

Council Meeting Notes from April 15, 2018 at 12:30 AM

Present: Theo, Rebecca, Pr Manda, Bob, Jean, Susan, Laurie, Kevin.

Absent: Chuck, Joe

Resigned: Kerry (moved to Oregon)

Pr Manda led us in a devotion that was a take off from the sermon earlier in the day.

The **agenda was accepted as presented**, with the addition of a discussion about the time we meet.

The **minutes of the March meeting** were moved for approval, seconded and unanimously approved after their review.

There was discussion about the **new database** for use with membership as we expect to be growing and changing along the way. This software will allow us to include financial data as well. **Breeze will be on a subscription of \$50 a month** which everyone felt to be a very reasonable amount of money to get what we need. The goal is to be up and running for 2019 and we will work with all involved to move from the "old" system into the "new" system.

There was discussion/presentation about the **Education Committee's decision** for **Summer Game Nights** in lieu of VBS this year. The program will air on Thursday nights with game show programs like Pyramid, Wheel of Fortune, and Holywood Squares (play on words intended).

Kevin provided a Financial overview... with current figures and comparisons for 2016, 2017 and 2018 financial years. We are tracking with years past.

Constitutional Review and update is needed. The last such update took place in 2009. We need to align with the Model Constitution provided by ELCA, figure out what we want to keep of our former Constitution (related to Committees that are active or no longer actively a part of our ministry at CGS), obtain approval of our members, before sending the updated Constitution along to the Synod for review, feedback and acceptance.

Building Our Future -- In conversation with Kristin and Kairos, we want to move forward with Phase One, the listening phase, for the Capital Campaign and we need \$10-12K in order to start this process in May. So, the Congregational update on May 6 needs to be a Congregational Meeting in order to request approval of the \$10-12K to begin this piece of the process. It is hoped that the survey and listening sessions will be complete, ready for presentation and review in August at our Council Retreat.

There was a motion entertained for the Congregational Meeting (formerly a Congregational update) for May 6, motioned by Jean, seconded by Susan, and unanimously agreed by all present... the May 6 meeting will be a Congregational Meeting with the agenda to include the discussion of:

Financial Update (Kevin)

Building into Our Future (Theo & Steve)

Christ Community Church update (Jean)

Vote on proposal for additional budget expense to proceed with Listening Study (Theo)

call to the congregation to fill a Council vacancy (created as a result of Kerry's move) is open for appointment by the Council... (Theo)

Diaconal Committee Review...the work of this committee has concluded, and the council receives, with thanks, the prayers and consideration provided by this committee reviewing the diaconal possibilities. The Committee included Jean, Michael and Paul.

There was some brief discussion about how we might use our CGS space more effectively for community ministries and needs.

There was discussion about moving the ***start time for our council meetings to 11:45 AM on the third Sunday of each month***. Everyone in attendance agreed with this move.

There being no further business, we adjourned about 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Gaumer