

Minutes of Council Meeting Christ the King Lutheran Church, Inc. June 16, 2008

A regular meeting of the council of the above-named corporation was held at the Dogwood Lane parsonage, on Monday, June 16, 2008. 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	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Scott McAnally	Associate Pastor	x	x	x	e	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	e
Allen Wild	President, Chairperson	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Steve Siebert	V.P./Staff Relations	x	x	e	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Steve O'Connor	Secretary	x	x	x	x	x	e	x	x	x	x	x	x
Amy Swineford	Congregational Life	x	x	x	x	e	x	x	x	e	x	x	x
	Fellowship												
Dave Rudorfer	Treasurer	x	x	x	x	x	x	e	x	x	e	e	x
Louise Babirak	Learning	x	x	x	x	e	x	x	e	x	x	x	x
Bob Hummel	Property	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tracey Shenk	Service	e	x	e	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Shane McKinley	Financial Secretary	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e
	Stewardship												
Gil Miller	Long Range Planning	e	e	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	e	x
Chris Lopez	Witness	x	x	x	x	e	e	e	x	e	x	x	e
Lynne Roots	Worship & Music	e	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	e	x	x	x
	Youth												
	Finance												

The council was joined by four of the newly elected council members (Tim Riffe was on vacation): Brett McMillen, Rudy Chatlos, Bill Carbaugh, and Tom Kalka.

Pastor Gysan opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

The draft minutes of the May 19, 2008, meeting were presented, reviewed, and approved.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee:

The Treasurer's Report is attached as items 1 and 2. Dave gave the council members-elect a brief review of the contents of the monthly reports.

As of the end of May, the general fund contained approximately \$28.4K and the overall cash position was about \$69K. For the first two Sunday's in June the offering has amounted to about \$30K.

Action Item: The council members-elect will receive a copy of the current budget. Allen noted the "campaign" and "first Fruits" line items and explained how contributions to the Silver to Gold campaign are distributed.

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Pastor's Report:

Pastor Gysan's Report is attached as item 3.

Pastor noted that the average worship attendance for May was 252 per week. In addition to worship attendance, Pastor indicated that he would like to start including weekly attendance reports for Sunday school. Louise indicated that we do have that information.

Pastor noted that the Sunday School Service led by the youth of the congregation was a powerful experience. He emphasized the importance of the Youth and Family Ministry efforts and the need to continue to immerse our youth in the faith.

The Learning Ministry Team honored teachers by giving two scholarships that will permit two youth to attend Camp Fraser

Ministry Team Reports and Discussion:

Congregational Life/Fellowship:

Amy reported on the community outreach event that will take place on July 4th at CTK. A dinner is planned for that evening followed by watching fireworks from the church property. Council discussed how to advertise the event outside of the congregation. Some additional volunteers are needed to assist with the event.

Service:

The professional clothing drive was a success. About 1,000 articles of clothing were collected and delivered for distribution.

There will be a blood drive on July 4th at the Great Falls fire department between 8:00-2:00.

Property:

We lost some trees in the recent storms. Also, the wet weather has created seepage problems on the property that will be addressed with some landscaping/grading adjustments.

The new freezer for the kitchen arrives on July 29th.

Witness:

New members will be joining the congregation during the 11:00 AM service on June 22 at Lake Fairfax Park

Learning:

This ministry team is looking for some additional Sunday school teachers and a new Sunday school superintendent to replace Julie Benson. Planning will soon begin for Rally Day in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

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A directory listing the staff and 2008-09 council was distributed. Any corrections needed should be brought to Mike's attention. It was noted that Peter Saba should be added as the Chair of the Silver to Gold follow-up committee.

Allen mentioned that we still need to fill the positions of financial secretary and chair of the finance committee. With the budget season soon upon us, we need to fill the latter position quickly. Any suggestions of possible candidates would be appreciated.

Floyd Gaibler will continue to serve as leader of the Stewardship Ministry.

Allen explained to the council members-elect that Mike can provide information collected from time and talent sheets to help identify congregation members with interests in our various ministry areas.

Action item: The Endowment Committee needs to elect a Chair.

Synod Assembly Report:

Alan Rupp and Audrey and Allen Wild attended the Synod Assembly as CTK's representatives.

Allen reported that two resolutions on human sexuality were withdrawn at the request of the Bishop. A report on this issue is available on-line and the Synod would like feedback. This issue is set to be addressed at the next assembly.

A percentage of the contributions received by the Synod are sent to the Church in Chicago. Individual churches may also pledge a percentage to the Synod. Historically, CTK has pledged a fixed amount to the Synod. Allen raised for consideration whether it made sense for CTK to move to a percentage pledge of 10%.

A new mission church is coming to Ashburn. A call has been issued to a development Pastor, which has been answered. Allen noted that in the Silver to Gold campaign, we have pledged to contribute first fruits to the development of mission churches.

Allen noted that at the Synod Assembly Pastor Gysan and the CTK delegates learned that Pastor Scott had been nominated to serve on the ELCA's national council. Troubled by concerns for Pastor Scott because he might be overextending himself, and also the potential impact on the congregation arising from more demands on Pastor Scott's time, particularly any impact on our youth ministry in view of Kara's departure at the end of July, Allen shared those feelings with the council by reading a draft letter and asked the council members for their guidance.

The discussion touched on Pastor Scott's service to the church through his participation and leadership in Synod activities, which it was noted are a positive reflection not only upon himself, but also this congregation. The council members expressed their support for Pastor Scott's continued participation in such activities, which further the work of the church and Pastor Scott's personal development as a minister. At the same time, members of the council acknowledged that Pastor Scott has many demands on his time and energy, not the least of which are his commitments to his family, the congregation, Synod activities, and his graduate studies. The council members were uncertain about the additional commitments entailed if Pastor Scott were elected to the national council (including when they would begin and how long they would last), and how Pastor Scott intended to integrate his new responsibilities with his existing responsibilities. In addition, with Kara's departure there will almost certainly be a need for Pastor Scott to devote additional time to ministering to the congregation's youth, and there were concerns expressed on how the needs of the youth would be met.

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A suggestion was made to have a conversation with Pastor Scott to learn more about what his duties would be to the national counsel if he is elected, and his thoughts on performing those duties while also meeting the needs of the congregation. Allen, Steve Siebert, and Rudy Chatlos agreed to meet with Pastor Scott to have this conversation.

Allen closed with thoughts on his term as President of the council. Louise and the council thanked Allen for his service to the congregation.

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

Dated this 16th day of June, 2008.

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