:

A number of small groups are forming in the congregations. A "seniors" group is forming, and there is interest in evening groups interested in discipleship. Responses have also been good for Tables of Eight. With respect to fellowship, 2nd Sunday coffee has been organized.

Worship & Music:

A brochure describing the various music ministries has been designed by Mrs. Dobos. The council thanks Mrs. Dobos for her work on the brochure.

Some volunteers for W&M ministries signed up on Rally Day. Efforts will continue to solicit more volunteers for these ministries. In addition, a list of permanent volunteers is being prepared for worship-related positions is being prepared to ease identification of substitutes to cover absences.

The Women's Ensemble is on temporary hiatus.

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Council discussed altar flowers as a line item in the budget, and whether or not this should remain as an expense item in the W&M budget.

Service:

The Service Team met on September 12 to discuss upcoming projects and ideas. A sandwich making session for Martha's Table is scheduled for October 7. On October 20m 5-6 volunteers will assemble bag lunches for the Salvation Army Grate Patrol. The lunches and cold weather supplies will be delivered to DC for distribution. Donations and volunteers are being sought for this ministry.

Volunteers area also being sought to act as liaisons for NOVACO.

Several events are scheduled for November, including a Homeless Walk, Food Drive, Cedars Luncheon, NOVACO Life Skills dinner, and Angel Tree.

A Service Brochure is underway and will be completed soon.

Property:

Fifteen people participated in the campus cleanup. Although significant progress was made, there is still work that needs to be completed. Another session will be scheduled.

A video inventory of church property will be made for insurance purposes.

Another air conditioning compressor, the unit for Fellowship Hall, has failed. A repair estimate of \$4,200 was obtained.

Long Range Planning:

The team leader's summary report is attached as item 5. The membership of the long range planning committee is developing. The committee is developing a set of objective for the year, including development of a rolling five year plan.

In addition, Greg Maxwell is chairing the Task Force for Council Leadership, which is addressing the following issues:

1. reviewing the present governance and recommending changes as needed, including restructuring the present council;
2. programming and staffing to support new programs; and
3. pastoral role in training and equipping lay leaders and professional staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Scott has asked the council chair to appoint two ad-hoc committees. See item 2. The two committees are:

1. Webpage Overhaul Committee, charged with bringing the CTK webpage up to date, comprising Mike Swineford, Chris Lopez, Gil Miller, and Pastor Scott; and
2. Church Database Research Team, charged with researching, comparing, and making a recommendation to either continue using the Shepherd's Staff software or switch to a different database program.

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Following discussion of the proposals, the council approved formation of the two committees.

RESOLUTIONS:

No resolutions were suggested for vote by the council.

There being no further business requiring council action or consideration, and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Pastor Scott led the council in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2007.

/s/ Steven O'Connor
Steven O'Connor, Secretary